

HELP THE SURVIVORS OF TYPHOON HAIYAN IN THE PHILIPPINES

Our missionaries in the Philippines, the Leano family, and Fr. Joe, a priest who works closely with our missionaries, are gathering donations of food, water, clothes, and medicine to help the survivors devastated by the recent typhoon. They will be personally bringing these donations to smaller islands where there is total devastation and very little relief effort.

Even a small donation can go a long way. Please consider giving to ease the terrible suffering of our Filipino brothers and sisters. You can donate online at fmcmissions.com, or write a check. Just indicate "Philippines" in the memo. Your donation will go directly to purchase whatever the survivors need most.

Mission Snapshot



*"Go into the whole world and
proclaim the Gospel"*

Mark 16:15

Compelled by Jesus' missionary mandate, and filled with the Holy Spirit, Family Missions Company missionaries proclaim Jesus Christ and His Gospel to the poor. Always working in concert with the pastors of the Catholic Church, we strive to live the Gospel that we preach. We believe the Lord is calling many Catholic lay people, both singles and families, to serve in foreign missions, "the greatest and holiest duty of the Church" (Vatican II).

The need is urgent;

we must GO!



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Dear Benefactors,

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and we are so thankful for YOU! Without your faithful support, FMC would not be able to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth, befriending the poorest of the poor. We would not be able to witness His glory at work in miraculous healings and conversions. We would not be able to help in moments of crisis, crises like the typhoon in the Philippines. Thank you, for making all of this work possible. When we count our blessings, we count you first!

THANK YOU

for your support of
Family Missions Company!



THANKS!

From the Field:



Silent No More

Lindsey Romero shares from the Philippines

On World Missions Sunday, I was reminded of my conversion in early 2011. I'd always been a Catholic Christian in name, but largely, that was it. It wasn't until two years ago when I finally started reading the Bible everyday as a married mother of two that God captured my heart and I knew, that there was nothing more important than Him, and I knew that I wanted to serve Him for the rest of my life. I realized



Proclaiming Christ in the Philippines

that my deepest being, needed to serve Him with my whole heart, soul, and strength.

The responsory on Sunday was from Psalm 98: "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power." This verse made me reflect on my experience of God in other countries. I've discovered little pieces of the beauty and wonder of God in each place that I'm convinced I wouldn't have been able to experience anywhere else. He does reveal

himself to the nations, and in turn, the nations have revealed Him to me.

The psalm also had me reflecting on my role in revealing His saving power to the nations. Before my conversion in 2011, I'm pretty certain that I had never deliberately shared Jesus with anyone. Yikes. I'm embarrassed now to admit that for 22 years I kept the Greatest News all to myself. I was uncomfortable talking about Jesus. I thought it was awkward. And then in college, I got all progressive and didn't want to "impose" my personal beliefs on anyone. I was a hoarder of the Truth!

Now, as a missionary, it's my full-time job to talk about Jesus, teach about Jesus, introduce people to Jesus, pray to Jesus...what a difference from my life before, when I never opened my mouth! These past two years of living my life for Jesus in full-time missions have proven to me beyond a shadow of a doubt how absolutely necessary He is in the world, and just how necessary my voice and my actions are in making Him known. The beautiful fruit I've seen from two years of being unafraid to share Jesus with others humbles me so much when I think about the years I wasted remaining silent, keeping my faith "personal." The people I could have helped....the lives He could have affected through me...the souls! Looking back, I can see how God could have used me in my family, in my school, at work, and with my friends, but I missed those chances because I was afraid. Embarrassed. Shy. [Insert lame excuse here]. Knowing this now, I cannot be silent. I won't be silent.

Church! We must not be silent! Let's raise our voices! Full-time missionary or not, we are all compelled by our Baptism to share the Gospel! There is POWER in the name of Jesus!



Miracle Report

Ryan Lawless shares a miracle from Ecuador: This past Saturday, only two people came to our Bible Study, but the Holy Spirit was truly at work. Each of us was able to share testimonies where God was present and actually healed us. Marcia told an amazing story of healing and strength in Christ. When Maria was 6 years old she was hit by a car. She was in a coma for some time, and the doctors told the family she was not going to come out of it. The entire family reacted by saying: "Only God knows if it is someone's time to die." They put their complete faith in God. They prayed through the night, saying the rosary, putting their trust in our Holy Mother. He certainly heard their prayers. The next morning she awoke from the coma, without any lasting injuries. Praise the Lord!

Mission Message

"Shake things up, **don't forget to make a mess**, to disturb complacency! . . . I expect a revolution. I want you to go out. I want the Church to go out into the streets!"

-Pope Francis