

As the time drew to a close, the song “Blessing” began to play and

the team knew their cue to sing along. *“The Lord bless you, And keep you. Make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace...”*

150 inmates stared back at the 12 YWAM teammates in front of them. Singing to declare blessing over their lives and families that day; it was just an hour earlier that we signed in at the front gates surrendering our belongings and walking into an open room of inmates already seated. No gate, no rope, no barrier to protect the team from the men that were incarcerated. (This prison was filled with men who had been sentenced to life and to think they were seated in an open room with just 4-5 guards, anything could happen good or bad!)

Walking in faith that God would send his angel armies of protection around us, we stepped into the room that day with a presentation that would hopefully transform hearts and set people free! We sang a few songs, shared the heart skit drama and our cardboard testimonies of what Jesus did for each of us upon meeting Him. These short written statements we’d use to declare the ways Jesus setting us free from the lies and bondage of past identities we believed. Many of us felt rejected, worthless, unloved, even orphaned before Jesus and walking in the newness of life we could stand and show that we were NOW CHOSEN, WORTHY, LOVED, even Son or Daughter of the King of Kings!

After the dramas, Joshua had an opportunity to share his testimony and invite the guys into a relationship with Jesus. *“Aren’t you tired of this life? Dont you want to know what freedom feels like? Jesus can set you free! There are worship songs inside of some of you. Some of you have books to write. God can transform your heart and mind if you’ll just surrender your life to him today... regardless of your life today, your best days are ahead if you make this decision.”* Giving the guys a chance to invite Jesus into their hearts that day he asked for an act of courage by raising their hands: **“Who wants this?”** And hand by hand raised one after the next - first 15 to 20 hands per section, then more and more... Within a minute 70% of the guys were raising their hands to invite Jesus into their hearts. Joshua led a sinners prayer of repentance

and asking Jesus into their hearts and you could feel the atmosphere shift as though God breathed into the room. Lives set free and countenances change visible before us.

As we closed with the Blessing song we sang and declared blessing over the guys, *“May His ..*



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presence go before you and behind you, and beside you, all around you, and within you..."

Making eye contact with different guys we reminded them "He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you!" Tears filling their eyes, many of them felt God's nearness. We were undone by the way Jesus showed up in the prison that day! Lives and destinies altered. The Kingdom celebrated as men chose Jesus and we were incredibly blessed to be a part of the ministry that day.

HEALINGS...

In our last update we got to share about several healings that took place during our ministry time the first week in Dagupan. Sharing God's love in five different school to over 2,800 students and staff, Wendy got to speak on anti-bullying with a message of God's love to 800+ students. Some of the other highlights came in getting to pray for people's healing!!

- One lady burdened with frozen shoulders and unable to work in her laundry business any longer received healing after Joshua prayed for her. A couple weeks later we found out from her personally that she was still doing great and had ZERO SHOULDER PAIN! Jesus healed her!! PRAISE GOD FOREVER!
- An 80 year old woman healed from chronic migraine pain declaring "*the pain VANISHED!*" after Wendy & Joshua prayed for her together!
- Another man healed from pancreatic and prostate cancer decided he wasn't going to go to the doctor because he knew that he was healed!
- And the man Jay, who was on his death bed dying of stage 4 cancer, weeks later was up and about actually doing better after our team went to pray for him! Joshua specifically got to hold his hand and pray against the sickness to leave in Jesus name! And Gina, our Filipino YWAM Translator got to lead him, his sister and wife to Jesus in a prayer of salvation! We even got to leave bibles for them to read AND LISTEN TO in their own language! We PRAISE GOD for his healing touch on their lives and that we could even be a part of these miraculous moments!!!



DAGUPAN MINISTRY...

Our ministry time in Dagupan consisted of a variety of things from school visits and programs to slum ministry time in three different areas, leading bible studies and small groups for the communities the YWAM Dagupan church Ephrathah served and team time pouring into their staff.

- Entertaining the children in the slums through song and dances about Jesus, we also got to share bible stories with them to encourage their hearts about who Jesus would be for them.
- One of the women's bible studies we lead had about 40 women weekly where we took them deeper in the scriptures and broke into small groups to pray for the women, assist in discipling and encouraging them in their walks with Jesus as well as pass out gifts of clothing!
- Joshua got to preach a few times at the YWAM base bringing a word of encouragement to the staff and team.
- We had praise parties of worship and declaring God's goodness at the church.
- We visited a village church that was pastored by a Disciple of YWAM Dagupan location founder' Manny discipled. During this visit we not only led church, prayed for congregants and got to visit the neighborhood where we spent time praying for a variety of families, but it was after the outreach time there that we saw 11 more salvations in a small group of about 15 adults and 10 kids! A LONG Day of ministry wrapped up with a celebration of GOD's goodness and the Kingdom of Heaven growing!!!
- We even got to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of YWAM Dagupan as well as February birthday's for the slum children who lived just next door to the base.



As our time in Dagupan has drawn to a close, we reflect:

Lives touched, hearts full and mended, people healed and set free and the name of Jesus lifted high!!!! What an honor to be the hands & feet, even mouthpiece of Jesus in the Philippines to these precious men and women!

We saw God do wondrous things and darkness defeated daily, despite the enemy's attacks against our health. (Wendy battled with losing her voice for about 2 weeks due to sickness and allergies to the smoke. Joshua also got incredibly sick with e.coli poisoning amongst 2 others on the team and 3 staff which was really really hard!) BUT GOD... Even amidst being sick we saw God use us at our weakest! These were the times we could see God show up, healing people and encouraging them through prayer with raspy voices and fever!



We saw Jesus draw close to the brokenhearted and bring freedom to so many captives! God ushered in joy to those in mourning, and more laughter to those already suffering. Our hearts melted with each new interaction & embrace. Being challenged in ways we didn't know possible, we also were renewed in ways we didn't expect!!



And although exhausted, we are grateful for our time not only in the Philippines but our YWAM time from fall through the spring! We are forever changed & so unbelievably grateful for the Lord's work not only in us, but through us too! We know we could NOT have made it through the last couple of months without many of your prayers, love and support! Thank you for believing in us!! What an honor to take Jesus to the world!!!! YOU are part of our fruit and we celebrate ALL GOD DID with YOU and thank you again for sending us!!!



SO WHAT NOW?...

Well.... We do believe we are being called into a few weeks of rest as well as getting into God's presence to fill up again and seek Him for WHAT AND WHERE is next!!!! We know we want Him to breathe on whatever it is we do next and we cannot wait to see what He reveals. As we still have opportunities for more ministry in Africa and Europe we are prayerfully considering so many things, including where to call "home base". And so, as we seek Him, will you pray with us that he will breathe plans, direction and wisdom into our next steps?

We are CELEBRATING ALL GOD DID and want to invite YOU into CELEBRATING WITH US!!! God has been so so good and we are forever changed! THANK YOU For stepping into our journey with us and thanks to those of you who SENT us!



Sending hugs and love!!
- Wendy & Joshua Miller

PS. Watch our VIDEO RECAP! We'd love to do dinner/coffee catchup with you!



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