

July 22, 2020 – COVID 19 MISSION REPORT V

Dear Friends of the Ministry,

The covid crisis in our country has not diminished, but rather, it has intensified. From March until today, we are still in a lockdown situation here.

The number of covid cases has risen, and continue to rise. The government has intensified its campaign on covid protocol such as wearing face masks, hand sanitizing or washing, and physical distancing. The government has strictly prohibited children, youth, and senior citizens from going out of their homes. Parents are penalized if their children are caught roaming in the streets.

Praise God that churches were allowed to open and conduct worship services but just 50% of its membership. We opened our churches on the first Sunday of July. In the midst of the crisis, we were blessed to see that our people came, worshipped the Lord, and listened to the preaching of His Word. There were no children and youth and so, the Sunday worship services were quiet. We missed the kids. Though sometimes unruly, yet they make the atmosphere alive and happy.

Picture below was our first worship service inside the church building on July 5, 2020, after 4 months of closure. We are implementing the protocol set by the government such as hand sanitizing, wearing of masks, and physical distancing to prevent the spread of the covid virus. God have mercy and end this crisis soon.



Our school teachers continue to prepare for their mission to go & minister to the Aeta children and youth in the villages. This will start on August 24 as ordered by the government. They are praying for the SELF LEARNING MODULES which they will give to their students. Part of their preparation is the inoculation of anti flu vaccine by Dr. Immanuel to protect them from the flu virus. They will also undergo covid rapid tests in August to be certain that they are not infected by the covid virus. Dr Immanuel will be the one to give this test to them.

Picture below is Dr Immanuel giving anti flu vaccines to our teachers. The other picture is Maricel and Jhonalyn, the principal and assistant principal of our school. Please pray for wisdom, favor, and strength for our teachers.



Since the lockdown due to the covid virus, our Aeta brethren in the villages were adversely affected by the lockdown. Since March until today, we are giving them food reliefs regularly as well as vitamins to bolster their body immune system. Because we could not go out and deliver these goods to them, our pastors are the ones who came and got these food reliefs and vitamins to be distributed to their own people. Pastors are allowed to travel and considered frontliners in the fight against the covid virus.

Pictures below are our ACH staff who repacked the relief goods. They brought these to the main Church. Our pastors came and got these relief goods to distribute to their own people.



Pictures below are our pastors with the food reliefs. At left is pastor Val Ignacio. He hired a tricycle (motorcycle with a sidecar) to bring these relief goods to his village. Far right is pastor Efren who prayed for the Aeta family who received the relief. This is what our pastors are doing...sharing the Gospel in words and in good deeds and action. Praise God for providing the needs of the Aeta people in these difficult times through your kindness, love and generosity.



Please pray for the following needs:

1. Self Learning Modules. We need to buy them. The government cannot give these to our school because we are a private school. However, our school does not charge any tuition fee from our students. Our school solely depends on God's mercy and provision through the generosity of kind-hearted people like you.
2. A printer to be used by our teachers in preparing their lesson plans and reports. Our old printer bogged down. Our teachers are borrowing their printers.
3. Food and travelling allowance for our teachers as they go to the villages to implement the distance education program using modules to their students.

4. Food supplies and vitamins for our Aeta students in the villages. Our mission is not just to educate them, but also to provide the foods that they need so they can focus on their studies. Sad to say, many of the Aeta kids in the villages are suffering from sickness due to malnutrition.

5. Most of all, divine protection upon our ACH staff, teachers and pastors as we have now the rainy season. We praise and thank our Lord for the willingness and passion of these servants of God to go and share God's love to the Aeta people in the midst of this pandemic.

Teacher Salvy Nituma, our grade 5 teacher, said and I quote:

"Yes! If that is what the Lord wants, I must obey Him. And I am more than willing to teach my students in the villages, not just in academics, but also to be able to teach them about the Lord. It will be a great privilege for me, because I will have the chance to minister to their parents too."

Thank you very much for your faithful prayers, partnership, and friendship. We always remember you in all our prayers.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord's turn His face toward you and give you peace....*joy...good health, now and forever more.*" Numbers 6:24-26. (Italics ours).

MARANATHA, COME LORD JESUS COME!

Anticipating His imminent return,
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