



HANDS OF MERCY

Philippines

News update and subjects for prayer – July 2021

**MUCH PRAYER, MUCH BLESSING. LITTLE PRAYER, LITTLE BLESSING,
NO PRAYER, NO BLESSING! 1 Thessalonians 5:17**

Week 1: July 1st – 9th

*** Please continue to pray that God will protect all the squatter families of Mandaluyong, Manila from this deadly virus. The **Coronavirus** has affected everyone in the Philippines and many people are suffering, especially through lack of food. Please pray for the staff as they continue to help their needy neighbours by taking food parcels to families in the communities. Please pray that Hands of Mercy will receive sufficient income so that it can continue to help provide families with regular food.

*** Please pray that the Philippine government will govern with integrity and give justice to the many families in the communities that have desperate needs. Please pray for the Mandaluyong Mayor and for those with authority in local government that they will use their positions of power to help those living in poverty, especially now with the Coronavirus. The slow distribution of a vaccine is causing great concern, especially for those families living in the squatter communities.



HOMI staff distributing food to local families.

*** Please pray for the health of the Hands of Mercy staff, that they will receive “times of refreshing” from the Lord. The Coronavirus lockdown is taking its toll on people’s energy levels. The staff all live in the communities and experience lack of finance for the essentials of living. Please pray for: Anita, Ara, Analyn, Berta, Beth, Bing, Brenda, Helen, Inday, Jane, Jenny, Joey, Liza, Maria, Mila, Myrna, Maricel, Medilyn, Nenita, Paradin, Pina, Remy, Sally, Sevalyn, Tess M, Terie, Tess I, and Wilma .

Week 2: July 10th -17th

*** When we use the toilet or turn on a tap today, thank God that our water and sanitation is clean, safe and a few short steps away. In the squatter communities of Mandaluyong sanitation facilities are inadequate, which creates a real health risk for the people. Please pray that the local authorities will empower the people to develop and improve their own water and sanitation system.

*** **ICHTHUS is the Hands of Mercy water purification business** producing clean drinking water. The water refilling station is in Mandaluyong City and has two filtration systems producing both alkaline and purified water. Water is placed and sold in refillable containers of varying sizes. ICHTHUS welcomes walk-in customers and offers a home/business delivery service. Please continue to pray for the business that it will attract more customers and that the staff involved will be given strength and wisdom as they develop the business. Please pray for Greg, Arnold, Joey, Sally and Anita in their involvement with the business.

*** Please continue to pray for Sally Escoto with her many responsibilities as she runs the Compassion Ministry of Hands of Mercy and the Ichthus Water Filtering business. Please pray that God will give her wisdom and strength for the many tasks to be dealt with each day.

Week 3: July 18th – 25th

*** For 24 years Hands of Mercy has been delivering, posting and emailing the **Prayer Calendar and Update**. Without the faithful prayers of friends and supporters, the compassion ministry in the Philippines would not continue. Please pray that supporters will continue to remember in prayer all the HOM staff, the families, the churches and the daily work of the compassion ministry in Mandaluyong and Baguio. Please also pray for Christine and John who deliver the Calendars in Luton, for Sam who emails the calendars to people, for Linda as she prints them, and for Fran as she writes and prepares the Prayer Calendar each month.

*** This year schooling for the children of the Philippines has been very different and will continue to be so unless vaccinations are given to the people. The government is slow in dealing with vaccinations, which will mean that online classes will continue. The 2020-2021 academic school year finished in June and will start again in August. The **Child Sponsorship** fee for the coming year, will be used for food, on-line computer work, clothing, health needs etc., Please pray for the children who are sponsored, their parents and siblings, for protection from the Coronavirus, and for provision for their day-to-day material needs.

*** Please pray for the four students graduating from college this summer that they will find suitable paid employment after their many years of study. – *John Robert, Divina, Ella and Ricamay.*



CSP College students receiving food

Week 4: July 26th – 31st

*** Please continue to pray for the **Philippine and UK Trustees** as they meet regularly through the year. Pray that each trustee will have wisdom and discernment in the decisions they take and guidance they give to the compassion ministry of Hands of Mercy. Please pray for Sally Escoto and Mila Espanola as they deal with the **Hands of Mercy ministry accounts** in the Philippines and for Keith Barter as he manages the **Hands of Mercy accounts in the UK**. Give thanks for John Kingham for his help with the Independent Examiner's Report which will be presented to the Charity Commission at the end of the year.

*** **1 John 3 v 18: "Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth"**. God has given us a responsibility to the poor and needy as part of His redemptive plan for humanity. Please pray that many people will actively respond to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the people in the squatter areas of Mandaluyong and Baguio/La Trinidad.

*** God has greatly blessed the Hands of Mercy compassion ministry during the past 24 years and many families have been helped physically, mentally and spiritually. The people have shared that they feel they are "nobodies" – no one cares – they are looked down upon! But through the ministry of Hands of Mercy the people in the squatter communities now have HOPE when there was despair.

Thank you so much for your prayer ministry.

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