



News update and subjects for prayer – September 2022

To God your Father it does not matter whether your need is great or small: on the contrary: the greater your need the more HE can prove HIS wondrous power. (Basilea Schlink)

Week 1: September 1st – 7th

*** At this Harvest time, we wrestle with the apparent contradiction of God's abundant provision and the fact that many children die of hunger and malnutrition in the world (UN Food and Agriculture Org). Please give thanks to God for the many meals Hands of Mercy has served to underweight and malnourished children during the past years through the **Supplementary Feeding Programme**. Please pray that Hands of Mercy will have enough money to continue feeding these children.



*** 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.

*** Give thanks to God for the **Philippine Trustees** and their faithfulness to the Hands of Mercy compassion ministry. Please pray for Sally, Joey, Mila, Beth, Bing, Myrna, Remy and Anita. With Covid still prevalent in the Philippines, please pray for the protection of the HOM staff, children, members of the churches and all the families living in Mandaluyong and Baguio/La Trinidad.

Week 2: September 8th – 14th

*** **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, Kim and Anita in their involvement with the business.

*** Many people in Mandaluyong need help from the **Prescription Medicine Programme**. Please pray that money will be given so that through this programme families can be given financial assistance to purchase medication which they could not otherwise afford.

*** **HOMI 25th CELEBRATION** – Because of the Escoto family circumstances, the 25th Anniversary of Hands of Mercy will now be on **SATURDAY MARCH 18th 2023** at Stopsley Baptist Church, Luton. Please pray for this special occasion and book the date in your diaries – more details will be coming.

Week 3: September 15th – 21st

*** Please pray for the students graduating from College this summer, that they will find suitable employment after their years of study.

*** By sponsoring a child through Hands of Mercy International you will be helping a child to have skills and opportunities they need to break free from poverty. Sponsoring a child is not just about giving money, it's about building a future for a boy or a girl, their family and the community they live in, it's about taking an interest and making connections. (If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact the Hands of Mercy office on info@handsofmercyph.org.)



*** Through your love, prayers, and financial support you can bring a positive and lasting change in the life of someone living in poverty. **Hands of Mercy** totally relies on the generosity of individuals to fund our Compassion Programmes and especially at the moment, with the problems of the Pandemic. Please continue to pray that Hands of Mercy will receive sufficient income to help relieve the material and mental suffering of many of the poorest people in Mandaluyong, Manila and in the north of the country in Baguio/La Trinidad.

Week 4: September 22nd – 30th

*** Please pray about the social inequalities across the Philippines, that the government will ensure their economic policies will provide generous assistance to those who are in need, especially the families in the squatter communities. Corrupt practices benefit those who are rich and harm those who are poor. Please pray that the Philippine government on all levels will use its position of power with integrity and honesty and for the benefit of those who live in poverty.

*** Rice is the staple diet of the Filipino and many people struggle to buy enough for their families. Hands of Mercy aims to give a "rice gift" to the staff in the Philippines around Christmas-time which costs approx. £1,300. Please pray that money will be given to the compassion ministry so that we can continue helping the Hands of Mercy staff members who work tirelessly in the squatter communities. There is a lot of hopelessness, frustration and hardship in the communities and the lockdown has affected everyone. Please remember the HOM staff and the community families in your prayers

*** Please remember in prayer the Pastors of the Mercy Community churches in Mandaluyong and Baguio/La Trinidad and for those who share God's Word at the services. Give thanks for the Worship teams at the churches. Please pray for God's enabling as they lead people closer to Him through praise and worship songs.

Thank you so much for your ministry in prayer

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