



Excited Children

Giving is the most satisfying and enjoyable thing to do! The children from our village are very poor and their families cannot afford to buy them gifts. It's hard enough to buy enough rice to feed everyone.

Just like other kids around the world, they get excited to receive a gift. There are usually two reactions that follow each other when you are giving them gifts; the first is curiosity - they wonder first WHY you are giving to them, then they excitedly wonder WHAT! Then you get to see the happiness on their faces as they

enjoy what they received and are so grateful.

Apples and tangerines are very expensive in the Philippines. They are imported, usually from China, as it's too warm to grow them here. Christmastime is when we like to share with the children. Most of them in our village have never eaten them, because, although they are sold at our local market, parents must buy fish and rice, instead of the more expensive fruit. We enjoy giving out apples and tangerines once a year at church. If we have extra, we give them to those in the village. It is fun to see the excitement on their faces as they enjoy this simple gift that means SO much to them.



Follow Up on Mark

You may remember in last articles, we have written about Mark, who seemed to be possessed by spirits or having seizures. In this area, the demons work very much like they did in the times of Jesus and we can read accounts of people having seizures and Jesus casting out the demons. In western worlds, we tend to make everything science and medical. In other countries, we tend to believe it's all because of spirit forces. Maybe it's both. We have been in prayer for Mark and have interceded many times for him since this started in September 2020. He has episodes of babbling, or speaking in a different language, then not remembering what happened.

A well-meaning relative brought Mark to the tribal doctor for healing; but instead of healing, Mark became worse - after the doctor called a dead relative to fight the evil spirit. Mark's dead relative loved to drink very strong coffee and to appease the spirit, they gave Mark strong coffee, which makes sleeping impossible for Mark who is not used to drinking any caffeine! For nearly a month, he was kept awake this way at night, and he was not himself for that month.

We asked the family to allow us to take Mark to the medical doctor, but the family said they could not afford it. The family spent a lot of money on the tribal doctor as he came several nights. Then we would pray for Mark and he would be fine for a while. Then the tribal doctor would come back and make it worse again. Then, the family would not allow us to pray for him anymore.



They had one last grand ritual to help Mark, but it did not work; thus, they concluded, he was a fool and gave up trying to help. One day, his neighbor spotted Mark laying on the road, foaming at the mouth and an empty bleach bottle in his hand. They did not help him because they didn't want to be involved. They did, however, call some relatives and his friend called us. The relatives never showed up. Our family came and helped him by having him drink two glasses of charcoal water. We brought him to the hospital doctor to get treatment. We were able to buy a month's-worth of medicine for his seizures and now he is back in church, worshipping together with us. We have an appointment soon for an MRI exam and to get more medicine. These things are not cheap; BUT, we believe that God will supply all our needs according to His riches and glory!

Thank you for your prayers and your dedication to support this ministry here in the AWA Palawan Philippine project. We cannot do these things without the help of our loving Savior Jesus Christ or without people like you praying and supporting us.

We look forward to the time when we will all be in Heaven and on the New Earth together, where there will be no demon possessions or seizures and we will all freely eat from the Tree of Life...whose fruit is MUCH better than any Christmas apple or tangerine!

God bless you!

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