



**Rice, by Edgar**

“But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

—Matthew 19:14

These were the words of Jesus when the disciples forbade the children to Him.

Gwen and Dribs are siblings who are not Adventists but are always present at every church program whether it’s Sabbath School, worship service, Adventist Youth programs, vespers, or even the Ten Days of Prayer, Gwen and Dribs are always there and never miss a day. Gwen even went to Pathfinder camp, even though she was still too young to be a Pathfinder. They enjoy learning about Jesus and have applied that knowledge of Jesus’ love and grace practical in their lives.

Once their mother, Olive, was picking firewood near their home. As she was reaching for wood, she saw a large snake slithering into the woods nearby. She was terrified! The next day while Olive was walking with her children on the way to the river, she warned them not to go in the direction where she saw the snake. The Gwen and Dribs confidently told her not to be too scared and worried because God is with them and that He will take care of them and protect them.

Gwen and Dribs put their trust in God. Their steadfast faith is contagious that their mother, Olive, trusts God now too.

Recently, Doctora Marvie led an evangelistic meeting in our village of Sagpangan. A day before it was set to begin, Dribs asked his mother, Olive to attend



the meetings every night so the whole family could eat



rice. In the Philippines, rice is a staple and eaten with almost all meals. This intrigued Olive because at that time her husband, Gwen and Dribs' father was out of work. Therefore, the family was unable to afford to have food at every mealtime, not even to buy the nation's staple—rice.

Initially, Olive couldn't believe that her attendance to an evangelistic meeting would mean a meal taken care of. However, she and her husband decided to go. The night of the meeting came and towards the end of the night, all attendees were served "stomach-filling" spaghetti. Olive and her family were even given "take aways" to eat the next day. What joy the family had for not only did they get fed spiritual food but physical food as well! More than that, a reward was given to every couple who attended -- a kilo of rice!

Because of Gwen and Dribs' insistence, the whole family's need was met. Every night the family learned of ways to stay healthy and strong physically and spiritually. The messages they heard will be like seeds planted to prepare them for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise God! Gwen along with her friend and neighbor, Princess, were baptized at the end of the evangelistic meetings. We would like to ask for your full support and prayers that the seeds planted will be watered and grow. Pray for these precious newly baptized souls, that they will learn more about Jesus and continue to grow strong in Him. Please also pray for travel restrictions to be lifted so more AWA missionaries can come to the Philippines, as we desperately need their help.



## Prayer Request and Project Need

Willing hearts to serve as missionaries with AWA in the beautiful island of Palawan ministering to the beautiful people of the Philippines.

Both our Philippine Project vehicles are in need of replacement. Both are serving well and serving extremely hard. Prayerfully consider assisting the project of purchasing new vehicles for Edgar in Sagpangan, and Christine and Betchie in Puerto Princesa.

*God bless you!*

*Your AWA Philippines - Palawan Mission Families*

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