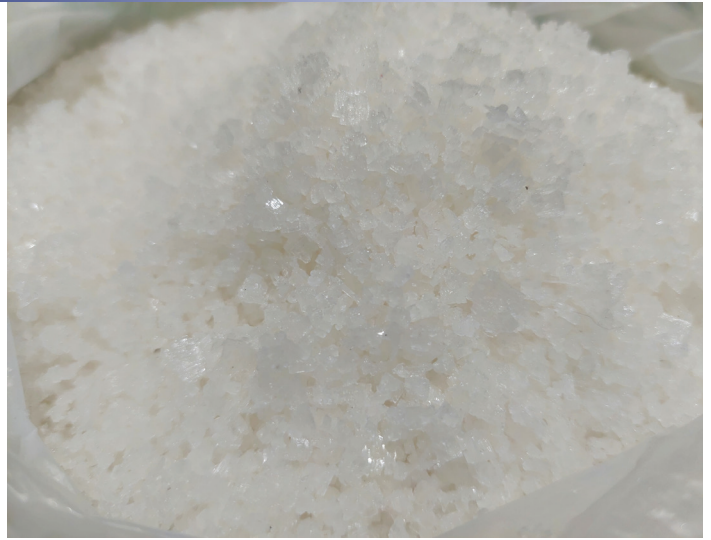
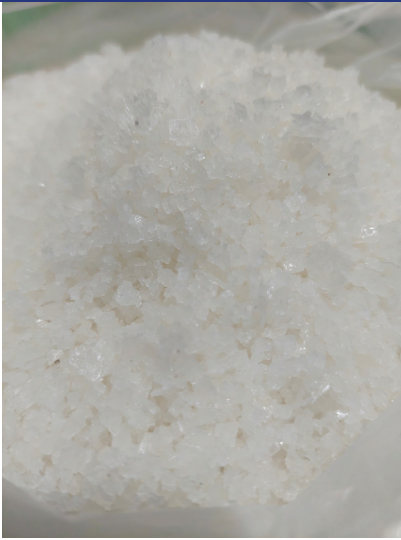




Philippines-Palawan Mission Project Update



SALT! by Christine

It's that festive season of the year when people are in good spirits to share their blessings. A month ago I was asked if I would hold another gift giving program as the church is growing since the evangelism we held last May. You see, most of the people that attend church in the area where our base is located, are living a hand-to-mouth existence.

With the high cost of commodities today, the budget needed to conduct such a program from last year has more than doubled and there are now more families compared to last year. What was given per family last year, consisted of 5 kilos of rice, bread, and a bag of groceries. I have approached a few friends who have pledged to give and share their financial blessings. So far, what has been purchased is a sack of salt.

You read that right; part of what will be given is a very common commodity for us but is very precious to them. I have never thought of gifting someone with salt because that's something usual to have in our kitchen. But for these people, it's something they have

to work hard for just to have in their home; like having matchsticks, laundry and bath soap; shampoo is all the more a bonus. We take those things for granted but to them it's hard to come by.



In Matthew 5:13 we are called to be the salt of the earth, a community that sees and tends to the needs of the less fortunate. Take a close look around you. There will always be someone in need of your kindness. May we minister to others not only during this season but in our daily living. God bless us all as we allow ourselves to be His channel of blessings to others!

God bless you!

The Philippines-Palawan Mission Team

NOTE: Due to conflict of schedule, the gift giving will hopefully be held in January 2023.

GOOD GIFTS FOR GOOD RELATIONS



I grew up in Oriental Mindoro, I stayed there for 23 years. As a community I am one of those who socialize by sharing gifts with the native people which is called 'Mangyan' in Oriental Mindoro. Thirteen days ago my husband and I talked about sharing a small amount for other people whether old or young. While we were thinking about what to give, my cousin sent a message instructing the natives if I wanted to give a love gift to 25 young people. At that time I immediately sent 300 pesos, my husband and I promised we will add that at the end of December.

MAKING A NEW GIFT

As the holiday season approaches, my husband and I are sad because Sir Ray Young and Ma'am Julie Young will be returning to their country, but the Lord has a better plan for them. December 20th in the morning before their flight, they invited my husband and I to a breakfast buffet at Hue Hotel. We did not expect that they would have a surprise for my upcoming birthday. I was happy and once again thanked the Lord for the blessings.

THE JOY OF GIFTING BEST

On that same day, I sent my cousin 500 pesos to purchase more biscuits, notebooks and chocolate as a gift for the indigenous kids. The next day, she bought it and distributed it to the children. Every time she sent a picture as she gave my simple gifts our hearts were very happy; with every smile of those children I thanked the Lord so much. I know they have prayers and in a small way we have given.

Matthew 7:7-8 Ask and it will be given you; Seek and you will find; Knock and it will be opened for you. For everyone who ask receives, he who seeks find. To him who knocks it will be opened.

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