



SINGING BAND

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After the pandemic brought about by COVID-19, our church choir finally got to minister to the hospital patients once more through music.

First, we had to coordinate with the hospital administration to allow us to sing to the admitted patients. Second, we will coordinate with the nurse's station, which will accept our ministry through songs and prayer among the patients on their floors. Lastly, we had to check on our church pastor's availability since he will be the one who will pray for the patients and their loved ones who are watching them.

It was June 7, when we finally resumed our singing band after 6 years of not being allowed due to the health protocols during COVID-19. For that Saturday night, we sang at least 2 songs for every patient in their private rooms, covering 4 hospital floors. After singing, prayer was offered by our Pastor, who missed praying for the patients since he used to be part of the hospital's chaplaincy department before taking on the full-time work of being our church pastor.

Tiring as it was to sing over and over again for the patients in their rooms, going up and down from one floor to the next, it was a joy and a blessing to minister through songs of comfort and encouragement not only to the patients but also to their family and relatives who are looking after them. We also took the opportunity to sing and pray for the watchers

of the patients outside the intensive care unit (ICU), as only nurses and doctors are allowed inside.

James 5:13-15 says, "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up..."



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