

The Tessins to the PHILIPPINES

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Children's Ministry Report

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Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

(Proverbs 22:6)

Moriah Hope Tumanda is a seven-year-old girl whose parents have faithfully brought her to Sunday School and worship services all of her life. Her parents chose to homeschool their children because they were blessed by the character of our daughters. In recent days, Moriah has asked countless questions about salvation to her mother until finally Moriah received Christ as her personal Savior. Thank you so much for your prayer for the salvation of souls in the Philippines. Please pray for Moriah's assurance of salvation and discipleship.

A missionary has many roles on the field. At any given time, we may be called on to perform a service that we are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with. We serve as pastors, teachers, singers, instrumentalists, ushers, counselors, and cleaners. One ministry that I cannot seem to escape is being a treasurer. I enjoy accounting, bank work, and taking care of church funds, but I feel like the guy who is doing the preaching and the guy who is taking care of the church treasury should not be the same guy. The men of our congregation love the LORD and enjoy serving Him, but none of them seem interested in handling church money matters. This past Sunday I pondered these things as I was counting the church offering. I thought to myself, "Who do I train in a church where none of the men are interested in math?" Suddenly, four boys ages 3 to 10 came and sat with me on the floor and began counting with me. They asked me a lot of questions about math, why I was counting money, and what I wanted to be when I grew up way back when I was their ages. The five of us had a great time together. Could this be my answer?

Within walking distance of **Hope Baptist Church** is a public school called **Abuno High School**. The principal and teachers there have invited us to teach God's Word to the 7th grade class this school year. We have been given four sections to teach each Friday. We are teaching them **Cebuano hymns**, assigning them **memory verses**, and I am teaching through the book of **John**. The response has been amazing. The students appreciate the **Cebuano John & Romans** we gave them. They seem very enthusiastic about both the memory verses and singing. **Geraldine** and **Vanessa**, two of the mothers in our congregation are thankful for this opportunity. They are praying that God will use this ministry for the salvation of their sons who attend **Abuno High School**. Please pray that **Jake**, **Vincent**, and many other of these 7th graders will understand the gospel and receive Christ. There are five **Muslim** students in our fourth class. All of them were concerned when we started distributing **John & Romans** to the students. We respectfully assured them that no one would force them to participate in anyway. They were hesitant, but four of them eventually accepted a copy of **John & Romans** and listened to the Bible study. Three of them joyfully participated in the singing. Please pray for the salvation of these **Islamic** young people.

Joyfully Serving Christ,

Dan, Raquel, and Michelle Tessin