



Project Philippines



Leyte Christian College and Mission in the Republic of the Philippines

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July 2020 – No End in sight...

The coronavirus pandemic continues to throw the entire world into lockdowns, shutdowns, and much loss of jobs and income. That's the situation right now in the Philippines, and there appears to be no end in sight at this time. Tourism, which has been the #1 industry in the Philippines for a long time, is virtually at a standstill. Millions have lost jobs as a result. **Thanks to you**, our great supporters, many have been helped during these terrible times, and we have actually given away about ten (10) tons of rice, as well as other food stuffs in the Philippines. **Thank you** all so much from the bottom of our hearts for your fine generosity. Thousands have been assisted who otherwise might not have known where their next meal is coming from. At this time, we are still not allowed to enter the Philippines and resume our work. Even the new school year for LCC is in serious doubt; we may not be allowed to open at all. The number of cases and deaths from coronavirus have nearly doubled in the last month, in the Philippines, and the government there continues to enact very strong and strict lockdowns and safety protocols. Because the health care system there is so weak and limited, it would not take very much to overwhelm it; thus we do understand the extreme measures. Meanwhile, we will continue to work from here (the U.S.), hoping to fund more relief efforts for food in the Philippines, and continue the shipping ministry in which we ship huge boxes full of supplies to the churches in the Philippines. Since our return here to the U.S., in late April, we have packed & shipped about 30 of these boxes. They contain hymn books, Bibles, Bible class materials (especially children's), communion trays, communion supplies, and many other nice items that many of YOU, our great supporters, have donated. Each of these boxes stand three and a half feet tall, and when ready for shipping they weigh more than a hundred pounds. Believe me, the churches in the Philippines who receive them are very grateful and pleased! This will be our primary work or task for the foreseeable future, until this pandemic goes away or until there is a reliable vaccine. The only foreigners allowed into the Philippines at this time are diplomats & their families, or those whose immediate families are Filipinos, or those with "approved and essential" businesses operating in country. If you'd like to help in the relief efforts for food in the Philippines, we are gladly accepting donations toward that and continue to send funds to our staff members in various locations who purchase & distribute the food. **THANK YOU** very much for your help in this, for we should "remember the poor" (see Galatians 2:9-10).

WE NEED COMMUNION TRAYS!

At this time, as we send the large balikbayan boxes to churches in the Philippines, we are almost out of communion trays. It is very surprising, but these are quite difficult to come by. If you or your congregation have any that you could donate, please help. We'll even come to your place to get them up if you could possibly help in this. These days, many churches in America aren't using trays anymore, so there might be some out there who could help. Please let us know if that's you. Very much needed...

To help, please send any donations to:

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Hymn books going out in balikbayan boxes, to the churches of the Philippines. Special thanks to all who donated, especially to Loy & Patricia Wylie of Lewisville TX for coordinating a huge amount of these from various sources.

Memorials / Honors

Why not honor/remember your loved one
with a special gift ?

In Memory Of:

Ronnie Tomlinson (gift by Melissa Stout)
James A. Hale (gift by Mike Hale)
Adrianna Martin (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Roy Finely (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Geraldine Kincheloe (gift by Diane Tomlinson)
Melvin Otis Pate (gift by Diane Tomlinson)
Ronnie Tomlinson (gift by Diane Tomlinson)
Hazel Grice (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)
Gracie Shaw (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)
Mike Myers (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)
Ray Tannehill (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)
James A. Hale (gift by Mike Hale)
Pauline Bavousett (gift by DeWayne & Tricia Trimble)
Betty Ridenour (gift by DeWayne & Tricia Trimble)
Adrianna Martin (gift by DeWayne & Tricia Trimble)
Jo Allen (gift by DeWayne & Tricia Trimble)
Sam Bell (gift by DeWayne & Tricia Trimble)
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Dean Oliver (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Wes Bourn (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Phyllis Catparelli (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Betty Bates (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Frank Mullican (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Jerry Don Moore (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Gilbert Mires (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)
Harold Carpenter (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)
Laurie Edmonds (gift by Joyce Jones)
Laurie Edmonds (gift by Steve Jones)
Laurie Edmonds (gift by Dale Van Loh)
Laurie Edmonds (gift by anonymous)
Janie Moore (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Danny Reel (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)
Lewis Fernandez (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)
Bonnie Griffin (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)
Emma Lou McMath (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Jim Pope (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Jearl Hooper (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Noah Nieto (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)
Zack Faulkner (gift by Roger & Betty Wilcox)

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OTHER NEWS

Many of our students, at both campuses, remain on campus now, unable to travel home due to the tight lockdowns or suspension of domestic travel. We are feeding & housing them for now, as most have nowhere to go. Still hoping we may be able to open for the new school year around the third week of September, but not sure at this point.

We are asking for your sincere prayers that this terrible pandemic would end soon, and that all the suffering would be over. Also, that we would be able to return to the Philippines to continue in the work! It is frustrating not being able to do much. And we believe, of course, that prayer works, and that God hears the prayers of all His children, so please help us pray for this.

Thanks to all who have helped with special needs for the shipping ministry to Philippine churches. Many of you have donated hymn books, Bibles, religious books, communion supplies, clothing, shoes, etc. This ministry is really 'taking off' and we receive many requests for help almost every week from many churches in the Philippines. As already mentioned, 30 of these large boxes have gone out to churches in the last couple of months. So, if you'd like to sponsor a large box to one of these congregations, it costs us only \$115-120 to ship one box. Imagine being the one responsible for one congregation being supplied with so many needed items, for worship, evangelism, etc., by your very own generosity!

As mentioned, we're still accepting donations as well for relief for the needy in the Philippines too. Ten million jobs have been lost due to this terrible pandemic, and in just the past month alone, we have helped provide needed assistance to many thousands of people who perhaps otherwise had nothing. We estimate that nearly 16,000 meals have been provided to the needy, through your wonderful generosity. And we do plan to continue with this effort just as long as the funds allow and as they continue to come in. Your generosity has made it all possible! Thank you very much to all who have shared in this effort. We know that God is pleased & glorified as we help others who are in need (see Heb. 13:16; Matt. 5:16).

If you'd like to personally support just one of our GREAT Bible students, it costs only \$40 per month to supply all their needs. For slightly more than \$1 per day you could help 'change the world' for Christ by supporting one of them! Believe me, they are worthy! Just let us know - we'd love to partner with you in this...

Photo Gallery



More than 1,000 pounds of rice, with assorted other goods given out in Pigdaulon community in Mindanao island.



More than 100 plastic bags, each packed with 7 pounds of rice, canned goods, milk, etc. – about ten meals per bag. (At Pigdaulon.)



These bags given out to church members in Pigdaulon, but also to their neighbors who are also suffering.



Going door-to-door in Alcantara town - Cebu island, to help those in need.



Each bag here generally contains 5 pounds of rice, plus canned meats, veggies, milk, and coffee. Distributed by our students.



Our team in Tacloban City, Leyte, as they prepared 200 bags of food for neighbors and church members in need.



The Tacloban church printed coupons, and gave them to neighbors to allow them to come & collect a bag of food.



Utap Rd. Church of Christ, giving out bags of food to neighbors from the door of their church building.



Bro. Roberto Cinco and sons packing bags of food for members & neighbors, at the church in Puerto Princesa, Palawan island.



About 250 pounds of rice delivered to the church in Palawan for distribution to their members & neighbors.



Going door-to-door - in Puerto Princesa on the island of Palawan, with relief goods.

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A lady from the neighborhood in Moalboal Cebu receives a bag of food from one of our students with a smile on her face.



A family with several little boys receives a bag of food in Moalboal, from one of our LCC students.



This lady in Moalboal was so grateful for her bag of food that she shared a bottle of homemade vinegar with our students.



Church members in Santa Rita, Samar island receive bags of food.



Church members at the Guimba Church of Christ, in Luzon island, joyfully opening up their recently-received balikbayan box.



The church in East Calasiao, in Luzon island, also recently received their box, and sent this picture of their group (a new congregation).



Left to right: The first delivery of goods to neighbors in Pigdaulon; church members in Mayorca town, Leyte, sharing with neighbors here (second & third pics); here are the coupons the church in Tacloban printed to give to neighbors inviting them to receive food; a set of nice children's Bible class material donated by Seed Growers ministries; two young boys in Balante, Samar, receive goods for their family.



Church members in Cabadbaran, Mindanao, line up to receive a bag of relief goods.



Delivering food to neighbors of the LCC campus in Tagpuro, Leyte.

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