



SEEDS OF HOPE

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Believe.

Each brand-new beginning carries with it our hopeful expectations. Concerns are unchanged. Problems still remain. And the worries continually nag at us. But still we eagerly anticipate with faith for what is to come, simply because the hope that we have known has grown strong, deep roots within us.

We ourselves have learned of trust and hope through the years in this ministry because of parents who were willing to send their children to our schools; because of teachers and volunteers with undying commitment, passion and professionalism; because of donors and sponsors who partnered with us in this endeavor, sharing the burden of loving these underprivileged children; and because of Jesus Christ — because through Him, we are able to press on and keep believing.

And this ministry has ceased to be a burden, but has become a gift and a privilege: we not only have taken joy in helping children learn academically, but we have also been given this special opportunity to create and experience the heartfelt smiles and wonderful memories of the Christmas season through our Pamaskong Handog ni Jesus program.

Our school & ministry coordinators & teachers likewise express their gratitude for God's grace and your kindness:



December 17 was a very special day at Word Integrated School East - day for the much awaited Pamaskong Handog ni Jesus 2015.

The program started with prayers of thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus for all His wonderful blessings and for all the friends without whose generous support the day would not have been made possible. Singing and dancing followed. Forty-three preschoolers, all beaming with joy and excitement, danced as they sang with their teachers Christmas carols and "Happy Birthday, Jesus."

Shrieks of delight filled the air as the children received their gifts from Jesus - gifts of toys; and Noche Buena gift packs & Jolibee meals. There were also Noche Buena gift packs and cash gifts for the teachers and volunteers. Everyone was happy.

Yes, Christmas came a week early but its message will stay in the hearts of the children and their parents forever. Thank you very much to all sponsors. - Sis. Lealee Tria, WIS-East (Taytay, Metro Manila))

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Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

~ Saint Francis of Assisi

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We are very thankful for your generosity, for being our sponsor in giving Merry Christmas treats to our 40 students and staff. You really make our Christmas celebration wonderful and meaningful. May God bless you always as you bring joy to children during this Christmas Season. - **Sis. Ruby Marjorie B. Quindiagan, WIS Camiling (Tarlac)**

Thank You very much SOH and to our dear Sponsors for your kind, love and care that you have extended to us, specially to our students. Please continue to pray for us as we do the same to you. Again, Thank you very much and God Bless! - **Sis. Tessie Calano, Agape Christian School, (Cagayan)**

We had our Christmas party today at McDonalds. All the pupils together with their parents enjoyed the games. The nursery pupils wore color green shirts and red for the kinder1. Thank you for the Pamaskong Handog. God bless our sponsor & Seeds of Hope. - **Sis. Dorcas A. Selga, WINK Christian Learning Center (Iloilo)**

We would like to express our deepest and sincere gratitude to the sponsors & Seeds Of Hope for having a heart for children and for sharing with us such blessing. We felt the steadfast love of God through this act. May the gates of heaven continue to pour down blessings for young children through you. - **Sis. Lowena Gemota, WIM School of Malaybalay (Bukidnon)**

Greetings in the name of our Lord We would like thank our dear WIN USA for helping us on this big event of our pupils. Thank you Lord! - **Bro. Philip Sambire, Word Learning Centre (Davao)**

Praise the Lord at all times. WIN Carael Kids wholeheartedly give thanks to God for His continuous blessing. One of these is the Pamaskong Handog through the Seeds of Hope. May we be an endless blessing to the kids & their families. To God be the glory. - **Bro. Jun Sanchez, WIN Carael (Pangasinan)**

WIN Marinduque is so thankful for the goodness and support to our Children's Ministry. For many years, we have been receiving monthly assistance for our feeding, transportation and kids' school supplies. Thank you also for supporting us for the yearly Pamaskong Handog. We saw the children's happiness in their eyes. Your help is so much appreciated and we consider it a great help to our ministry. May God richly bless Seeds of Hope and the sponsors. May you continuously to be a blessing to many more. - **Sis. Maricel M. Malinao & Sis. Anne Esmediana, WIN Marinduque**

We were able to share God's love that day through various ways - the wordless book, Word of God & giving of food, gifts & presents. Thank you for continuously blessing the kids of WIN Baguio. Praise God for your heart! - **Sis. Mona Quindiagan, WIN Baguio**

We can face the challenge of each new year with hope, because we have witnessed and experienced God's faithfulness — not just in providing for our needs, but in helping us fulfill the vision that He has entrusted to us. And likewise, we strive to be worthy of your generous support.

Thank you for believing in us, as we believe in Him who planted the first seed of hope in our hearts. We look forward to growing deeper and stronger roots of hope with you.

To God be the glory!



Every day is a chance to begin again. Don't focus on the failures of yesterday, start today with positive thoughts and expectations." ~ Catherine Pulsifer

PAMASKONG HANDOG NI JESUS 2015: SCHOOLS

Agape Christian School (Cagayan)



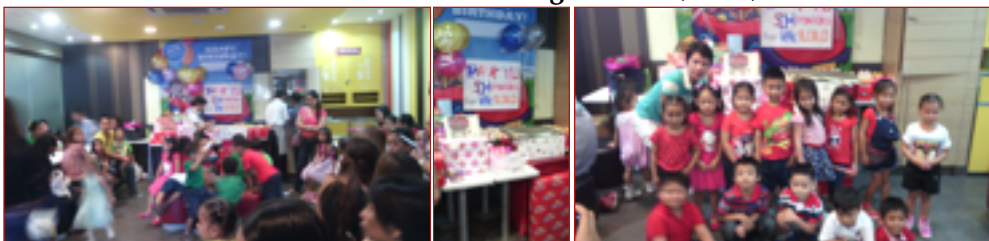
Word International School East (Taytay, Metro Manila)



Word Int'l. School (Camiling, Tarlac)



WINK Christian Learning Center (Iloilo)



Word Int'l. Ministries School of Malaybalay (Bukidnon)



WORD Learning Center (Davao)



PAMASKONG HANOG NI JESUS: FEEDING

Baguio



Marinduque



Carael, Pangasinan



Blessed.

Sis. Ana Miciano, WIN Bridgepoint (San Francisco)

On December 21, 2015, we had the privilege of visiting the Seeds of Hope outreach of Word International Ministries. Accompanied by my sisters, Betsy and Papoose, my nephew, Micah, my niece, Alexa, and my two children, Rebekah and Jacob, we were able to put together gift bags for all the forty-three children in hopes of bringing them some cheer and Christmas joy.

Sis. Dina Duterte-Alix was our contact person all throughout our visit. We met her at the Cainta school. We were introduced to the head teacher, Lealee, and two teachers, Jo Santos and Sol Consul, and assistant teachers, Liza Arciga, Marivic Jonota, and Lenet Alberto. We were also met by the school superintendent and his wife, Bro. Tom and Sis. Mardi, along with Pastor Leo and the other school workers.



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"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."
~ Hal Borland

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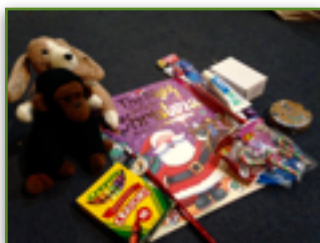
As we waited, the children started to come to the school dressed in their finest outfits. As soon as they were all present, they immediately took their positions and presented us with Christmas songs and Bible verses that they memorized. After their presentation, we, in turn, presented them with gift bags filled with books, pens, toys, and all kinds of presents donated by the members of our church in San Francisco, California. I cannot even begin to describe how excited they were to receive these gifts.



The children were also given Jollibee meal boxes. We were so moved to see the children eating only some of the food and keeping the rest in order to take it home and share with their families. I was warned ahead of time to not be offended if the children did not consume all their food for this very reason. Seeing this kind of behavior was very humbling to us considering how we in America can be so wasteful with our food. Even the teenagers in our team were so amazed and touched to see such a kind gesture from the students.

We are so thankful that Sis. Dina and her husband, Pastor Erick, was there to assist and help us out. Meeting all the children was very life-changing. If only it was possible, we wanted to take them all back with us to the United States. We encourage our church members to really think about Seeds of Hope and to keep this ministry in prayer. We were impressed to see what this ministry had done for the forty-three children and we would like to see more people support this work. By visiting the school, we were able to see for ourselves how Seeds of Hope uses the \$45 quarterly support given for each child. It is impressive to see how such a humble amount can go a long way in giving these children a future that they would not have without our help. All in all, our experience gave us a glimpse of what the ministry does and what it can continue to do for many others.

Our whole experience at Word Int'l. School East - Cainta was nothing short of amazing. We came to be a blessing to these children, but as it turned out, the children were the ones to truly blessed us. We will never forget this experience for as long as we live, and I hope that out of this we will be able to visit our other schools throughout the Philippines in the coming years. We are committed to partnering with Seeds of Hope to do bigger and greater things for our children and the future of our church and country.



**"You can learn new things at any time in your life if you're willing to be a beginner.
If you actually learn to like being a beginner, the whole world opens up to you." ~ Barbara Sher**

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Please accept my
Seeds of Nourishment pledge:

_____ Number of Child/ren

\$2.00/month (Just \$0.50 a week!) per child

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One Year 6 months

Other _____

*In the event the child drops out from the program, her funds will go into a pool to cover the needs of those without sponsors.

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INVEST IN A CHILDS LIFE TODAY!



YES! I want to partner with you in meeting the educational, spiritual and nutritional needs of children from poor families in the Philippines.

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Please accept my Seeds Of Learning pledge:

_____ Number of Child/ren

- One Year (\$300.00/€240.00)

- \$25.00/€20.00 a month for

_____ 6 months _____ One Year

*In the event the child drops out from school, her fund will go into a pool to cover the education of those without sponsors.

Amount Paid _____

Cash _____ Check No. _____

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