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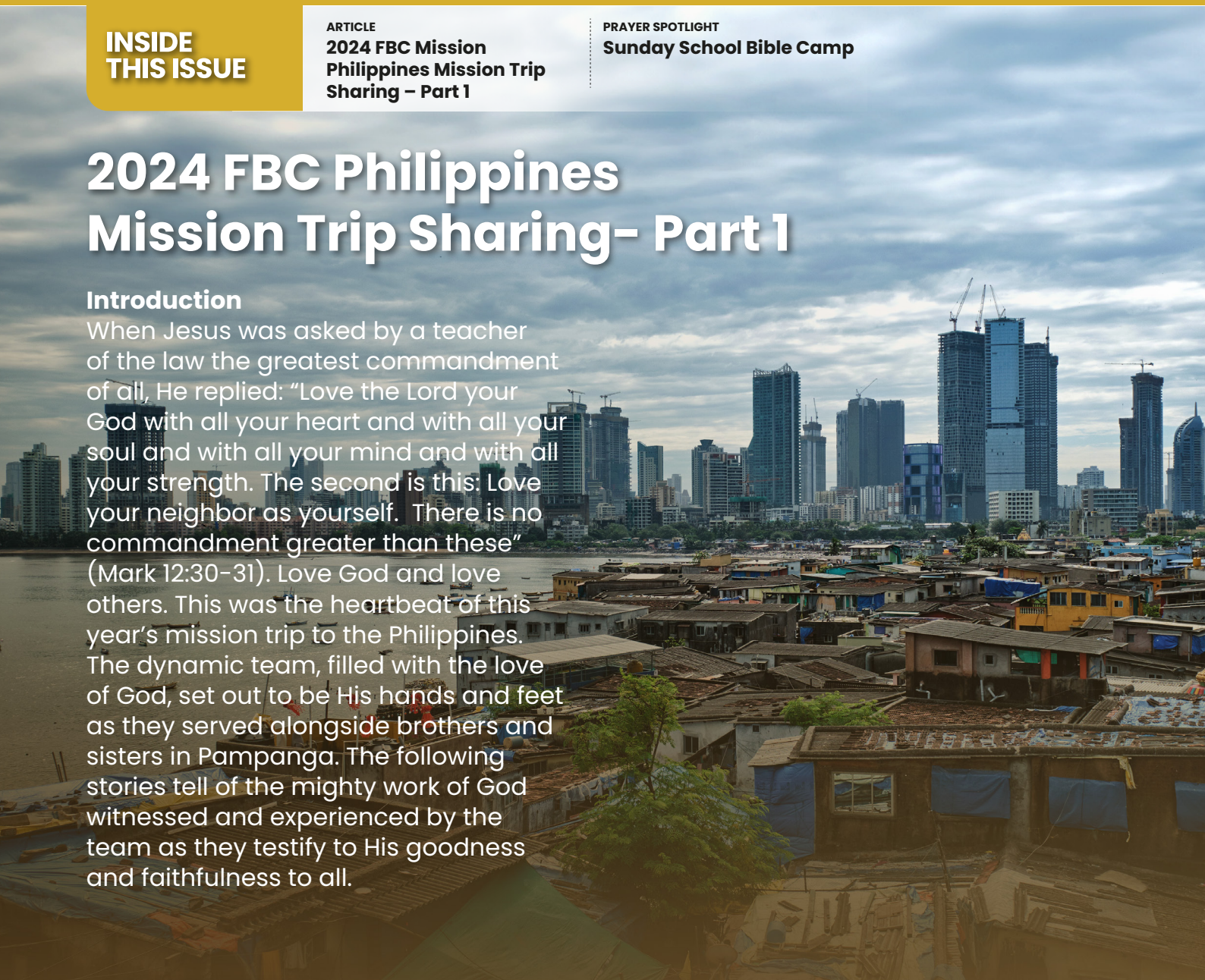
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# 2024 FBC Philippines Mission Trip Sharing- Part 1


## Introduction

When Jesus was asked by a teacher of the law the greatest commandment of all, He replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:30-31). Love God and love others. This was the heartbeat of this year's mission trip to the Philippines. The dynamic team, filled with the love of God, set out to be His hands and feet as they served alongside brothers and sisters in Pampanga. The following stories tell of the mighty work of God witnessed and experienced by the team as they testify to His goodness and faithfulness to all.



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## Kevin

Hello everyone, Honestly, I'm really grateful for the opportunity to be part of this year's mission trip. Only God made it possible for me.

Coming back from the mission trip, I realized how much my perspective changed. Before the trip, I saw it mainly as a way to help others. I thought it would be about us giving support and resources.

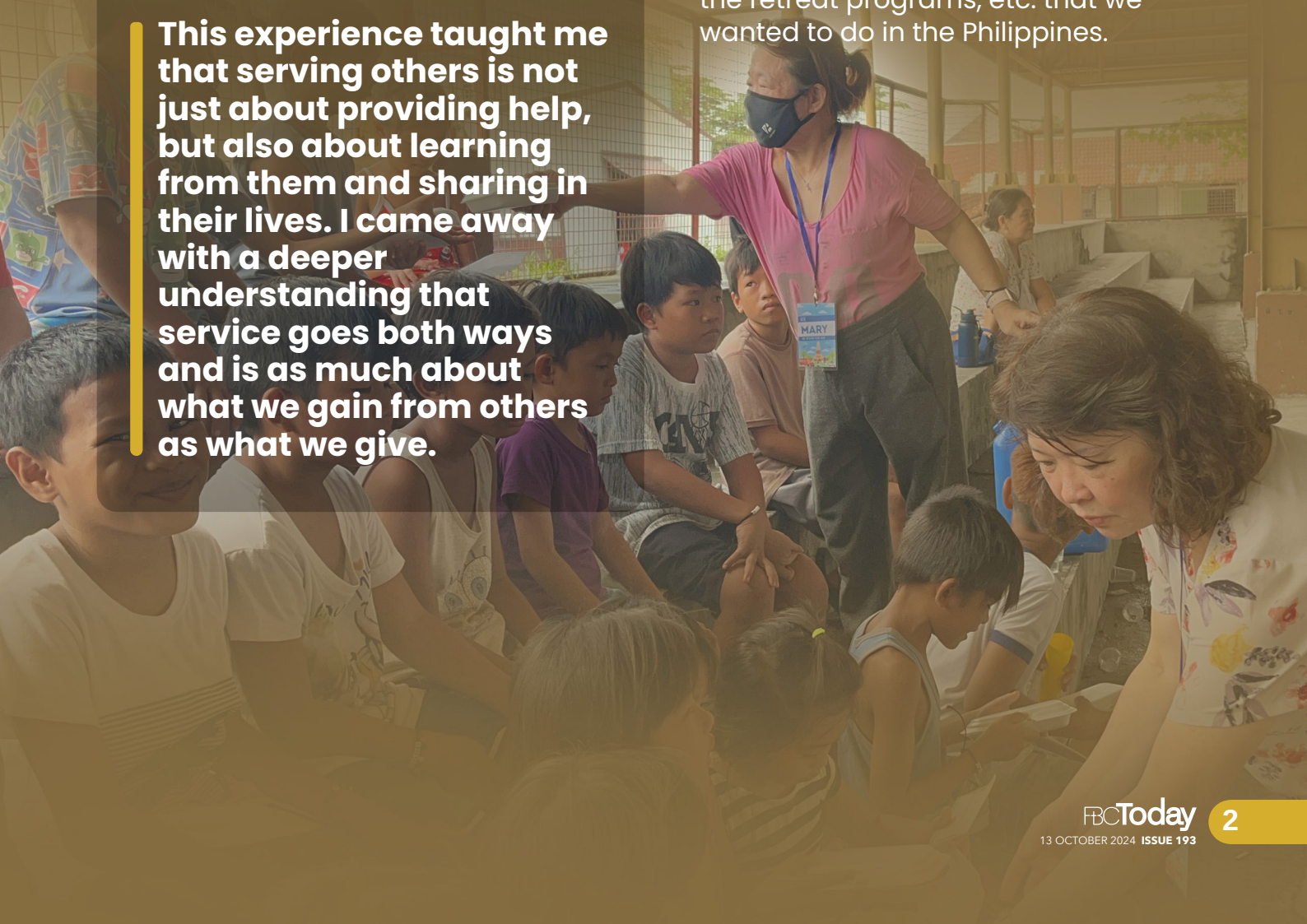
However, once there, I found that the experience was much more than that. The most impactful moments came from the personal connections we made. The people we met, despite having so little, welcomed us with incredible warmth and kindness. Their generosity and spirit were truly inspiring.

**This experience taught me that serving others is not just about providing help, but also about learning from them and sharing in their lives. I came away with a deeper understanding that service goes both ways and is as much about what we gain from others as what we give.**

## Victor

I thank God for each of the individuals who participated in our recent mission exposure trip to the Philippines on July 10–16. I believe it was God who put this team together. When we planned the trip with the Kapatid Ministry several months back, we told them that we would be happy if God would raise eight persons (i.e., doubling the number we had from last year) for the trip. We didn't expect God to raise fifteen persons, and more than half of them were young adults (35 years and below).

From the beginning of June until the trip, the team met every weekend to prepare for the mission work. We planned the songs, the Bible story, the games, the activities, the crafts, the retreat programs, etc. that we wanted to do in the Philippines.





**I was very impressed with the dedication of the team members that they would come up with ideas and work together to implement them. They gave up their weekends and put in many hours of their personal time.**

Through these regular meetings, the team members built personal relationships with one another. Some of us did not know each other before the trip. By the end of the trip, we are all bonded together. We looked out for each other, and we complimented each other in our different roles and responsibilities. They were such a pleasant group of people to work with.

Many of the team members had never been on a mission trip. During the trip, they were asked to do tasks that they had never done before. When we stepped up, we all recognized that it was God who gave us the grace and strength to do His works. We started our days as early as 5:30 am and served

throughout the day. Everyone served willingly and cheerfully. I pray that their memories and experiences from this trip will forever be imprinted in their hearts and minds.

I'm hopeful and optimistic for our next mission exposure trip. Several of the team members have expressed their willingness to commit themselves to helping the next mission team. Their commitment to mission work before, during, and after the mission trip gives me much joy. May God raise more individuals from FBC to do His mission works!

### **Mary**

Greetings! In anticipation, I spontaneously signed up for the mission exposure trip without much deliberation. I knew what was expected of me, toiling for the Lord. We quickly won the hearts and trust of the children wherever we went. We had such a great time together that the children made us promise to come back again.



**I see that the harvest is ripe, the seniors were receptive, responsive, and open to our sharings. Though poor, they are always cheerful, welcoming us warmly.**

I guess they don't always have guests visiting them, especially foreigners. They live in crowded squatters, each family, sometimes with three generations, living under one roof, occupying a small, cramped area. The alleys leading to their squatters are narrow with dirt soil. One senior asked me if my country is rich. I replied that every country has its own poverty index among its population. Don't look for anything on earth, you won't find anything here. Rather, look for eternal things up there.

Those who are planning to go on holiday next year, consider using your money, resources, and time for next year's Kapatid mission. Don't always pamper yourself, always think of holidays for yourself. God can use you if your heart is willing, regardless of age, at least once in

your lifetime, except for those with health problems and issues. Jesus is coming back sooner than we thought and there's still a lot of work to be done there. Kapatid, which means Brethren, expects to see new, fresh faces for next year's mission. Romans 10:15 "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

We need more laborers for the harvest. Big thanks to our prayer partners and FBC who prayed for me when I was down with diarrhea, upheld and prayed fervently for the team throughout the trip. From this mission exposure, I learned this, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit but in humility, count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3. What we do on earth matters as everything will be accounted for on Judgement Day. All Glory to God!

In His Name,  
Mary

### Janice

I was blessed with an opportunity to join my first ever mission trip with FBC and it was definitely one of the best decisions I have ever made. While I began preparing with the team weekly, my goal for this trip was to be able to use my capability and give back to the community in whatever ways I could.

**Never would I have thought I would be blessed back tenfold from the trip. To start off, the amazing team that I get to be part of and the one I can now call the expansion pack to my family in Christ.**

Not forgetting the Kapatid Ministry team who truly gave us such heartwarming hospitality. I get the opportunity to serve the kids and young adults from churches in different areas. We danced, acted, did arts and crafts as well as spent time sharing testimonies and listening to their stories. Here are some of the few most memorable moments I really treasure.

1. Getting to see how much the little kids lit up to the activities we spent weeks planning and the amount of energy they gave truly takes away all the tiredness.

2. Towards the final day of the trip, one of the youths shared her life story which led me to share one of my life testimonies with her as well. Before leaving, she came and gave me a big hug and said 'Thank you for sharing your story and praying for us. I will work hard to achieve my ambition and hopefully, I get to visit you in Malaysia one day.' It truly warms my heart to know that no testimony is too small to share or encourage another person. God works in the most wonderful ways. This mission trip memories will be one I treasure forever and not forget God's immense love and blessing I felt throughout.



**By Sarah Ong**

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# Sunday School Bible Camp

- Pray for God to draw all the Sunday School children to come with an expectant heart to hear and know Jesus deeper.
- Pray that the un-churched children will experience His love during the camp.
- Pray that all volunteers will experience great joy as they serve.
- Pray for God to send good weather throughout the 2 days so the outdoor activities and games can be carried out.
- Pray for God to provide safety and protection for all children and volunteers.
- Pray for God to give good health, strength and good teamwork for all participating in the camp.

