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UNFORGETTABLE CONCERT 10

# FBC Today

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## PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP TESTIMONY (PART 1)

Last year, when my friends Vanessa and Amanda shared about their testimony from the 2024 Philippines Mission Trip, it piqued my interest in the Philippines Mission Trip, even though I was already considering the local trip to Sabah. They said they feel more blessed by

the people there than by the blessings they are giving. Meaning they feel they are receiving more from the experience rather than feeling that they are giving. Their positive experience made me confident in proceeding with the sign-up, and now, I can

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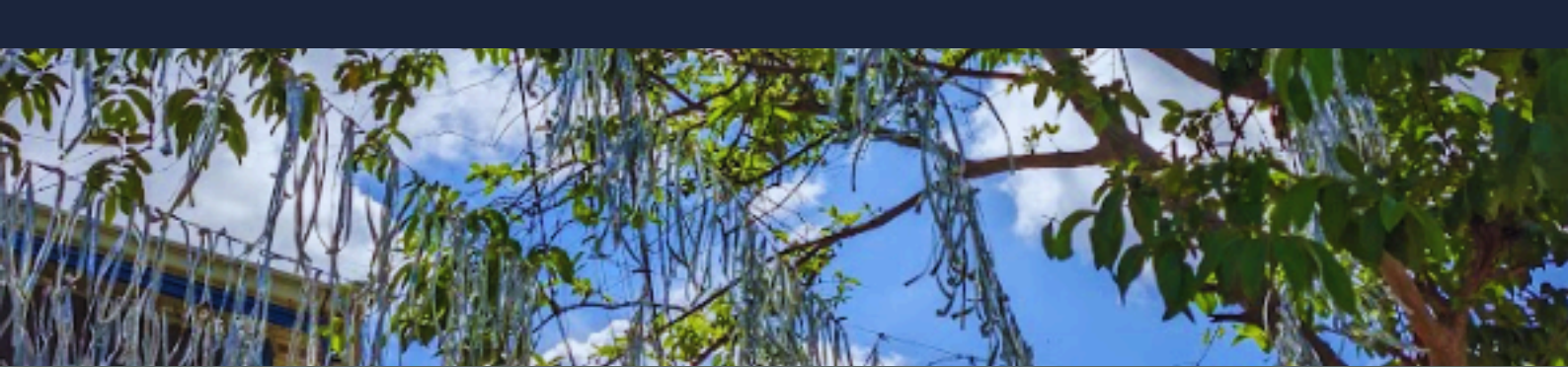
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say the same, that I feel very blessed to be able to go to the Philippines and partner with Kapatid Ministry in the Lord's work!

## THE KAPATID MINISTRY TEAM

People representing the Kapatid Ministry team this year were Pastor Titus Jr., Lola Beth, Ate Amy, Rhoro, and Hazel! Pastor Titus and Lola (grandma) Beth would periodically crack jokes to us and the people we ministered to. There would be laughs every day where they are. Lola Beth would accompany us during the work, even though her knees would be in pain and she would need to rest from time to time, her determination was inspiring to watch. Amy was very easy going and always had a smile on her face, answering our questions and sharing stories with us, whether that was her time in Malaysia and her love for



### Meet our Team

We are passionate about serving God and others



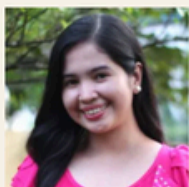
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Partnership Coordinator



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**Hazel Longos**  
Finance-Admin Officer

*bak kut teh*, or stories about the specific kids in the child sponsorship programme she handles. Hazel is basically our CCTV on the trip, taking photos and videos of us doing the activities with the kids and the senior citizens. She sat behind me in the van. I called her my "neighbour" and would squeeze my head between the window and the headrest to have conversations with her during our long rides. Rhoro was the sunflower of the group; she would help translate our instructions to the children in Tagalog in her teacher's voice (she graduated in Education), and she also has a

*Photo of Kapatid Ministry Team*



beautiful voice when she sang a Tagalog song for our team member Lily's birthday. She also takes super-duper good photos of me. All these people I see as an extension of my family in Christ, and I developed a bond with them and will think of them from time to time.

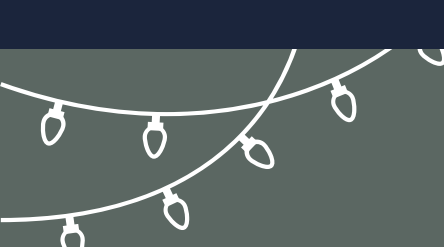
## THE POVERTY

Poverty was just a concept to me. I grew up with enough, and only heard of starving children in Africa when I didn't finish my rice at meal times. Rhoro was a previously sponsored kid and shared her testimony last year in FBC as well. She mentioned that she grew up eating rice with coffee or rice with salt. Sometimes they get a can of food that they would need to share between the five siblings with the rice. Mind you, she is only in her twenties. I only heard of such stories during my father's younger days when he had to eat rice with sugar or Milo because

they couldn't afford meat or vegetables. Also, when we borrowed the restroom of the local pastors in a rural area, there was no electricity or running water system; we only had pails of water that were manually pumped from underground, and we had to use the toilet in the dark. The house of the pastor had no tiles or cement, so we just walked in with our shoes. I think I basically time-traveled to the time when my dad was young. When I ministered to the senior citizens, a lot of the prayer needs were financial provision and good health. They would describe health conditions they are currently having, and if this were back in Malaysia, I'd just suggest that they see a doctor, but to a lot of them, it is not an affordable expense. I would just pray for them. Some other requests I would receive were a mother requesting prayers for his son, who is in prison, and another mother's plea, who wants to have enough provisions for her kids to study well and grow up healthy.







On the 9th May 1912, William Booth spoke these stirring words in his final address to thousands of Salvationists at the Royal Albert Hall in London:

**“WHILE WOMEN WEEP AS THEY DO NOW, I’LL FIGHT; WHILE LITTLE CHILDREN GO HUNGRY AS THEY DO NOW, I’LL FIGHT; WHILE MEN GO TO PRISION, IN AND OUT, IN AND OUT, AS THEY DO NOW, I’LL FIGHT; WHILE THERE IS A DRUNKARD LEFT, WHILE THERE IS A POOR LOST GIRL UPON THE STREETS, WHILE THERE REMAINS ONE DARK SOUL WITHOUT THE LIGHT OF GOD, I’LL FIGHT - I’LL FIGHT TO THE VERY END!”**

I think one important ministry of Christianity is that we fight to bring a bit of heaven down to earth. We bring light and hope and glimpses of heaven and goodness and kindness into the lives of people who are less fortunate and in need. When we were distributing the rice and canned food to the senior citizens, many of them were extremely grateful. I could see it in their eyes, the joy reaching their hearts. They would come to us and shake our hands firmly with gratitude, some even hugged and kissed the cheeks of some of the team members. One lady teared up when I prayed for her, she said she felt my prayers even though I had no translators at that time. I only prayed a simple prayer, I believe it was the Lord’s work of touching her heart, and I was merely a vessel, at the right place, at the right time.





## KAPATID MINISTRY CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

One of the works Kapatid Ministry does is the child sponsorship program. They look for sponsors who would sponsor a kid, which covers School Supplies, School Uniforms, School Fees, School Projects, etc. I just started to sponsor a child from the Kapatid Ministry this year and was assigned to a child named Mily. When we were at the fellowship program with the sponsored kids, I happened to meet Mily! I greeted her without revealing my identity. I was told she travelled 2 hours from her church to come to the meeting place. Out of the 168 kids that are being sponsored, only around 40 kids came to meet us, so it seemed like a divine appointment! It is one thing to see a face on a 2D photo on WhatsApp, it is another when you see the child as a full-fledged human being who covers her face when she feels shy. I was told by my team member, who was in a

discussion group with her, that Mily is serving in Sunday school weekly and was shy in responding to her questions. I want to see her grow up healthy, mature, and also become another beam of light and hope to those around her.

**If you want to know more about the child sponsorship by Kapatid, you can check out more information here:**



**And if you'd like to sponsor a child, you can contact Jessica Cheong (+6012-372 7964), our liaison from the FBC Subang side.**







*On our way back to the airport*

I took this picture on the way back to the airport, the highway was clean, yet if I looked across the river, I could see disorganised houses and shelters. I know that God cares for the people there, too, like he cared for the people in Nineveh in the book of Jonah. And if God cares for them, I should too. Micah 6:8 (NIV) says,

**"HE HAS SHOWN YOU, O MORTAL, WHAT IS GOOD.  
AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?  
TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY  
AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD."**



## THE INVITATION

I'll end this testimony with a prayer I saw from the Lectio app. I invite you to pray this prayer to God with all your heart:

**"GOD, I ASK YOU TO DISTURB ME. HELP ME TO NOT WALK ON BY OR LOOK THE OTHER WAY. MOVE MY HEART AND INSPIRE MY MIND - WHAT ROLE CAN I PLAY IN YOUR PLANS FOR THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THIS ISSUE?"**



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# PRAYER SPOTLIGHT FOR UNFORGETTABLE CONCERT 10

- **Pray for Bro Yee Hing and the team leaders to remain steadfast in their primary mission: expanding God's kingdom through creative witness, staying aligned with God's purpose.**
- **Pray for strength and wellness for the entire production team (musicians, vocalists, sound technicians) as they prepare and serve.**
- **Pray that non-believers at the concert will respond to invitations to join Alpha courses and FBC activities, taking steps toward faith.**
- **Pray that non-believers within the performing team will encounter Christ and embrace His saving grace.**