



Mic 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Training pastors, establishing churches, and ministering to the poor, orphaned, and disabled.

Ti 2:2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

Imagine living in these conditions.



This is a very common scene in much of Manila, Philippines.

Imagine living in such a place with an illness or disability and no access to medical care.

Hundreds of thousands of people live like this in the Philippines, and millions more worldwide. The vast majority of these people are in this situation through no fault of their own. Certainly, the children had no part in the circumstances they are in. They were simply born into it.

The problem is insurmountable in our own flawed humanity. However, throwing up your hands and refusing to help those you can help is unacceptable. There is a clear mandate to do what we can for those that we can.

Direct Commands to Help

Isaiah 1:17

“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.”

Zechariah 7:9–10

“Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy... do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor...”

Proverbs 31:8–9

“Open your mouth for the mute... defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

☐ What True Righteousness Looks Like

Proverbs 14:31

“Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.”

Proverbs 19:17

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.”

Isaiah 58:6–7

“Is not this the fast that I choose... to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house...?”

☐ Teachings of Jesus

Matthew 25:35–40

“For I was hungry and you gave me food... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

Luke 12:33–34

“Sell your possessions, and give to the needy... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

☐ The Early Church and Christian Life

James 1:27

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God... is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction...”

1 John 3:17–18

There are people leaving our borders and going all over the world to carry out the mandate of these commands. Part of Timothy Mission's mission is to help the poor, orphaned, and disabled. In 2013, we opened Bahay pag Ibig at Habag (The House of Love and Compassion) on land given over to us for that purpose inside the compound of a New Zealand-based ministry.



Use this link to view a short video of what God does for children with disabilities there. Gelai was born with a vision problem, and she was unable to walk. Her mom had to carry her everywhere, she was not accepted into school, and she spent days on end just lying in her room.

To view the video, place the mouse pointer over the link, press Control, then click.

If the link does not start the video, copy and paste this link into your browser.

<https://youtu.be/f3PI2jk5Pi8?si=N8cSgRk7eiw-x0Wb>

Note to adults: If you don't know how to copy and paste, find a kid and ask them. LOL

And Then What?

After Bahay Pag Ibig at Habag was underway, I turned my focus back to church planting and pastor training. But God had an idea, and He got me thinking about how great the need for a place like Bahay was, so I asked Him who, what, where, and when. The why was obvious, job one is to share the Truth of Christ the Messiah, and then to put feet to our faith and follow the verses I noted above.

So I started thinking about those Ws and came across Helping Hands Healing Hearts. I am convinced it was providential, not just by chance. Helping Hands was founded by a lovely lady from Ireland with a heart of gold. After conversing for a few months, with me advising on the particulars of a building for the disabled and sending documents on architectural standards based on the Americans with Disabilities Act, we agreed to partner to help her realize her dream of building a village for orphans that included a medical care facility, called the Children's Recovery Unit. She had already established such a ministry several years ago. It has an excellent track record of fiscal responsibility as well as physical, emotional, and Spiritual care to children and their families. Adequately explaining the project's work and goals would take a book, so I am going to use photos and video links to give you an overview. "A picture is worth a thousand words."

First photos of some of the kids.



Below is the current CRU. As you can see, it is not quite as big as a home we call a doublewide in the USA.

This should make clear the need for a bigger facility.



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Please open this link to view a video in the same way you did the previous one. Let me repeat, the vast majority of these people are in this situation through no fault of their own. Certainly, the children had no part in the circumstances they are in. They were simply born into it.

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I am sure you found this disturbing. That was not my goal. I just feel it is important for people to have a good understanding of how well off you are compared to millions of people around the world. It might bring you to the conclusion that the problem is too big to solve. You are right. Scripture tells us that. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is quoted as saying, “For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them.” Notice the second part of the quote: “whenever you want, you can do good for them.” We can’t rescue everyone, but we can rescue some. We can rescue them from the terrible situation they live in, and we can rescue them from Satan by teaching them the truth of Scripture. There are many ways to do this. One way is shown in the videos on the next page.

This first video is from two years ago. It gives a glimpse of the ministry's work at the two buildings it rents. It also describes the plans for the Children's Village and CRU and includes architectural drawings of the buildings being constructed.

<https://youtu.be/ShCtru4Edu4?si=U3BqXQW1JFInmdHK>

The second video shows the site and work being done now. We hope to move the residential children into the village by June. The rent that will no longer be going out can help pay the cost of daily operation. Once the CRU is built, that is another rent payment gone, and those funds will also help with the cost of operating the CRU. When you see the children, keep the images of the kids in the slums in mind.

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<https://youtu.be/AudaOrXm1jw?si=4B3pP90Ko-iLfBC2>

There is a clear Biblical mandate to help others. But if you serve others because it is mandated or you think it will earn you points with God, you are way off the mark. Service to others should come out of a heart of compassion, and that heart is a natural result of truly being in Christ and Him living in you.

As I said, we can't save everyone. But if we can rescue some, we should, even if it is only one. I am sure many of you have heard the Starfish story. It goes something like this:

Early one morning, a man was walking along a beach that was littered with thousands of starfish that had washed ashore after a storm. As the tide had gone out, the starfish were left stranded, slowly drying in the sun.

In the distance, he noticed a boy walking along the shoreline. Every few steps, the boy would bend down, pick up a starfish, and gently toss it back into the ocean.

Curious, the man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?"

The boy replied, "I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean. If I don't, they'll die."

The man looked up and down the long stretch of beach, shaking his head. "But there are thousands of them," he said. "You can't possibly make a difference."

The boy paused, bent down, picked up another starfish, and tossed it into the waves. Then he turned to the man and said,

"It made a difference to that one."

Gelai Was Just One.

Gelai was just one, like the starfish, for whom what the boy did mattered. It mattered to each of the kids helped at Bahay pag Ibig at Habag and Helping Hands Healing Hearts. Help us be instruments in the hands of the Redeemer, healing children, rescuing them from terrible living conditions, and pointing them to Christ.

Honestly, I do not like to raise funds. But Non-Profits can only survive through gifts from donors. God has blessed Timothy Mission since 2001. If you have been keeping up with the work God is doing through us, you know He has done much. He has done it as he did with the loaves and fishes. He took a small amount and did a lot with it. Timothy Mission is regularly supported by only four small country churches, one larger church, plus 16 individuals. The CRU project has prompted me to work harder at sending God a bit more loaves and fishes to work with.

If you feel led to help, you can use the form at the end of this prayer letter to send gifts. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt, as all funds pass through the Central Missionary Clearinghouse before being deposited into the Timothy Mission account. One-time gifts are appreciated, but it is helpful if you commit to a once-a-month donation like the 5 churches and 16 individuals do.

There are other ways to help also. Forward this email to friends that you think might want to help. If you are a Facebook Friend, once this is posted there, "Share" it. Perhaps you have connections with benevolent organizations such as the various men's clubs, or professional associations such as AMA, or ABA. They may be interested in helping. Maybe you have connections with big companies that occasionally need to donate to causes. Please help if you can. Pray for the kids, no matter. Let's see what God will do.

A donation form is on the last page.

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- Support disability ministry.
 - Church Planting / National Pastor Development and Support.
 - As needed. (Mangyan outreach, evangelism materials. Bibles, medical care, etc.)

>Children's Village project. The need for this is great and urgent. Special offerings above regular monthly support is our prayer. If donating please include a note stating what it is designated for.<

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“Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and the maimed, and the lame and the blind.compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled. Luke 24: 21b, 23b