



Dear Friends and Partners,

Here's ACTION Philippine's final report on our 2010 evangelistic Christmas party ministry which was done through-out December in the Manila area. Please give praise to God, along with us, for the great things He did in and through His people both who worked directly in the parties and those who joined us in prayer and giving from around the world.

1. Theme for all parties: "Receive Christ and your Christmas will be Glorious" Luke 2:9-10
2. Number of parties for inmates, street children and poor families: 30 with 21 partnering churches and eight agencies
3. Total attendance: children 1,585, youth 554, adults 1,999 totaling 4,138
4. Total indicating they turned from sin and trusted the Savior: children 1,255, youth 511, adults 1,622 totaling 3,388
5. Total cost: \$14,755
6. Narrative report: ACTION Philippines and our partner churches and agencies, with whom we work year-round, love this ministry because the Christmas season is a special time of year to demonstrate the love of God in Jesus Christ to those who wouldn't be able to attend a Christmas party. Each party is full of fun games, new friends, Christmas carols, good food, gifts and the gospel message with the opportunity for each attendee to trust Christ alone as Savior. Each participant is personally invited to their party, treated special at the party and invited to become involved in Bible studies and worship services as each host church and agency is committed to provide ministry to their new friends following the party. Often follow-up ministry may include ACTION Philippine's camps, Fish and Bread feeding, literacy training, Honest Hands discipleship home, 2nd Mile's discipleship-vocational ministries for young men and women or crisis intervention provided by a partner agency.

7. Select testimonies:

*Isaac: This Christmas I received an important gift which is Jesus Christ. I thank the Lord for the church worker who invited me to attend this program. I know God has a purpose for my life.

*Leo: For me, the Lord used my wife as an instrument to encourage me to pray to God always and commit my life to Him. I joined her to attend the Christmas program and realized how important it is to have Jesus in my life.

*Florante: I enjoyed the fellowship and it's nice to have this kind of program because it teaches us how God came to earth and we learned about the goodness of the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope this kind of activity will grow and reach out to more people.

*Remedios: I thank God for this opportunity to hear His Word through the message. I received Jesus Christ in my heart and I thank Him for the fellowship and gifts.

*Raymond 11 years old: I'm a beggar and vendor. I sell candy and flowers to help support my family. My parents are also vendors on the street. My family attended this Christmas party and we enjoyed getting to know people. I'm glad to know that Jesus loves me and I gave my life to Him.

*Ana Mae: I am very happy to attend a Christmas party because I learned a lot about Jesus Christ and now I know the true meaning of Christmas. Jesus is the Messiah our Savior!

*April Joy: I hope the party will happen again because I'm happy there were many children. I met a lot of new friends and we really enjoyed the singing and games. We also enjoyed the Christmas story about Jesus and we learned the good news is that Jesus is our Savior.

*Larry: I'm a former inmate. I was released in June of this year and in jail I attended Bible studies where I learned about Jesus Christ and His promises so I opened my life to Him. While in jail I prayed regularly that if there's a chance that my case would be dismissed I would serve Him. I am very thankful to the pastor because he always encouraged and prayed for me then he invited my whole family to this Christmas party. I glad to say that my entire family, including my wife, accepted Christ to their Savior and Lord!

*Cherry: In 2008 I returned to the Philipines from Malaysia where I worked as a

domestic helper. My dream and ambition in life was to build a big house and provide the needs of my family. We started to build our house and bought appliances. In 2009-10 we experienced many trials and financial difficulties because my husband got sick and needed medicine. We needed to sell our appliances, house and lot in order to provide medicine and kidney dialysis for my husband and two of our kids couldn't continue in school because we can't support their educational needs. We lost our savings and everything. A church worker invited us to attend their Christmas party with other families and it seemed the pastor's message was talking to me. He said that the importance of our lives isn't material wealth but to have Jesus Christ in our lives. The true meaning of Christmas is Jesus was born to be our Savior. The pastor also prayed for my husband and God's purpose for him.

*Joshua: Thank-you very much for all I received. I really enjoyed the party. It's my first time to join a fellowship like this and all of us had fun. We were very attentive when the young people of the church gave a skit and the pastor gave his message. I accepted Jesus Christ in my life.

8. Photos of a few parties can be seen by logging onto <http://picasaweb.google.com/action.siteam>
9. Final word: ACTION Philippines views our annual evangelistic Christmas party ministry as very strategic in either starting new ministry or strengthening an existing one. Therefore we partner with evangelical churches and agencies who've proven to be faithful in ministry to the poor in their vicinity and do their ministries with integrity in handling the Word of God and the finances entrusted to them by ACTION as well as loving their new friends with Christian love. It's a great joy to partner with them and you. To God be the glory!

Written by: Jeff Anderson January 11, 2011

*"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." ~
Micah 6:8 NIV*

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