

# Empty Pockets and Empty Stomachs ...

For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore I command you, saying, "You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land." - Deuteronomy 15:11



## DESPERATE TIMES ...

Mom, dad and baby showed up in our home in Bacolod City. **We can't fault them for their desperation ...** their baby was sick, covered with an unexplainable rash and he was having **problems breathing.**

They travelled three hours in jeepnies from the mountains, having had to borrow the fare from friends.

They arrived tired, hungry, broke and desperate ...

I suspect I would be desperate too if I were in

their place.

**It is difficult looking into the faces of people with broken spirits and into eyes that lack hope ... and it is happening more and more as we minister in the mountain community.**

We warmed some chicken from the fridge, gave them a bag full of canned goods from the pantry and money for medicine and to get them to the hospital.

**We thank our ministry partners for allowing us to participate in this life changing and life saving work.**

Would you like to partner with the work in the Philippine mission field?

We could use your help!

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## It is a community thing ...

In the book of Acts we read about the “**community of believers**”.

Our outreach is community based, which means we are involved in meeting the **practical as well as the spiritual needs of the people.**

**This includes the worship service, men’s and women’s Bible study, children’s Sunday school and ...**

**Livelihood programs, literacy programs, assistance with health issues, school sponsorship, and other ministry outreaches.**

This morning we just finished the planning and implementation phase of using the **brick oven for a livelihood project.** We have the right business permits, and training has been completed. As soon as we get resource to buy the initial flower, butter, sugar, lard, etc. the women will start using the oven to bake bread and sell it in the market.

### **Why is this important?**

It will provide a means for the women of the church to gain revenue through honorable work to help support their families.

## **Practical type ministry while showing the love of Jesus.**

**“There is no “whole gospel” without compassion and justice shown to the poor. It’s that simple.” - Richard Stearns, President of World Vision**

## How Can You Help?

Our immediate needs are for our furlough.

We plan to attend the mission's conference in California in November, and then travel to Illinois, Virginia and Florida to visit with churches, family and friends. We would return to the Philippines in December.

We need to start coordinating travel, purchase of tickets, etc. in July.

We are coming to the understanding that proper rest and recuperation is a vital part of success in serving in the third world mission field.

Would you consider making a special contribution to this furlough travel?

Everything we do is because of people that come along side of us, whether it is financially, through Balikbayan boxes filled with supplies, visiting us on site to help with building projects, or serving with us shoulder to shoulder in the field.

We appreciate all that you allow to happen here!

# The Parting Shot



Would you carry your offering three miles to the church? Would you be smiling when you got there?