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THE NEWSLETTER OF CREATE THE CHANGE AUSTRALASIA

CTCA YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

INVEST IN YOUTH. IMPACT THE FUTURE

The **Create The Change Australasia (CTCA) Youth Empowerment Project (YEP)** was officially launched on June 13, in **Barangay Ikirin, Pagbilao, Quezon**, bringing together **45 young participants** for a day of learning, fellowship, and sports. It is managed by the CTCA project manager **Claire Verzosa** and overseen by CTCA Director **Boysie Sabino**. **Ps. Norvell Luna** is our community coordinator and **Kaye Medinilla, RSW**, is our youth worker.

The opening session featured the anti-drug awareness seminar "**Tempt Me Not**," led by **Mr. Mark Ybanez Gabumpa** and **Pastor Norvell George Luna**, who shared practical insights on the dangers of illegal drugs, the importance of making wise choices, and finding hope.

The day concluded with a practice basketball game, creating opportunities for teamwork, friendship, and positive youth engagement.

The program continued on June 27 at **Barangay Ilayang Polo**, where **28 youth** participated in the second Saturday gathering. **Mary Louise M. Roqueza, RN**, served as the

resource speaker for an inspiring **Mental Health Awareness** session, encouraging participants to care for their emotional well-being, recognize signs of mental distress, and confidently seek help when needed.

Alongside the seminar, participants enjoyed a friendly three-team basketball tournament that reinforced discipline, sportsmanship, and healthy competition. On the final day of the project, **Pastora Merriam Bagasan** delivered another anti-drug awareness session, followed by team-based evaluations and discussions that allowed the youth to reflect on how substance abuse can affect their lives and explore practical ways to protect both their physical and mental health.

Overall, **80%** gave the program a highly favorable rating, demonstrating the effectiveness of CTCA's holistic approach of combining education, faith, mentorship, and sports. The project concluded with a championship basketball game, celebrating not only the winners on the court but also the growth, friendships, and hope built throughout the program.

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LEYTE MISSIONS



Mobile Medical Clinic



Serving our community, one heartbeat at a time! We are deeply grateful for serving 90 to 100 people in another successful deployment of our **Mobile Medical Clinic**, hosted in close partnership with RiverCity Church Hobart and our dedicated local partner Christian Outreach Centre - Jesus' Flock. While bringing **essential healthcare, consultations, and prescribed medicines** directly to those in need is a vital part of our work, our mission is ultimately grounded in sharing love, comfort, and tangible hope with every individual who walks through the doors. From the busy pharmacy setups to one-on-one health checks, every moment reflected *love in action*. A massive thank you to every volunteer, donor, and partner who helped make this clinic possible—your support truly made a life-changing difference!



Children's Outreach and Feeding Program

In the hilltop community of **Honan, Isabel, Leyte**, joy and laughter filled the air as the **Rivercity Mission Team** partnered with **Lantaw Ugma Organization (LUO)**, for a **Children's Outreach and Feeding Program**. Together, they showered local children with care, engaging activities, nutritious food, and love.. Seeing these young hearts gather in music and play is a powerful testament to what happens when faithful local leadership meets passionate mission support. Thank you to everyone whose ongoing generosity make these life-changing community visits possible!



Palompon Jail Ministry

On June 30, Create The Change Australasia (CTCA), together with the Hobart Team and local team in Leyte, visited 50 inmates at Palompon Jail in Leyte as part of our ongoing commitment to reaching vulnerable communities. During the visit, we distributed care packs, Bibles, Bible verse wristbands (ballers), and handwritten letters of encouragement and prayer, while spending time listening, encouraging, and sharing messages of hope with the inmates.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to experience compassion, dignity, and a chance to move forward. Regardless of past mistakes, every person has the potential to grow, rebuild, and contribute positively to society when shown kindness and support. Through initiatives like this, we hope to remind those behind bars that they are not forgotten and that restoration begins when communities choose to care.

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JORGE'S HOPE



Together with the **Hobart Team** and **Jesus Set Free Ministry**, CTCA had the privilege of serving through our **Jorge's Hope Project** on July 1, bringing the love and hope of Christ to inmates. **Catherine Lopy** shared a powerful message of hope. We also distributed **Bibles and essential care packs**, creating a meaningful time of fellowship while assuring the inmates that they are loved, valued, and never forgotten.

We had the privilege of celebrating **Father's Day** with the inmates and at Metro Manila District Jail 1, Camp Bagong Diwa. The event featured a special mini concert led by singer and musician **Bobby Duclayan**, bringing encouragement and joy through music. We also distributed essential care packs (hygiene kits) as a practical expression of love and compassion to the inmates who are fathers.

To add to the impact, **Pastor Bob Taranto** delivered a message of hope, forgiveness, and new life in Metro Manila District Jail 1, Camp Bagong Diwa.

And before this July end, **Ps. Merriam and her team** went to **Baguio City Jail - Female Dormitory**. They visited the inmates, and gave some knitted sweaters were created by our Dorcas Ladies Mission in Australia. The jail officers committed to visit the inmates' homes and give the sweaters to their kids.

Photos by BJMP Quezon City Jail - Male Dormitory



HOPE OVEN

As part of our ongoing commitment to restoration, we also support the jail's livelihood initiative through the **Hope Oven Project** in Quezon City Jail Male Dorm in Payatas, Quezon City by donating a brand-new bread chiller. This was made possible thru our partnership with **RiverCity Church Hobart in Tasmania, Australia**. The chiller is a big help to the inmate bakers as it will allow them to make batches of doughs and breads in advance. This in turn will help strengthen their income-generating program, providing participants with practical opportunities to develop skills, restore dignity, and prepare for a brighter future beyond incarceration.



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CHILDREN'S OUTREACH AND FEEDING MONTALBAN - BAGUMBONG - DELPAN



Montalban Rizal



Bagumbong Caloocan



Delpa Tondo, Manila

This July, we have two beautiful opportunities to serve the children—one dedicated to nurturing next generation in our urban poor communities, and another focused on empowering their schooling. On July 1–2, **Create The Change Australasia (CTCA)** brought hope and joy to more than 230 children through our **Children's Outreach and Feeding Program** in **Montalban, Rizal; Bagumbong, Caloocan** (in partnership with **CCFI Bagumbong**); and **Delpa, Tondo, Manila** (in coordination with **Set Free Ministries**). We were joined by our partners from **RiverCity Church - Hobart** in Montalban and Tondo and the **CTCA Australian Directors**, **Liberty Church Epping**, **Victory Church Brisbane** and **Safe Harbour Family Church** in Bagumbong. Each outreach included a nutritious feeding program and the distribution of school supplies, equipping children with essential learning materials as they prepare for the new school year. Through the generosity of our supporters, we were able to bless families in these communities with both practical assistance and encouragement on bringing dignity and connection.

We also have a mini puppet show depicting a story of two friends talking and encouraging each other.

Every child were given love, care and attention. They were encouraged to dream big and believe that they can be who they want to be.

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Thank you partners

These missions would not have been possible without the generous support of our partner churches, local communities, correctional facilities, and volunteers who welcomed and worked alongside us. We are especially grateful to our missionary team from **RiverCity Church**—**Nimitha Daniel, Talia Daniel, Teisha Daniel, Ron Van Dam, Caroline Van Dam, Catherine Lippy, Jessica Kilpikoski, and Rhea Kilpikoski**—for your compassion, dedication, and tireless service throughout the mission. We are equally grateful to our pastors from Australia—**Pastor Glenda Hare, Pastor Jason Hare, Pastor Stephanie Ross, Pastor Cameron Ross, Pastor Bob Taranto, Jesse Lord, and Pastor Randeep Mathews** from New Life City Church—for your leadership, encouragement, and commitment to serving communities with humility and love.

To our donors, partners, and supporters, thank you for believing in our mission. Your generosity has helped bring healthcare, livelihood opportunities, care, and hope to countless individuals and families. Together, we continue to be #HopeCarriers, creating lasting change—one community at a time. 🌱💜





Testimonies

Hello po, ako si John Vincent, 11 years old. Nagpapasalamat po ako sa Create the Change Australasia dahil po binigyan po ako ng ganito na may payong na po ako na magagamit at tsaka po sariling tumbler inuman po. At saka din po ng panyo at saka po medyas para po sa school. Nagpapasalamat po ako kay Lord dahil po may mga taong binigay siya para makatulong sa mga batang katulad ko. Thank you po. God bless. **PH**

Hello, my name is John Vincent, and I am 11 years old. I would like to thank Create the Change Australasia for giving me these wonderful gifts. I now have an umbrella that I can use, my own water tumbler to drink from, a handkerchief, and socks that I can wear to school. I also thank the Lord for sending kind people to help children like me. Thank you so much, and God bless! **GB**

John Vincent Itoriaga from Delpan, Manila

Thank you so much Create the Change Australasia as well as the RiverCity Church for visiting our community here in Binondo Manila. One of the notorious place here in Manila, Philippines. So the kids were so blessed and happy receiving their food as well as their shool supplies. It's really a huge help for them, also for their parents, because most of them do not have any means to buy school supplies. So your help as well as you guys praying for them and declaring good things to them, is a really a huge help to the ministry. I am praying and declaring blessings and favor upon you all. Thank you so much and I hope to see you again. **GB**

Pastora RC Paraso of Grace Gospel Community

Hello po, isang magandang araw po sa ating lahat. On behalf of Quezon City Jail Male Dormitory, under the leadership of Jail Superintendent Maria Lourdes P. Pacion, nagpapasalamat po ng buong puso ang Quezon City Jail Male Dormitory sapagkat naging instrumento po ng Panginoon Diyos ang Hope Oven, Create the Change Australasia, dahil po sa kanilang mga donasyon sa ating PDL Livelihood Programs sa tinapay ni PiDel. Maraming maraming salamat po sapagkat nabigyan nyo ng pagkakataon ang ating mga PDL na matulungan ang kanilang mga sarili magkaroon ng pagkakakitaan, nang sa gayon ay makatulong din po sila sa kanilang mga mahal sa buhay. Once again, JO1 Kimberly C. Curayag nagpapasalamat po, maraming maraming salamat po sa ating Hope Oven at Create The Change Australasia. Thank you! **PH**

Hello, and a pleasant day to everyone. On behalf of the Quezon City Jail Male Dormitory, under the leadership of Jail Superintendent Maria Lourdes P. Pacion, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude. We sincerely thank Hope Oven and Create the Change Australasia for being instruments of God's love through their generous donations to our PDL Livelihood Program, Tinapay ni PiDel. Your support has given our Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) the opportunity to learn skills, earn an income, and help support their families. Your kindness has brought hope and encouragement to many lives. Once again, I am JO1 Kimberly C. Curayag, and on behalf of the Quezon City Jail Male Dormitory, we extend our deepest appreciation to Hope Oven and Create the Change Australasia. Thank you very much! **GB**

JO1 Kimberly C. Curayag, of Quezon City Jail Male Dormitory





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