

**Romans 15:13** 

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Hello Friends!

This is the perfect time to let you all know how things went for my first term volunteering at **Faith Academy**, **Manila**. So far I have learned to help out in a variety of ways. I enjoy working as a teacher's assistant during an elementary science class. I was one of the four directors for the elementary school play, "The Incident" which was written by my friend and fellow director, Rachel. Just recently I was given the responsibility to create lesson plans for an after school care program. While not volunteering at the elementary campus, I enjoy helping around the dorm, including stepping in to lead a weekly Bible study.



These are a few of the many memories of working with the dorm kids. It shows a dormie and I interacting during a worship service as she needed some help. Also pictured is a dinner I prepared with some of the dormies during 5 days when a typhoon closed the campus where we live. Our regular cook was not available to prepare meals for us. Also a special outing to a local Filipino lookout of the skyline. Not pictured, I generally help out my dad by going along on doctor and shopping trips while my Mum stays back in the dorm with those that don't go. This is very helpful when there's only one dorm student that needs to go. Another way I assisted was by being around during October break. Because of special circumstances, two dorm students needed to stay in the dorm during the school break. However, I was able to stay with them and give my parents some much needed time off, away from the campus and away from the students.



My team from the play. I had a great time working with these kids going on their first production. They did such a great job! We were all so proud of them and look forward to seeing many more productions by them over the years.



I am also very focused on keeping up my Bible study and prayer life as I also keep moving forward on my medical needs. My first surgery for my mouth resulted in much swelling for more than a week and now we wait to see if the bone grows enough to finish with the implants of replacement teeth.

My specific **prayer requests** for this ministry include:

- Continued diligence with Bible study and spiritual growth.
- Creativity as I work with the kids coming up with lesson plans and keeping the kids engaged.
- Wisdom in knowing what God is calling me to after I fulfill my one year commitment.
- The remaining support I need as I am not able to assist my parents well with my expenses until my monthly funding is complete.

I only need to **raise about \$500 per month and some one-time expenses** (for visa's and travel) for this ministry as some of my expenses can be covered by my parents.

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