



C.A.R.E.
Christian Action for Reconciliation & Evangelism
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28 Years of our Lord's Blessings and our Passion and Commitment

September 2015 is a red-letter month for C.A.R.E., Philippines. This month marks the beginning of its faithful service to the poor in Metro Manila and nearby towns, in the Name of and by the grace of our Almighty Father. Rose, together, with Jack & Ellie Swanson, journeyed to the Philippines 28 years ago after they were commissioned by the River Forest Presbyterian Church in Illinois, led by its then Senior Pastor Dr. Dick Todd.

From then on and all these years you have lovingly helped us dear family and friends in prayer, encouragement, guidance and financial giving.

Last September 19, we paused to praise and thank God for the mighty deeds He has showered on His C.A.R.E., Philippines. Our Education Center was full of grateful people who worshipped our Lord in songs, prayers and testimonies of our Lord's goodness for 28 solid years.

Helping us celebrate the happy occasion were some of our barangay and town officials, friends, representatives of our partner institutions like the Center for Community Transformation; Antipolo Public Schools' principals, teachers, student beneficiaries and their parents; Ed's Farm School's owners; Carolina Bamboo Gardens; community parents; local board members; churches; pastors; former and student beneficiaries.



The C.A.R.E., Philippines' Drums & Lyre Band and Dr. Rose Biron, welcoming visitors



The congregation was profuse in praising our God Lord Jesus, the Author, Sustainer & Finisher of this ministry



"Use Me, Jesus, Use Me" was sung heartily by our little children Vida, Mica & Shanaya



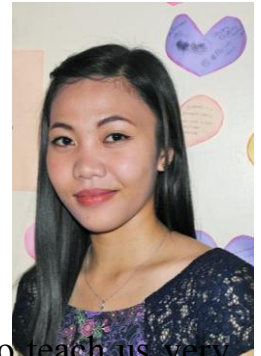
Testimonies . . .



Honorable Councilor Josefina Gatlabayan of the Second District of Antipolo City; Wife of Former Mayor of Antipolo City Hon. Angelito Gatlabayan.

“At first my husband and I were very stunned because hundreds of informal settlers or squatters families were relocated to Sitio Tanza 2, Brgy. San Jose, Antipolo City. We didn’t know what to do, since there were no basic services provided by the city government then. But we were delighted to hear and know about C.A.R.E. Philippines’ readiness to help the people in their physical and spiritual needs.”

*Renelyn Villanueva, former student of C.A.R.E., Philippines’ School; B.S. Elem. Educ. Roosevelt College, 2013, **Summa Cum Laude**; currently teaching at Berea Arts and Science High School; serving C.A.R.E., Philippines as messenger of God’s Word and Youth Bible study teacher*



I still remember how Ma’am Rose spent her time as early as 5:30 am to teach us very young boys and girls. I came to know the Lord deeply through consistent Bible studies. I learned a lot in English, Science, Music and other academics. I was trained to stand and speak to people, behave properly and be inquisitive of my surroundings. I learned to hate poverty but love the poor.

One thing that I remember to this day is Ma’am Rose’s teaching about education as an important factor in liberating the poor. God used C.A.R.E, Philippines to open our minds and free us from poverty.

This is the reason why I followed Ma’am Rose’s footsteps to be a teacher. Though God’s help, C.A.R.E, Philippines and my parents, I am now a licensed teacher. Whenever I see a poor student, I can picture myself 15 years ago.

In my heart, I want to pass on to my students that the keys to success are fear of the Lord and education. This mission is a blessing to me and my family. I am now passing this blessing to others through my life as well.”



Rachel Villanueva, former student of C.A.R.E., Philippines' School; Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology graduate; now licensed Medical Technologist.

Once a child, now a grown up beneficiary of C.A.R.E., Philippines Ministry! It was 15 years ago when my twin brother John and I were asked by Ma'am Rose, "Do you really want to study? Why, what can you do?" As a four year old child, I answered her "I can sing," while my brother told her that he can dance.

Now I'm 19 years old, a new graduate of Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology and a Board Passer last September, 2015.

As I reminisce, I realize that God planted a seed of His Word in my heart when I was just a four-year old child. His Word helped me to study hard, appreciate beautiful things, be grateful to and love my parents.

I studied Elementary and High School in C.A.R.E, Philippines' School. It's true that we were taught by God's Word but still, I was a hard headed child, I did not have a good relationship with my mother. There was also a time that I really wanted to finish high school and go to college as my escape goat. I thought that if I go to college I can do whatever I want, no Bible teachings or anything religious, but I was wrong, God followed me.

After four years in College I saw how God knit all the things He wanted for me. I wanted to stay away from Him, but He still holds me. He gave me a family that has strong faith in Him, especially my mother who can be my closest friend, friends who are Christians, and a spiritual family, C.A.R.E., PHILIPPINES. I realized that the little seed in my heart is beginning to bear fruit.

There are many problems I am encountering, but God always answers prayer, makes miracles and forever loves me for who I am.

*Katerin Lopeña, 5th year college,
University of Santo Tomas, Conservatory of Music, major in
Conducting, serving C.A.R.E., Philippines' ministry*



I thank our Lord Jesus Christ for the ministry of C.A.R.E., Philippines which God has been using for 28 years, to help the poorest of the poor be transformed physically and spiritually through His Word for His glory.

C.A.R.E., Philippines' ministry has been part of my life and my family since my twin sister Karen, and I were born in 1993. They took care of us and our family by providing God's teachings and helping my parents have employment. And as we grew up it helped us finish our Elementary and High School years in The Light of the Lord Christian School. There, I came to know Jesus more deeply through our daily devotion every 5:30 am, and regular Bible study.

And now, I am currently finishing college in Music Education through the educational assistance of this ministry. I also serve the Lord by helping our Executive Director.

Thank You Lord, Jesus Christ and the ministry of C.A.R.E., Philippines for delivering me from poverty, ignorance and meaningless existence.
To God be the glory!



A POEM OF GRATITUDE

(By Ms. Erwena Corvera, Principal of Kaysakat Elementary School, partner public school in Feeding and Nutrition Program; recited by Kenneth Zonio, grade 4 top student-beneficiary of C.A.R.E., Philippines' Feeding Program)

I am a student of Kaysakat Elementary School,
Benefited by your Feeding Program for the poor.
I am eating everyday to make my hungry stomach full,
To make my body strong and my mind alert much better than before.

Now in the 28th anniversary of C.A.R.E., Philippines,
I thank God for the opportunity that we are here
To greet C.A.R.E, ministers, our friends
Thank you for the years past that
helped the poor everywhere.

In the name of our School, Principal,
Teachers, Parents and students
We wholeheartedly thank you for your overflowing goodness and caring
You help us solve our malnutrition and downcast feeling
We are taught the Word of God by C.A.R.E.
To make us more disciplined and God's faithful followers

Special thanks to Dr. Biron and her staff
And the donors both here and abroad
May the Lord God bless you
For helping the poor in Antipolo.

For your goodness, we cannot compensate you!
But we promise to take care of our health and to demonstrate good behavior in
school and show our strong faith in God
As C.A.R.E. has taught us so
Surely, we can influence our schoolmates on how to live a Christian life
Now and tomorrow.

Long Live C.A.R.E. Philippines!



Principal Erwena Corvera with Kenneth
& Ma'am Rose



Kenneth, reciting the poem