

MINISTRY NEWS

Mission in Motion



On August 5th, I set off for the Philippines on Eva Airways, leaving Seattle and arriving in Manila on August 7th. At first, everything went smoothly, but on my connecting flight from Taipei to Manila, something frightening happened. Just twenty minutes after takeoff, the plane suddenly dropped, and the oxygen masks fell from their compartments. The captain came over the intercom, speaking calmly, and told us there was a technical issue. He instructed us to stay seated and put on our masks.



No one screamed or panicked, but you could feel the tension in the air. I immediately began to pray and opened my Bible app to read Psalm 91 aloud—softly, but loud enough for those near me to hear. My seatmate was anxious and complaining, so I assured him that everything would be okay and encouraged him to pray with me.



From my window seat near the left wing, I saw smoke as the wing released gas. Looking down, it seemed like we were just above the water, gliding steadily. Before long, the captain announced that we would be turning back to the airport. Praise God, we landed safely, and after disembarking, we waited about five hours before boarding a replacement flight. It was quite an experience, but my heart is full of gratitude. God is truly good, and He is our ultimate safety. Prayer partners, I know your prayers were covering me in



that moment. I could feel God's presence, and in my spirit I believe His angels were holding that airplane up with their hands. We landed Manila safely and everybody is thankful even though I missed my connecting flight from Manila to Davao City.

Dear Partners in the Ministry,

Thank you so much for your generosity and faithfulness to the Lord's work through Touching Hearts. Because of your support, many families received help and also felt the love of Jesus in a real way.

We are grateful to serve the Lord together as His stewards, sharing His blessings with those in need. May God richly bless you for your kindness and partnership.

This year, **Touching Hearts** has faced some financial challenges. Because of limited resources, we have not been able to schedule many of the outreach projects that are so dear to us. Even our administrative needs have felt the strain. Yet through it all, the Lord has remained faithful. By His grace, we are still able to help meet the simple but important needs of some individuals and families.

In April, I had the privilege of joining a mission project in Turkey with **International Commission**. There, I visited with one of Touching Hearts' partners who was also participating. During our time together, he shared his desire to support our ministry and generously offered to provide funds so that we could hold an outreach project in the Philippines this year. God, in His goodness, didn't just allow us to complete one project—but three!

One of the most meaningful was at **Berean Baptist Church**. This was very special to me because I was able to invite 17 of my relatives who are married to Muslims, along with their neighbors. To my joy, they were willing to step into a Christian church, hear the Gospel, and receive God's blessing. On that day, 60 underprivileged children were given backpacks filled with school supplies, flipflops and water bottle. 43 families received five kilos of rice each, and everyone enjoyed a hearty meal after the Worship Service. In total, around 150 people heard the Gospel and many responded. Praise the Lord!

A similar program was held at **Katipunan Baptist Church**, located in the heart of the rice and corn fields. This church is close to my heart, as it is a daughter church of First Southern Baptist Church of Mlang—my childhood church. What made this outreach extra special was seeing my nephews, nieces, and their children take the lead in organizing and serving. It filled me with joy to watch the younger generation step up to give and learn the beauty of caring for others.

Later that same day, August 16th, my sister Jane opened her home, turning her porch into a gathering place for children in her neighborhood. More than 20 children came, along with their parents, to hear the Gospel and receive gifts. Though smaller in size, this gathering was just as impactful, filled with love and the presence of the Lord.

Because of your kind support, we have been able to show the love of Jesus to hundreds of people. With your help, we were able to send money to those who needed medicine, food, and even help with funeral and hospital bills.

Please continue to pray for Berean Baptist Church, Katipunan Baptist Church, and Jane's neighborhood ministry. Ask God to keep their hearts passionate and faithful as they follow up and continue teaching and discipling those who heard the Gospel.

"We're in this together! Your partnership is making an eternal impact in the lives of people who need Jesus." Thank you very much and we appreciate you!

