

JULY/AUGUST 2022

## “Gift of Rice” Six Months Later

Many of you gave toward our 2021 year end “Gift of Rice” project. Together we raised \$2000 to go toward buying food in order to provide relief for families who have struggled due to loss of jobs or, in some cases, the loss of a spouse/parent during the pandemic. What has happened in the past six months?

### Sorted and Distributed 1,000-plus Kilograms Rice



The funds were transferred to the church in February. Dennis and I had hoped to get high school students involved in packing the rice, but there were still no after-school activities allowed due to local restrictions. Well, a few weeks later, Faith Academy was allowed activities!



One AMAZING opportunity was a Spring Break ministry trip. Initially 20 slots were open, but so many students signed up that eventually 40 high school students joined that week! Wow!

The team packed several hundred food packs. Scooping out rice from massive 50kg bags takes a while! The packs included other ingredients for ulam (side dishes) like vegetables and canned meat and vitamins. We’re so proud of our high schoolers whose positive attitudes made assembly lines a breeze. Our Faith Academy students then partnered with a local church, Living Words By Faith, to visit the Valley Golf and Doci neighborhoods. They distributed the food packs and spent time getting to know the families.

### Relocating Families

In a recent heartbreaking decision, the Valley Golf and Doci communities were forcibly evicted by the government. Even in the struggle, God has been taking care of these families. Because we exceeded the “Gift of Rice” project goal of \$1500, the church has used the surplus money to help families buy supplies during their relocations. Church members have still been meeting for weekly Bible studies and Sunday services. They have even reframed the painful relocation as an *opportunity* to share Jesus with their neighbors in a new area. Please pray for everyone to have a place to live.

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.” *Matthew 10:29-31 ESV*

Your prayers and financial gifts toward this project have given us the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of people. God is so good. **Thank you for joining us in loving our Filipino neighbors and the students at Faith Academy, who — to God — are of more value than many sparrows.**

Warmly,

*Dennis, Evangeline,  
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