

# NEW GROUND INITIATIVE - Update

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*Extending God's love to the streets — one renewed heart at a time [V. 26 - 01]*

## Ministering to the Fire Victims in Barangay Inayawan



We reached out to fire victims in the slum areas of Barangay Inayawan, providing immediate relief and a listening ear to families who had lost so much.

They have been provided local shelter in the basketball court of the barangay, and we held an event there for a presentation, and then a sharing of the gospel. Food also has been distributed.

After collective preaching of the gospel, we make friends with the fire victims and communicated the gospel message individually.



## Outreach to Nearby Settlement

We started a community outreach in a nearby new settlement, where many homeless families had found shelter. Our approach starts with ministering on the children, offering them care, guidance, and moments of joy in the midst of difficult circumstances.





We also train believers to boldly share the gospel.



### Ministering to Individuals



He used to attend Sunday School as a child. But in his youth he got involved in the drug business and has been there since. He is in and out of prison, but he finds no other livelihood available to him. His health is failing hard. As I visited him in the public hospital, he complained that his eyesight is failing. I encouraged him that sometimes, we have to be blind in order to truly see.



He used to be a soldier, but an altercation with his superior led to his discharge. He went to one of the mountain barangays of Cebu to live peacefully but he complains that life hasn't been good to him. In his many efforts, he finds it still difficult to meet basic needs as his children and grandchildren multiply around him, they all share the same predicament. I prayed for him that the cycle of poverty will be broken and divine blessings will flow once the spiritual bondage will be released.

I'm visiting other pastors and have invited many christians to events that properly encourage them to be part of an initiative that helps people find avenues of change in their lives, materially and more importantly, spiritually.

In connection with this, we are gathering data in the communities to provide foundations for our skills training program to the communities. These data gathering activities provided a lot of opportunities to share the gospel to the people.



I went to the settlement of the Badjao People not far from our Center. They have been considered as one of the most vulnerable people groups in the Philippines. We are praying for the Lord to give us the ways and means to help reach out to them.

We are always thankful for your prayers and support.

In His Service,

Gene and Rowena Cagas

