# New Ground Initiative Update

*Extending God's love to the streets — one renewed heart at a time [V. 26 - 09]*

## Reaching Children in Inayawan

Our outreach to the Inayawan settlement continues with the help of our volunteers. Although some of our adult contacts wavered, but we remain committed to reaching the children. After spending time with them and sharing God's Word, we provide supplemental educational supplies to support their learning. We trust that these small but meaningful efforts will help build relationships and open doors for continued ministry.

## Bringing Hope to Detainees

Together with Bro. Steven, we regularly visit city detainees to share the Gospel and the hope of a life transformed by God. We also occasionally provide food. Detainees depend on their families to bring them meals, so those without regular family support can face particular difficulties. As our relationships with local police stations continue to develop, we are also exploring coordination with parole officers, with the hope of becoming recognized counsellors for individuals transitioning back into the community.

## Exploring Ministry Among the Sama People

We have visited communities of the Sama people, locally known as Badjao, several times and begun building relationships with residents. Although they have their own language, many understand and speak Visayan, allowing us to communicate with them. We are also consulting with Ms. Racho, a missionary experienced in working with Badjao communities, to explore practical and culturally appropriate ways to serve them.

Ministry among the Sama presents unique challenges. Many families move between islands according to the season, making long-term programs difficult to sustain. While fishing remains a common livelihood, some have turned to begging as a means of earning a daily income. These realities call for patient relationship-building and creative approaches that respect their culture while opening opportunities for the Gospel.

## Exploring New Approaches to Evangelism

We have also begun informal consultations with local church leaders about new and creative ways to share the Gospel. Rapid technological and cultural changes are reshaping how people think, communicate, and respond to traditional approaches to evangelism. We believe the Church must respond thoughtfully, creatively, and faithfully to these changes, always depending on the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance.

## Building for the Mission Ahead

***Ministering to the homeless***

New Ground Initiative is developing a ministry specifically designed to **train and equip people for cross-cultural mission work**. Our vision goes beyond individual outreach activities. We want to prepare people to understand different communities, build meaningful relationships, communicate the Gospel effectively, and serve where the need is greatest.

Your partnership helps make this work possible. As we continue learning, building relationships, and developing new approaches, we invite you to pray with us for open doors, faithful workers, and lasting Gospel impact in the communities we serve.

In His Service,

Gene and Rowena Cagas