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This week I would like to just give you a review of all that is going on here in Agdao, Davao City with Hope for the Nations. As you may or may not know, **Hope for the Nations** is the name of the NGO (non-government organization) that all of the ministries here run under. There are lots of things happening every day, but here are the main projects:

Tabitha: Food for Life

About 80 children from the community receive a hot healthy meal 5 days a week that they would otherwise not be receiving. They are taught to and encouraged to practice proper hygiene. They have activities every day ranging from reading books to playing games, all aimed to not only allow kids to be kids but to stimulate their minds and senses. The children are served and loved and mentored by staff and volunteers who have a passion to see them grow up in a safe environment and to one day become godly leaders in this community.

Tabitha: Food for Life is the heartbeat of all that we do here in Davao. We believe that by God's grace and through the unconditional love we show to these children that God will transform this community!

Child Sponsorship

We are currently sponsoring 12 children here in Agdao. Sponsorship covers educational expenses like school supplies, tuition and exam fees, and school uniforms. The child and their family are given guidance and mentorship by an on site social worker and the parents are given sessions on nutrition and hygiene. Sponsorship also helps cover the cost of providing the children with a hot meal 5 days a week. Finally, sponsorship helps to provide for the medical needs of the child as they arise.

We have a passion to not only sponsor more children, but young men and women of God who have a desire to go to college and earn their degree and give back to their community. Please pray with us as we expand our borders!

Tutorial Program

As our staff and volunteers worked with the children involved in Tabitha: Food for Life and their families, they saw the need to provide one on one tutoring to children in the program. As word of the our tutorials grew, families from outside of Tabitha: Food for Life have come to us asking if their children could receive tutoring. Currently, about 35 children receive one on one tutoring 1-2 hours a week from a team made up of almost exclusively volunteers. They have a passion to sow seeds of love into the children's live and to see them grow into tomorrow's leaders.

House of Jubilee Church

Most people refer to the building that all of the Hope for the Nations ministries run in House of Jubilee, but it is also the name of the church that is here. It is a tightly knit grass-roots community church that is home to many of the children and families involved in our feeding program. I don't have space here, but sometime soon I will give you an update on all that is going on with the church. There are a lot of exciting things happening! What I will say is that we are happy to welcome Pastor Peter and Ellen Soriano as our new pastors. To the left is a picture of him teaching one of our young guys how to rebuild an electric motor. His heart for hard work and godliness is inspiring.

I hope this gives you an overview of what goes on here every week. Please email me with comments or questions or if you would like to partner with us!