



December 11th, 2008: New years resolutions... we all make them. Some we keep and some seem to fade away by the middle of March. I was at the gym this morning working out before sitting down in front of my computer and I thought to myself, what if a resolution was inspired by God and empowered by God! Not only would it definitely be a healthy resolution but one that we would have the strength to do.

I think that is our desire for HFTN for 2009. That God would give us His resolutions for our ministry and that He would empower us to carry His will into the community for 2009. So as a close to 2008 for all the ministries here in Agdao - *the House of Jubilee Church , the feeding program Tabitha: Food for Life, the child sponsorship program and the tutorial program that is running every week* - I'd like to ask you to pray that God would give us His vision for the future. Please pray continually for God's anointing to be upon all the staff and for people to come to know Christ. Pray as Inneke Elschuk always says, "that we would be able to carry out God's prophetic justice." **Pray for a revival in Agdao.**

HFTN Values: Recently, I have been meeting with a couple of the university students who are being sponsored right now and we have been going over the HFTN set of values. They really struck me in a fresh way and I would like to share them with you here as I believe they are important to help understand the heart of the ministry. I cannot take credit for them, they were written by Patrick and Inneke in the early days of the ministry here. All the credit goes to them, thanks guys!



- **Christ Centeredness:** Christ's love should be the central driving force in our efforts. We will be accountable, open, honest and walk in integrity in all our dealings.
- **Motivated by Compassion:** To reflect God's broken heart.
- **Commitment to Excellence:** To display efforts and motives of the highest standards.
- **Commitment to Community:** We should serve one another in love.
- **Do Justly, Love Mercy & Walk Humbly with God and Man:** We are called to "prophetic justice" and "philanthropic justice".
- As a team we value unity and oneness and will endeavor by the grace of God to:
 - Communicate in a Christlike manner
 - Practice unconditional love
 - Have integrity
 - Be vulnerable
 - Work Effectively

A Note from the Director, Patrick Elschuk: As a close to this year I would like to leave some space for Patrick and Inneke to leave some of their thoughts regarding the ministry during 2008 and the future of HFTN.

Our time in Davao earlier in the year was such a rich time of connecting, restoring, letting go of and seeing God at work. We are especially grateful for everyone who has embraced the vision of Hope for the Nations Philippines including all the leadership, staff, volunteers, supporters and pray-ers. It is indeed true, that "He who began a good work will be faithful to complete it". We are confident that God is in control and that he is using the current staff and leadership to invest in tomorrow's leaders today in new and profound ways. Seeing the power of hope changing a young life in Agdao is one of the sweetest things in life. Words cannot express our gratitude for those who pray and support Hope for the Nations Philippines; thank you.

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus". Philippians 1:4 TNIV