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## On Building Loving Communities...

Dear friend,

“I have to fall in line at 1 o’clock in the morning for rice rationing” and I will be served at 7 o’clock” confided to us by a woman attending our house church . We are all affected by the increasing prices of rice, gasoline, electricity and basic commodities but it is the poor who are badly hit by these crises. In times like these...how do we cope with crises? How do we help the poor spiritually during these hard times? Is prayer enough? I have witnessed on several occasions that people attending our house churches will miss some activities we are doing because they have to fall in line for rice rationing and and to attend to other domestic concerns at home. My family is thankful to a friend who gives us their company rice allocations every 45 days. Not only are we spared from lining up for rice but in many instances, we were also able to share this rice to those in need..

In times like these... sharing is important. We need to share our material resources with one another. This is love in action. Sharing is not only for the rich to do but also for the poor to practice. We all received something from God no matter how big or small it is. Sharing bonds us and draws us closer to one another. A mother of a sick boy called us, “Please help us”. Members of our house churches rallied together and contributed some amount for this needy family. We visited the sick boy and prayed for healing. This act of sharing is just enough for this family to feel loved and for relationships with one another to grow.

## Prayer Concerns:

Please pray...

- That the poor community we are helping will grow in faith and live a life of thankfulness during these hard times.
- That God will prosper the livelihood initiatives we are doing in the community.
- That more volunteer teachers will help us in our “ Munting Paaralan sa Ilang-Ilang”.
- For wisdom and guidance as we disciple potential leaders in the community.
- For Diane and I to be passionate and committed to this task of helping the poor.
- For our children Kay, Jan and David to grow in their love for the poor.

Thank you for your partnership with us in this ministry of helping the poor of God.

To God be the glory !

Always Grateful,

**Willy and Diane Manubay**

## Praise Items:

We praise God for some available husbands who are willing to be trained for leadership.



Following the footsteps of Rizal". We brought 25 children of Munting Paaralan sa Ilang ilang to a field trip at Fort Santiago last April 26. Also last May, we were able to give school supplies to 85 children for this school year. Thanks to friends who sponsored this program..



Thank you to the student nurses of World Citi Colleges who sponsored a hand washing and oral health care program for the parents and children of Munting Paaralan. They fed the children, too.



We thank God for the participation of some women in the tree planting program we've done in one community in Bagong nayon, Antipolo City.

