



# LANTAW-UGMA OUTREACH

*'LANTAW-UGMA' means "Looking into a bright Future"*

*Children coming to the knowledge of their Hope and Future in Jesus Christ!*

**“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise?” – Psalm 51:15**

**Our prayers have been answered!** In early April Alan returned safely from his 6-month mission trip to Leyte, Philippines! The Lord God has been gracious and shown His mighty power as Alan persevered to address Lantaw-Ugma Outreach ministry needs during one of the most difficult times as children and other adult volunteers were still mourning the sudden death of Gina’s brother Elmer, the ministry’s mentor/on-site pastoral leader.

**“Here I am; you called me.” – 1 Samuel 3:8**

Year 2015 also saw the passing of Gina’s father and Alan’s mother. But we rejoice in serving a God who answers prayers and comforts His people in their sorrow. Amidst these changes, there are more changes to come, exciting changes. God has a plan, and He is showing us how to trust in Him. The vision which he gave us in 2012 is becoming stronger still, and we would like to share some exciting news with you. Having been in prayer for some time about this, Gina heard the clear call of God (Indeed, every call from God is clear.) to leave her secular job and go into full time ministry. “Yes”, she answered out loud; Alan heard her say it. The joy and peace of the Lord then came over Gina like she has never experienced before. For that, she is rejoicing! Praise the Great I Am!!

We’re excited, and we know you’ll join in our excitement as we participate in His Work full time. God is calling and we’re responding, and all because of His Sweet Grace! As we seek for your continued prayer, we have no doubt that God’s Glory will shine ever so brightly as we hold one another in prayer and watch what would our Father God do next. Given the privilege to simply witness how He would mightily use each one of us through our obedience, and seeing the hearts of these little children being impacted by His Truth is to me a thing worth to be celebrated with praise!

## Ministry Updates – Stories Yearning for Prayer and Praise:

### **Operation Christmas Gift Giving was a heartwarming one!**

Many thanks to those of you who sponsored Christmas gift packages; LUO was able to include food items for the child’s family to enjoy during Christmas Eve, T/shirt with LUO logo, pair of slippers, hygiene items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, bath soap, and chocolates! There were worship time, fellowship in the Lord, games with prizes, and kids went home happy. Because of the generosity of many, this project blessed many.



*Left: Older LUO kids once again were able to pack and distribute Christmas goods to elderly/sick folks in the neighborhood as part of their community service. This annual tradition has touched many hearts in the community.*

**Vacation Bible School!** The LUO has just started its annual VBS for 3 Wednesdays beginning May 11 thru May 25! Not only the kids are having so much fun through games, art and music, they are given a chance to immerse in God’s Word through Bible Verse Memory activity, study and reasoning together to learn more of God’s Teachings. Please keep the volunteers and these children in your prayers!



**Fired Up Heart for Him!** LUO kids continued to be growing in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus. Not only this is being manifested in their eager interest to learn play the musical instruments so they could be a part of the worship team, they also have shown longing to attend a church fellowship on Sunday service to hear God’s Word being preached, and to worship God in Spirit.



### **Need: New School-Year Uniform & Supplies and Bibles!**

LUO is preparing to meet the increasing needs of LUO students’ school uniform and supplies come June 2016. We are also maintaining a supply of Bibles to be distributed to all kids who might need one! For a one-time donation of just \$25, a child can have a new school uniform (shoes, collared shirt and skirt or short pants) and funds for school fees. If this is something you’re interested to participate and God leads you to sponsor a child’s school uniform/supplies, you may visit LUO’s FB page to donate online. Praise God for your faithfulness!



## **Praise - Transformed Hearts Flourishing in Academic Achievements!**

We’re often astonished on how God’s Truth continues to make an impact on children of different ages. Not only are they enjoying the hope found in Christ, but they’re also pursuing excellence in their academic activities at school! Pictures below are few of the LUO children who received academic honors and character traits awards of which we’ve given recognition at LUO site. Let’s celebrate and praise God!



**“Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.” ~ Psalms 117:1**

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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ~ Jeremiah 29: 11

## Upcoming Projects Needing Prayers...

**Water Ram Pump Collection System** – More than a year ago we set out to bring potable water from a nearby spring to a stainless steel water tank located on a tower overlooking the LUO facility. Our initial attempt was to employ an electric pump powered by a solar system. Unfortunately, the "experts" did not understand the requirements for accomplishing this task. Consequently, our attempt failed since both the solar system did not meet the power requirements of the pump and the pump would not have been able to overcome the distance and elevation gain from the water source to the tank. We then consulted with an engineer for a non-profit organization (SIBAT) specializing in power systems for poor rural communities. The engineer visited our site, took measurements, and confirmed that the solar powered pump was not a viable solution, even if we expanded the power output. He recommended a hydraulic ram pump as a solution, a device which would not require an external power source but uses the water flow of the source to power it. He referred us to another non-profit foundation that actually builds and installs these pumps throughout the Philippines: Advanced Indigenous Development Foundation, Inc (AIDFI).



Alan visited AIDFI in Bacolod in early February, meeting with their director and seeing a demo of their pumps and he was impressed. AIDFI agreed to send their surveyor the following week from a project in Leyte. The surveyor arrived as promised at the LUO site and took measurements and developed an implementation plan that would do the job. Upon hearing about the status of this project, Cornerstone Church has provided a grant to support this project come to completion. If you feel led by God to be a part of this project, please continue to pray for this project and how God might want you to be involved. If you wish to contribute towards this project's additional cost and future maintenance, may God bless you! Please visit their website at [aidfi.org](http://aidfi.org) for more information.

**Music Equipment to Enliven Worship at LUO** – With God's people's generous support, Alan was able to purchase two ukuleles and a guitar, much to the excitement of the children! Since the purchase, we are being treated to see the children so happily practicing and playing these instruments, taking turns so each would have a chance to learn how to play. The plan is to add another guitar and a cajon (box drum) this November 2016. If you wish to partner with LUO to help purchase an instrument for the worship band, please contact us for more details or go to our Face book page to donate online.



If you're **inspired** by our Lord God to partner with us in His Work, and would like to make a difference in the lives of these children, your Pledge or One-time Gift to LUO for this year 2016 would greatly be appreciated. Please make donation payable to "Lantaw-Ugma Outreach". To make an online donation via PayPal, please visit the FB page of Lantaw-Ugma Outreach and find the "Support LUO" button. **God bless you!**

**Expanding LUO Scholarship!** – For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, we will be able to increase the number of our academic scholars from 12 to 14 and possibly 16 most-needy children! **Praise thy great faithfulness! If this is something God is leading, there is an opportunity for YOU to change a child's life.** \$25/mo. will help provide school lunch, uniform, school supplies, Bible and personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, bath soap, etc.). **Most importantly it will help us carry on with our core mission of seeing children coming to the knowledge of their hope and future in Christ Jesus!**



*"But he saves the needy... So the poor have hope ..."*  
~ Job 5: 15a-16a

## Other Needs...

- ~> Additional small shelter for class meeting
- ~> Driveway maintenance
- ~> Small cabin to accommodate short-term mission visitors
- ~> Replacement of ministry vehicle

*Surely you have granted him unending blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence. – Psalm 21:6*

*"Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive."* – Titus 3:14 NLT



## The Truth Has To Be Told... The Good News Has To Be Shared!

You and I have a LOVE story to tell... a love story so sweet that must not be kept to our selves. 😊 Soon this year, Alan and Gina are privileged to be leaving for the Philippines to do what God has called them for- that is to tell His Love story. Will you be keeping them in your prayers? We'd appreciate your love and support as always! Glory be to our Father God for His Faithfulness!

*"May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him." – Psalm 67: 7*

