



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

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

Greetings in the Lord, family!

Can't believe that we're in the third month of year 2015! I hope that your 2015 has started well and that this email finds you blessed as always. It's over 3 months since I last reported about God's wonderful work at Lantaw-Ugma Outreach (LUO). There have been many things in our hearts lately, and for the most part, it's a resounding joy and gratitude for God's loveliness, not only in you as you've made the intentional decision to participate in His Work, but also in the lives of the LUO children. I want you all to be kept in the loop as to what God is marvelously doing lately in LUO, and to inform you of the current needs, so be blessed with these latest LUO news!

Ministry Updates –

Stories Yearning for Prayer and Praise: Joy to the World! The LUO Christmas Gift Giving Get-together was a success! Not only did the kids have so much fun, but parents joined in the celebration, too. Many thanks to those of you who sponsored 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, chocolates and art supplies. The gathering was an opportunity to share the gospel to folks from the community who were invited as well. There were games with prizes, and kids went home happy. Because of the generosity of many, this project blessed many.



Left: Older LUO kids busy helping packed the Christmas goods and also those gift bags that they would distribute to elderly/sick folks in the neighborhood as part of their community service. Pray that the activity taught them the value of caring for others.

Fired Up Heart for Him! Nine (9) LUO regular attendees had their very first experience attending a worship jam called "Love Can Wait" worship in another evangelical church in the nearby town. The kids' parents approved of their attendance despite much resistance of other parents in the community. After the event, the children expressed gladness and their wish for something like this to happen regularly at LUO. We're praying that some members of that worship team might be encouraged to visit the LUO site, even just twice a month, to lead a worship time with these children.



The Harvest is plentiful! - LUO is at the most challenging situation lately... No question that children are drawn to the message, to the Truth of the gospel, but there is also a spiritual battle on. A few children have requested meeting on Sundays, but LUO is being cautious, since some parents are still accusing LUO of starting a new religion. While we have a shortage of Bible teachers, we would like to begin conducting Sunday meetings to help meet the spiritual needs of those children who have surrendered their lives to Christ and those who are still seeking.

Upcoming Projects Needing Prayer (Some projects have matching gift opportunity; be praying about them): **Upgraded Solar Power and Water Collection System** – The water collection system project has been delayed due to technical problems. LUO has recently purchased additional solar panels and battery with the hope that this will remedy the situation. Another generous donor has partnered with LUO to ensure completion of this project. Praise the Lord!



Storage Unit for LUO – this has been postponed due to the unlimited funds, but it's critical we will build this before April, in time for the Vacation Bible School event tentatively scheduled for April/May 2015. This unit, which will be built within the major shelter, will primarily be used to securely store and protect from rain the library books, the musical instruments, the classroom chairs and other supplies. Target budget is \$275. **If you give \$50 or more, your new contribution will qualify for an additional \$25 in matching funds, which means that \$50 becomes \$75.**



Praise - Transformed Heart Longing for His Worship!

A 13 year-old LUO regular girl attendee who happened to visit the ministry coordinator's evangelical Church early January of this year was seen crying deeply after service. When asked why, she replied, "I'm just very happy, I've never been to a church like this where God is worshipped in Spirit, and I'm feeling so wonderful. I want to be attending this kind of church where my Lord God is praised and exalted this way!" God is moving in this young girl's heart, and how wonderful it is to see her being drawn and have this personal encounter with our God – **Halleluiah! Glorious news indeed!**

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

LANTAW-UGMA OUTREACH

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

Music Equipment to Enliven Worship at LUO – The only music instrument LUO currently has is a single, old guitar. We wanted to purchase two ukeleles last year, but due to LUO's limited funds, we had to put this purchase on hold. With the children being fired up for worship, we believe it's about time we invest in this project. We are now planning to purchase an additional guitar, a small keyboard/piano, two ukeleles and maybe a conga (bongo) drum. Members of a local evangelical church's worship team are willing to visit the LUO site to lead worship and mentor our kids who will make up our future worship team. Our target budget for the instruments is **\$500**. *If you give \$50 or more, your new contribution will qualify for an additional \$25 in matching funds, which means that \$50 becomes \$75.*



LUO 2nd Building – A second, smaller shelter is needed in order to address the need to expand our classroom space and provide a separate space for the younger children (ages 7 and below) to meet. Like most projects above, this was put on hold due to limited funds. Target budget is **\$900**. *If you give \$100 or more, your new contribution will qualify for an additional \$25 in matching funds, which means that \$100 becomes \$125.*



Other News – How Filipino kids go to school. Check out this YouTube video about kids in remote country areas in the Philippines, similar to what the LUO kids are exposed to each school day. Search this YouTube video or click this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9k8UvIFd0>

Expanding LUO Scholarship! – What a Praise! Starting with the next academic year, which begins in June of 2015, we plan to provide funding for the educational needs of two additional deserving and most-needy children. This will increase the number of LUO scholars receiving assistance from 10 to 12. There is an opportunity for YOU to provide educational support to a poor child for \$15/mo. *An annual Pledge of \$150 per child or a monthly Pledge of \$15 per child will go a long way!* If lead by God, **YOUR giving will help more children be hopeful for a bright future to the glory of God!**



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



Top Left: A young teenage boy (one of LUO scholars) who couldn't read a single word in 2012 then enrolled in First Grade in June 2014, now is able and who enjoys reading God's Word! *Top Right:* Children enjoying walk on way home from fun-filled Bible study/activity at LUO site!

Upcoming Events Needing Prayer: School Year-End Celebration: 2014-2015 School Year in the Philippines will close this end of March. LUO plans to hold a celebration to recognize the accomplishment and hard work of the ten (10) LUO sponsored scholars, especially those 3 kids (1 preteen and 2 teens) who just entered 1st Grade last June and other honored LUO students. Please pray that the fire of hope will live on as kids place their trust in Christ Jesus. May God's Grace will strengthen their young faith and they will walk with our Lord God with undivided heart acknowledging always His ways. **Vacation Bible School:** School year closes at the end of March and LUO plans to hold a Vacation Bible School (VBS) during April and May (2 meetings each week). Pray for parents' hearts that they might be open to allowing their children to attend and hear the gospel. Pray for the children that they might be intimately drawn to the person of Jesus Christ even during the fun part of VBS. Pray for the workers that their hearts are encouraged, strengthened and empowered by the Holy Spirit so they might be able to speak and teach the Truth with fire in the name of Jesus. **Small Life Group for LUO parents and members of community:** This is a praise as three (3) parents requested for this bible study for their group. We plan to start holding the study in the mid of March, with LUO providing snacks for each weekly meeting. Please pray that hearts of these adults might be open to God's Word, and they will hear the Truth. Pray too that other adult members in the neighborhood might be encouraged to join and will hear the gospel.

For more photos of LUO kids, and to make online donation via PayPal, please visit the Facebook page of Lantaw-Ugma Outreach. **To God be all the utmost Glory!**



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

A Clamor for Truth! During one of his regular visits to the community, the ministry coordinator (Elmer) was asked by some of the parents, "Why are you only teaching these kids, what about us, the adults; why won't you teach us also?" This is such a praise as we've been praying and waiting for these folks to show some interest. We plan to take them up on their offer and start a Bible study in one of their homes. We're waiting for some of the adults to open their homes to something like this, so that we can share the gospel with them. Please pray with us on this matter.

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 2015 would greatly be appreciated. Please make donation payable to "Lantaw-Ugma Outreach". **God bless you!**