



Hope Carrier



THE NEWSLETTER OF CREATE THE CHANGE AUSTRALASIA



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MOU SIGNING FOR THE HOPE OVEN PROJECT

We are thrilled to announce the official signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Create The Change Australasia, Set Free Ministries, and the Quezon City Jail. This partnership solidifies our commitment to the Hope Oven Project the bakery livelihood project of Create the Change Australasia.

Last 20 December 2025, we received a donation of commercial bakery equipment costing Php 200,000 (\$4,895) which we in turn donated to Quezon City Jail, forming a collaboration to help expand their current bakery livelihood and provide training and income for the inmates.

We are excited to witness the inmates harness their skills and earn for themselves and their families.



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A VISIT TO THE HEART OF THE BAKERY

On February 11, 2026, we visited the bakery facility at the Quezon City Jail alongside Pastor Merriam Bagasan, our Jorge's Hope Jail Program Manager. This facility houses our donated bakery equipment through our Hope Oven Project.

It was a moving experience to see the baking in action and meet the amazing inmates who are working on it. Seeing their enthusiasm and the tangible result of their hard work reminds us that hope is indeed rising, one loaf at a time.

SHINING BRIGHT AT NIGHT TO SHINE

Our very own Khey Gambe who is also our international coordinator for Persons with Disability Projects and Claire Verzosa, an amazing member our team had the privilege of volunteering at Night to Shine on February 13 at Angeles Elementary School. This global event created a magical, unforgettable prom night for approximately 100 people with disability and their families. Filled with music, dancing, and joy the highlight of which each of the guest with disability are crowned kings and queens of the night! They are all reminded that they are seen, valued, and celebrated.



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FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH THANKSGIVING



On February 17, we joined our partner God is Able International Foundation in their thanksgiving gathering at Forbes Park in Makati. They are our partner in some of our Persons with Disability Projects most notably in our wheelchair giving activities and inclusive community – building advocacies.

It was a powerful fellowship where Khey shared her moving testimony, detailing her life as a deaf person and the miraculous way God provided the funds for her cochlear implant. The event served as a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with our partner churches and friends, celebrating the PWD communities.

SERVE SUNDAY!

Serve Sunday is the initiative of Favor Church Manila to bring the church into the community, serving people and being HOPE CARRIERS to everyone. It started in 2025, where they first partnered with Create the Change Australasia in conducting a Kids Outreach and Feeding as well as Persons with Disability fellowship in our outreach area in Bagong Barrio West Caloocan City.

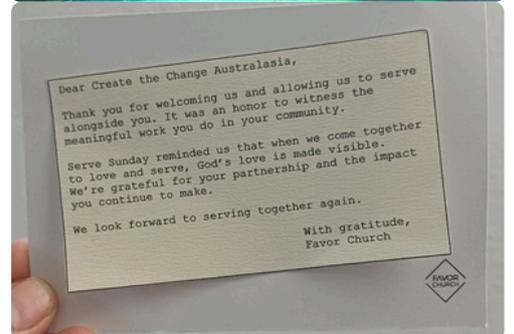
Now on our second year of partnership for Serve Sunday, we showed LOVE IN ACTION last 22 February 2026 in two of our outreach communities: Mobile Medical Clinics in Brgy. 151 Bagong Barrio West, Caloocan City in the morning and Kids Outreach and Feeding in Rodriguez, Rizal in the afternoon.

MOBILE MEDICAL CLINICS

The streets of Brgy. 151 was filled with more than just the usual Sunday bustle—they were filled with a spirit of service and care.

Together with 18-member medical team consisted of 5 doctors, nurses, pharmacist and runners, 9 marshals and line coordinators, 19 engagers who talked and assisted with patients while waiting in line and 7 counsellors who counseled, prayed and shared hope to the patients - we provided FREE Medical Consultations, essential prescriptions, and counselling support. This mission would not have been possible without the incredible synergy of our partners. We extend our deepest gratitude to Favor Church Manila who initiated this, God is Able International Foundation who helped with the meds, CCFI and the Brgy. 151 council who helped coordinate venue and logistics.

Seeing the "Bayanihan" spirit in action reminds us that while the challenges in healthcare are great, our collective will to help is greater. To serve our neighbors is to see the heart of the community. Thank you to every volunteer who gave their Sunday to make Caloocan healthier.



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Here are some wins as shared by the volunteers during their debriefing:

- There are many volunteers, 20 of whom are first timers.
- The triage became friendlier, 6 nursing students volunteered in the area all of whom are graduating and are to take their board exams. They were inspired while volunteering!
- Create the Change Australasia and CCFI prepared food for everyone.
- 100+ people served and prayed for including the barangay staff and officials.
- It's amazing being able to connect with people.
- We got to influence friends and family to serve with us today.

Overall it was a well-implemented outreach project! Kudos to everyone who helped make this happen!

CHILDREN'S OUTREACH AND FEEDING

While the morning of February 22nd was dedicated to healing bodies in Caloocan, the afternoon was all about nourishing souls and filling the air with little ones' laughters in Rodriguez, Rizal.

The Children's Outreach and Feeding program brought a wave of love and excitement to the local community. We invited 100 kids from Kasiglahan Village as well some Deaf kids from the local elementary school.

There are 50 volunteers who came from Favor Church Manila, 5 of which are Deaf. The goal is clear: to create a day of love where a core memory of happiness for the precious children. It wasn't just an event; it was a celebration of childhood, faith, and the simple joy of coming together.

The team spent the afternoon talking with the kids, singing songs, dancing to music, doing fun-filled games and Bible story-telling which is followed by a feeding activity. The food is originally consisted of pancit and Spanish bread plus water but Favor Church added biscuits, cakes and juice.



Photos by Jamie Aquino, Deaf photographer



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TESTIMONIES

"It was so heartwarming to see how overwhelmed the kids were with the snacks they received. Hearing them say, "Wow, ang dami!" (Wow, there's a lot!) was priceless.... What may seem small in our hands is already something so big for them. Thank God for His provision! It's a privilege to serve the next generation"

– **Mark**, Favor Church volunteer

Evidently, we did not only minister to the kids, but the kids also served us in ways we never imagined.

"I would like to share my experience today. I was excited to serve with children. It was my first time joining Serve Sunday, and it became one of my most meaningful experiences. It wasn't just about attending a worship service—we went beyond the metro to serve the community and live out our mission. Even under the hot weather, every moment was worth it. I met two special deaf girls—Emcel, a Deaf little girl with eyeglasses, and Mary Grace, who seemed to be experiencing social anxiety. At first, connection wasn't easy, but through patience, gentleness, and understanding, we found a way. Little by little, Mary Grace felt safe and comfortable with us. Emcel and I connected through visual gestures, and our smiles spoke louder than words. As Favor Community, we find time to serve with our hearts—in God's perfect time. We are deeply thankful to Create the Change, led by Khey and her team, for allowing us to take this opportunity and join this meaningful event. This day reminded me that true service is about inclusion, compassion, and love beyond words."

– **Jamie**, Deaf Favor Church volunteer



"I really enjoyed the whole experience, but there was one moment that almost made me cry. Earlier, one of the kids (I forgot her name) asked me, "Ate Aya, pwede kitang i-hug?(Ate Aya, can I hug you?)"

Of course, I said yes and hugged her. Then I got so surprised when she suddenly said, "kamukha mo po yung namatay kong pinsan" (you look like my cousin who died). After that, she kept asking me if heaven is real, and if her cousin is happy up there. I reassured her that her cousin is happy in heaven and is always watching over her. I also prayed over her, then hugged her again. God is really so intentional and amazing. Maybe He let me meet that little kid as a reminder. And maybe the words I shared with her were the same words I needed to hear too, especially since my best friend passed away just two months ago. I thought that when I served, I would be the one comforting the kids. Turns out, I was comforted by them too. Really, God comforts us in the softest, most unexpected ways. All glory to Him!"

– **Mariah**, Favor Church volunteer



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