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Forward to a Friend

Family Missionaries



Over the years many missionaries have taken advantage of the opportunities that Helping Hands offers for service to the poor as a family (see 2013 Annual Report). In this issue of Living the Mission Experience, we highlight a family that in the course of the last few

years has had 12 members attend the mission in the Philippines.

For a number of years, thanks to the efforts of previous volunteers, Helping Hands in the Philippines has served thousands of the poor in Tanauan. However, in 2012, due to lack of funding and logistical issues, the mission was in danger of being cancelled. Thanks to the generosity of Eddie Jimenez, DDS, the mission continued. Eddie is a veteran HHMM missionary and dynamic Mission Director. He poured many hours of his week into preparing and planning for the success of the mission. He did an amazing job. This past January the Philippines mission had a record numbers of participants and shows no signs of slowing down. The next time you are looking for a way to evangelize as a family, prayerfully consider participating in a Helping Hands Mission. As you will read in this issue, it is a great opportunity to bond as a family. In the past mothers, fathers, and children, brothers and sisters have all served together.

If you feel that God has been calling you and your family to a mission or know someone who is considering attending a mission, please contact us for more information.

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International Missions Coordinator

We love, we care, without boundaries. If you would like to experience the joy of collaborating on a Helping Hands Medical Mission or if you are interested in learning more about HHMM please contact Gloria at mission@hhmm.org or (972) 253-1800.

Meet the Missionaries



**Eddie Jimenez,
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Home State: Ohio

Parish: St. Joseph
Catholic Church

Mission: Sixteen

When I first joined
Helping Hands
Medical Missions

10 years ago, little did I realize two things. Firstly, that I would eventually serve as the Philippines site's medial director, and secondly, that several family members would end up following my lead in serving the less fortunate.

To date, my fiancé, brother, sister, brother-in-law, cousin, nephew and five nieces have all volunteered. What a truly unique bonding experience! We share endless stories at family gatherings which generally end up in laughter. However, we also deeply understand the more serious needs of the people, having witnessed them firsthand, and discussions about how to best improve or prepare for the next mission inevitably happen as we sit around.

Interestingly, family members learned new things about each other. We all have roles to play in the family structure, and in the mission, we saw each other outside of those roles. I am the youngest of my siblings and known to be very playful, so when I am seen leading a prayer or organizing the day, they see a different side of me. Likewise, I have been repeatedly surprised and impressed by the strength, resilience, compassion and patience my relatives have shown through a sometimes challenging day.

Participating in any event with my family is always fun, but sharing the medical mission experience is in an entirely different level. The bonds that develop there, draw us ever closer together for they are formed with prayer, sacrifice and in the service of God. What a blessing, indeed!

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