

I WAS ILL AND YOU CARED FOR ME

A Christian evangelist once said that “the most eloquent prayer is the prayer *“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ (Mt.25:34-36)*

This is part of the reading on February 14th, the day our medical mission started. It is indeed an inspiring message from Him at the start of our mission and it provided us with the strength and the joy to serve the less fortunate. There are countless memories that are worth sharing and this is just one of them.

A middle aged woman came to our mission hoping to be cured of her breast cancer only to be told by our volunteer doctor that we could no longer accommodate her due to over booking of surgical cases. The doctor jotted down her name and address and told her that someone would get in touch with her to follow up on her medical needs. Maybe she felt heart broken and hopeless on her way back home.

The Sunday after our mission ended, the mission stewards of BLD Malolos were able to track her down in a remote area of a town in Bulacan. As the mission stewards were introducing themselves and telling her of their mission, the woman was dumbfounded, astonished, and tears started to well down from her eyes and those of her neighbors who were with her at that time. These are tears of hope for a joyful ending of one’s painful struggles. All of them could not believe that we came true to what we told her. Since then, arrangements have been made for her to be brought to the PGH to take care of her urgent medical needs.

This is just one tale of those mission memories that are forever etched in our minds as they touched our lives. All of these can be summarized simply by the words of the parish priest of Pamarawan when he said that we have given them hope by making them realize that God has not abandoned them. By allowing ourselves to be willing instruments of God’s love, we have made others, especially the less fortunate, realize that God is alive and among us all.

Like this story, which is still an open case, the main mission of our community remains unfinished and we need to go on and be inspired by His word in Matthew 5:16 - ***“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”***

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