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HEART OF MISSION

Jesus Youth Australia has been blessed with many passionate missionaries. This energy and inspiration from the Holy Spirit conspired to initiate mission activities outside Australia a decade ago and thus formed Jesus Youth Australia Mission Team. The team focus on reaching out to countries and places within Oceania region, to share and also promote the the love of Christ and a sense of mission within our community. We currently do mission initiatives in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and are looking to commence mission initiatives in Solomon Islands too. We have also explored doing mission in Nauru Islands.

The beauty of our mission is that we work amongst the people in one of the remote locations. PNG is desperately looking for missionaries and every time we approach the Mendi diocese, they welcome us with wide open arms. Although the culture, lifestyle, riots, and technology pose lots of challenges to us to reach out to Mendi, Our dear Lord blesses and lead us through His mysterious ways. As JY Australia's Mission Coordinator, there were many occasions that I learned that it is not our efforts or skills that help us to do the mission, it is purely His grace. Recently God taught me that our role in this mission is to only have the 'attitude' of the boy who came forward with five loaves of bread; to offer to Him joyfully whatever we have got, even if it is in little quantities like time, skills etc. The rest is God's work.

As a Mission Coordinator, it brings a lot of mixed emotions. I must say there are times we are waiting in prayer for confirmation to act, there are days that we couldn't contact anyone in our mission place, actions take longer time to execute than what we plan. There were also occasions when all our work got swiped away in a matter of one riot or any social/political instability. To be honest many times, a sense of doubt ponders, "Are we doing the mission according to His plan?" But our Lord's affirmation and faithfulness is truly a blessing to experience especially during uncertain times. I am so grateful the dear Lord blessed me to witness many people experience His joy, peace and love. Every person who visited PNG has witnessed first hand the powerful mighty hand of the Lord working through them and have always received more than they give.

ACTS. 1:8



Friends, we are called to be His hands and feet and always remember It is not our ability that matters, it is our availability through which the Holy Spirit does his wondrous good works. We don't need to cross borders and go to far away places to share the love of Christ, we can be missionary in our own life situations. Every Jesus Youth is called to be a missionary.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13

Hebin Kallikkadan

JY National Mission Coordinator

MISSION BYTE - Immersing in the love of Christ

Going to the Philippines with Jesus Youth was truly an eye opening and heart opening experience. I felt the Lord's prompting as I had not been on an Immersion or Mission trip before. While Jesus Youth did a fantastic job of preparing us for the Immersion trip, it was impossible for us to fully prepare for the culture shock when we arrived. During the first half of the trip, we were blessed enough to live with the Mindoro community. We spent most of our time there 'immersing' with the families and children and felt a beautiful connection as well as an increasing desire to demonstrate God's love to them. What I really underestimated was how much of God's love WE experience from them. With the little food and space they had in their homes, they welcomed us with open arms and always sought to provide us with the best of the bunch.

This theme carried across during our second half of the trip in the streets of Manila. While the living conditions were something we could not prepare for and much different to our Australian standards, the small material gifts and products that we gave away could not be compared to the acts of kindness, love and joy we experienced from them. The St. Benedict's Parish in Quezon City, Manila, radiated with the love of Christ. The commitment to demonstrate the love of Christ from the Youth in the parish was infectious. They always put their faith in action and made us feel well and truly blessed to be surrounded by them. We created lots of great friendships with the people there and with the people that were on the trip. I will forever be impacted by the joy and trust in God that we saw radiating from hundreds of people who possess so little materially. It was a truly impactful experience for me, and I would love to return to the Philippines or get involved with another Immersion trip at some point in the future."

Arun Saji

Youth Minister, NSW



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:8
"You shall be my witnesses"

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

National Leaders Training - Called to Lead 2022

Called to Lead 2022 was a much needed retreat for the youth leaders of Australia. From the insightful sessions to the delightful jam sessions, every day was packed with activities that developed us as individual followers of Christ but also as a family in the movement. Having such a strong team that dedicated their time to ensuring an effective program schedule was formulated made a massively positive impact. The fact that the program planning was spearheaded by a young minister (Athulya James) who devoted her free time to enhancing everyone's experience is even more inspiring for those taking on the journey. Overall, it was a memorable couple of days filled with growth, fellowship, spiritual enlightening and laughter. The connections and interstate relationships that were formed through the retreat was also invaluable and extremely refreshing following a long COVID break. I think it is safe to say on behalf of everyone that attended that it was a true blessing to be a part of NLT and we look forward to seeing what God has planned for what lies ahead.

Ben Tom Joy

National Council Member



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