



Happy New Year!

Thank you for a wonderful 2024!

Now, we're ready and excited over this very special year – the JUBILEE YEAR of 2025!

The Jubilee Year in the Old Testament happened every 50 years when a ram's horn (*yobel* in Hebrew) is blown declaring a year of God's favor.

It is a year of celebration, liberation, and restoration, with a release from debts, freedom from slavery, and rest and restoration for the land.

## *Jubilee Year of Hope*



Today, this may not literally happen, as it may not have probably been faithfully observed even then. Yet, the spirit and the message of Jubilee live on as our Church declares a Jubilee Year every 25 years – a special time of forgiveness and mercy for sins, freedom from slavery of worldly concerns, and attachments, and a year of rest, peace and healing.

Pope Francis declared this Jubilee Year with the theme: *PILGRIMS of HOPE*.

We need hope now more than ever for us to regain our joy – our jubilation – especially amidst the global crises on war, climate change, and the still felt post-Pandemic effects-- as our beloved Holy Father points out in relation to the theme.

And as the Jubilee Year logo shows, we go through this journey together no matter our differences, through the turbulent waves of life. We cling on to Christ, as our strong anchor who bends to reach out to humanity.

We are excited over what God has in store for The FEAST, and for each one of us.

This will be our best year ever – our Jubilee Year of Hope – the hope that will make us thrive and keep us FULLY ALIVE in 2025.

We hold on to Jesus who assures us: *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*-- John 10:10

Get ready for a breakthrough year as we welcome you to The Feast, where *You are loved!*

*Mayroong Magandang Mangyayari Sa 'Yo!*

**Alvin Barcelona**



# MERCY MINISTRIES

*God blesses those who are merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.*

--Matthew 5:7

## 2024: THE YEAR THAT WAS PART 2

IN *The FEAST FAMILY* January 5, 2025, we gave you Part 1 of THE YEAR THAT WAS, featuring highlights of the Feast Talks in 2024.

In this issue, we go down memory lane again, this time to reminisce our *Mercy Ministries* in the past year.

<sup>31</sup> “But when the Son of Man<sup>[a]</sup> comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> ... <sup>34</sup> “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 creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. <sup>36</sup> I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ --Matthew 25: 31-34

Guided by this inspiring message from our Lord Jesus, the Light of Jesus Family has established and sustained Mercy Ministries -- serving the *hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, and those in prison*.

Most of our Mercy Ministries were spearheaded by Bro. Rey Ortega, longtime devoted member of our Light of Jesus Family.

Bro. Rey spent more than four decades helping the poor before his passing in June 2017.

*At left*, here he is with equally devoted Mission servant, his wife Myrna, with a child of Tahanan ng Pagmamahal.



## Provisions and Prayers

Promptly, our Light of Jesus Family supported the Mercy Ministries, with provisions and, most important, prayers-- all through the passionate loving care of our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez, who himself founded a most needed ministry, our Anawim Home for Abandoned Elderly.

*At right*, a lola gratefully holds on to his hands.

Every step of the way, Bro. Bo has been bringing the Light of Jesus Family love to those who need Jesus most...



For He Cares Mission street children, seated 2<sup>nd</sup> from left with volunteer servants



Painting house for He Cares beneficiaries of Gawad Kalinga



Discussing ministry programs with Grace To Be Born servants and supporters



Inspiring Pag-Asa ng Pamilya scholarship beneficiaries, parents, and co-servants



With Bro. Marvin Tan and supportive wife Sis. Liza sharing Feast Little Acts of Love with calamity victims through the Light of Jesus Family Disaster Recovery Ministry



With co-servants loving orphans at Tahanan ng Pagmamahal



Praying over LOJ Feast Mercy beneficiaries during Grand Easter Feast March 27, 2016

**GIVE**

Let's continue the  
**CYCLE OF GENEROSITY**

There are indeed no limits to God's grace and love! We believe that you are here on this page because you believe in the mission and heart of the Feast Conference.

Your giving today not only will help us continue the evangelization mission that God entrusted to us but also help the other 10 foundations that need our financial support.

Thank you very much for continuing the cycle of generosity here at the Feast Conference.

Thank you very much for being Jesus to our brothers and sisters.



Appealing at The Feast Conference

In succeeding pages, we share highlights of our Mercy Ministries events in 2024.

Our deepest gratitude to all our Mercy supporters. God reward you a hundredfold as He promised cheerful givers!

All for God's Glory,

**Randy Borrmeo**  
Media Ministry  
Executive Director



## ANAWIM HOME FOR ABANDONED ELDERLY

### *Caring for Caregivers*

Abandoned by those who were supposed to love them and take care of them, our lolos and lolas find recourse in Anawim's team of servants--particularly the caregivers.

Because when they are done with their assignments, the other servants go on to prepare for their next tasks.

The caregivers stay, serving in shifts, to make sure that the elderly have someone they can turn to for whatever their concerns at the moment.

Caregivers, however, also need to be taken care of. At Anawim, caregivers struggle through challenges for their own professional development and personal growth. Culturally, the singles, particularly, have obligations to provide for their respective families. So, our Light of Jesus Family Mercy Ministry, led by Bro. Hermie Morelos as chairman, has developed a program specifically to relieve if not totally free our caregivers from their burdens.

Bro. Hermie and his wife, Sis. Reng David Morelos, presented the program for caregivers during the Oceania Leaders Conference held in New South Wales, Australia, on October 25-27, 2024.

Spearheaded by Bro. Randy Borrromeo, LOJ Oceania Region Builder, the Conference centered on the theme *Purposeful Leadership*.

Together for caregivers,  
*from left:* Randy Borrromeo;  
Kemp Vinson, Builder,  
Feast West Melbourne;  
Dr. Michelle Alignay, head,  
Light of Jesus Pastoral Care  
Ministry, and Conference  
Guest Speaker; Reng  
Morelos; Hermie Morelos;  
Pio Catubay, Builder, Feast  
Melbourne City; Roqsee Villegas, wife of Melvin Villegas; and Melvin Villegas,  
Builder, Feast Melbourne District.



# GRACE TO BE BORN

## *Reaching Year 15 by Divine Design*



Celebration, *from top*: Thanksgiving Mass presided by Bishop Mylo Hubert Vergara; Grace Team led by Executive Director Sis. Ester Palacio (*seated, in plain white blouse*); Dancing Grace mothers and children (*images blurred to protect their privacy*); and party time!

In July 2008, Bro. Rey Ortega and his wife Myrna went on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City. There, they learned that the Blessed Virgin Mary, called Our Lady of Guadalupe, was the Patroness of the Unborn. Bro. Rey noted there was no ministry in the Philippines saving the unborn from abortion, and he wished there would be one.

Back in the Philippines, the Ortegas attended The Feast led by Bro. Bo Sanchez at the Valle Verde Country Club in Pasig. By Divine Design, on that day, Bro. Bo delivered a passionate talk about abortion. Bro. Rey connected with Bro. Bo, and they established the new Ministry-- to set up a shelter for unwed pregnant women so they will not resort to abortion, plus an orphanage for the babies.

Grace To Be Born came to life on May 8, 2009, the only day the Board members had common time for the inauguration of the shelter. The day, again, by Divine Design, happened to be the birthday of Bo's mother, Sis. Pilar Sanchez, a staunch supporter of LOJ's ministries.

# HE CARES MISSION

## *Love Offering for Street Children*

*“Cast all worries to Him because He cares for you.”*

This Bible verse in 1 Peter 5:7 is the inspiration for He Cares Mission.

Founded by Bro. Joe Dean Sola, longtime LOJ member, He Cares is committed to caring for homeless, wounded, and vulnerable children in Metro Manila and now in other key areas in the country, restoring their hope, and helping them to make a meaningful contribution to the world. <http://www.hecaresmission.com/index.html>

Once a carefree youth, Joe Dean needed help with his finances one dire day. He called his elder brother Dan, an active LOJ member, who eventually introduced him to the Light of Jesus Family.

Experiencing spiritual awakening, Bro. Joe Dean then embarked on caring for children like he was once. With his supportive wife, Sis. Ardis, he has put up a home for street children, sent them to school, taught them livelihood skills, especially in a farm donated to He Cares.

In 2023, he came to The Feast to appeal for support of He Cares’ Back-to-School program granting scholarships for out-of-school children.

And through their Love Offering, Feasters promptly contributed to the program.

On June 9, 2024, he came back to The Feast to report that with the Feasters’ Love Offering, He Cares was able to grant scholarships to more than 700 out-of-school youth, and many of them were to graduate last year.

Bro. Joe Dean said: “That’s my happiness. Responding to God’s call to serve the poorest of the poor. And today, I am a voice for them. Because next school year, we are going to send more than 800 scholars back to school-- with your help. I’m asking you never get tired of doing this for the glory of God. Because this is a part of our mission.”



# JESUS CHRIST CARES FOR CANCER

## *Celebrating Year 9!*

COULD anything good come out of tragedy, one might ask. It could. And it did.

Thus starts the major info document of Jesus Christ Cares For Cancer (JCCFC) which marked its 9<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary on September 28, 2024.

We celebrated JCCFC with a special feature in *The FEAST FAMILY* in July, a significant month for the Foundation.



Jesus Christ Cares For Cancer started with Reylando “Rey” Ortega, founder of most of the Light of Jesus Family Mercy Ministries. Bro. Rey has gone on to Heaven but he lives in the heart of every person he has helped live a life of providence, dignity, and faith in God.

Like Brian, a 7-year-old boy who succumbed to cancer in July 2013. The young boy’s passing disturbed Bro. Rey and made him more conscious of the plight of the poor afflicted with the illness.

In May 2015, Bro. Rey himself was diagnosed with Stage 4 prostate cancer. With only six months to live, he resolved to spend his remaining days serving indigent cancer patients.

He started JCCFC and officially registered it with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 28, 2015.

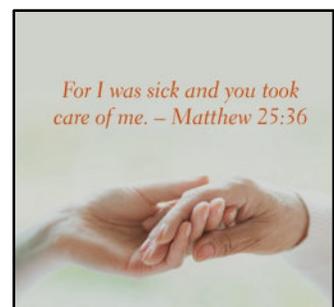
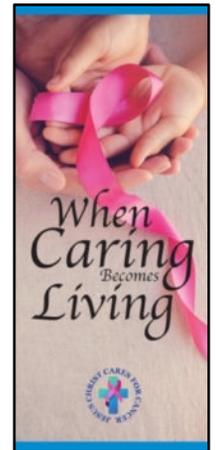


JCCFC has been able to accomplish its mission mainly through dedication of volunteers--from its chairman, Bro. Angelo Gelano, and Sis. Maritess Cordero, JCCFC board secretary, to the members of the board of directors, accountant, bookkeepers, and area coordinators.

The Foundation has also been blessed with generous donors supporting fund-raising projects such as the *I’m Possible I’m Possible* benefit concerts in 2024 which raised much-needed seed funds and helped finance the liver transplant and save the life of a terminally ill baby.

The Foundation accepts donations through BDO Peso Account No. 01109 8000 356.

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# LIGHT OF JESUS FAMILY DISASTER RECOVERY MINISTRY



A burden turned to blessing. The Light of Jesus Family Disaster Recovery Ministry was established at the onslaught of super Typhoon Ondoy on September 26, 2009.

Bro. Bo Sanchez encouraged our Community leaders to form the group to help members in times of calamities.

Early on, Bro. Bo assigned Bro. Roy Pasimio (*below, left*) as the first head of the Ministry. Bro. Roy formed its organization, objectives, and policies.



Bro. Jorge Diomampo (*left*) next handled the Ministry.

And today, at the helm of the Ministry is Bro. Marvin Tan, (*extreme right*) here with Bro. Hermie Morelos, chairman



of our Mercy Ministries.

With an unending cycle of generosity-- giving, sharing, saving lives— we have called our Ministry The Feast Little Acts of Love.

The Ministry holds a monthly Feeding Program for street dwellers dubbed *Isama Natin Sila sa Mesa*-- yes, in English, *Let's Include Them at the Table*.

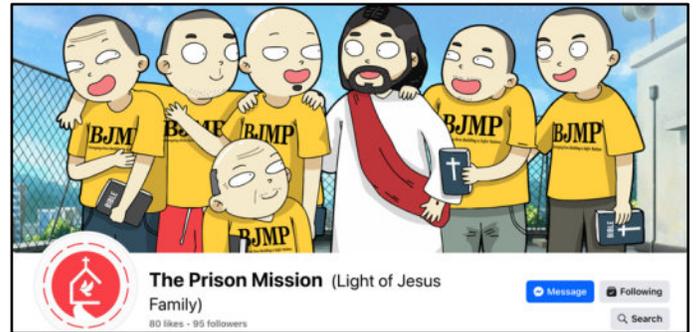
The project is a partnership between the LOJFDRM's Feast Little Acts of Love Foundation and The Feast Meycauyan.

In 2024, volunteer members prepared 200 food packs and helped distribute them to street dwellers in Caloocan, Manila, and Quezon City.

To donate, log on to [www.feast.ph/giving](http://www.feast.ph/giving).



# The LIGHT of JESUS PRISON MISSION *Shining Light*



IN the first two issues of *The FEAST FAMILY*, January 2024, we featured the organization, objectives, operations, and theological basis of this Ministry.

In our January 18, 2024, issue, we went back to the prison, carrying a powerful message:

"Darating ang ating kaligtasan"  
(Our salvation is coming).

Our ka-Family shared their lessons, showing that hope can transform even the toughest situations.

Be a Light in the Darkness: Feel inspired? |  
Learn how you can contribute  
at [bit.ly/PrisonMissionWaystoSupport](https://bit.ly/PrisonMissionWaystoSupport).  
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## LIGHT OF JESUS PASTORAL CARE

The Light of Jesus Pastoral Care is a 24/7 Ministry that provides psycho-spiritual support to the emotionally burdened. You may tap its online website and someone is there to attend to you any time of the day, and to provide emotional support amid your difficulties.

Here are excerpts from a sharing of Elah Czarina Perez, who is supporting this Ministry as a donor. She came to know about LOJ and Bro. Bo Sanchez through the *Kerygma* magazine (now called *The Feast*).

### *Someone Listened to Me*

By ELAH CZARINA A. PEREZ

...We all know how relentless God is when He pursues us...

By His grace, a friend at my workplace happened to be a servant of The Feast Bay Area. She invited me, and some others as well, to attend The Feast. When I learned that Bo Sanchez was preaching, I was happy to join...

There was one day in March 2021 when I just needed someone to talk to... I sent a message to the Ministry -- and as promised, a “duty carer” responded to me, listened to my woes, prayed, and cared for me.

Having experienced this pastoral care, I realized this Ministry is a blessing to people needing relief from their emotional wounds... At the back of my mind, I was asking: Who cares for the duty carers?

So, in October 2021, I did an online fundraising for the Ministry to celebrate my birthday... Miraculously, the funds raised were greater than P100,000! In May 2023, I pledged to make monthly financial support to the LOJ Pastoral Care.

Around this time, I learned that Sis. Michele Alignay would be leading this Ministry. It was like a confirmation from Jesus that I was doing the right thing.

Ichel, as I fondly call her, happens to be my sister’s friend who became my doctor-counselor... I learned that while there are big challenges that come my way, there are bigger blessings alongside them. And that these blessings aren’t something we keep to ourselves. Rather, they are meant to be shared.

And somehow, the blessings keep on coming back.

Proverbs 11:25 is so true, after all. It says: “*Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.*”





## **Thank You!**

The Feast Family, now organized as the Feast Mercy Ministries, is a spin-off ministry of the Light of Jesus Family founded by Bro. Bo Sanchez. Earlier named as Kerygma Family, The Feast Family is a unique online, non-physical, borderless, international community of friends who support each other's personal growth.

Partner beneficiaries of the Feast Mercy Ministries flourish because of your generous support.

Thank you for being with us. We pray that you find your daily source of inspiration from the resources that we send to you. We pray too that you may consider giving to The Feast Mercy Ministries. No gift is too small.

Thank you very much in advance for your gift. Our prayer is that God will continue to reward you as you give.

### **FOR EXISTING DONORS:**

Thank you for the Love. Your monthly donation helps us to continue extending support to our Light of Jesus spin-off organizations, including our partner beneficiaries. Your gift will sustain our operations and, we hope, help us reach out to the persons our Lord has called us to make disciples and give them renewed hope.

Be a Feast Family member. Write or call us. Now.

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## Our Partner Beneficiaries

**Jeremiah 33 Foundation**  
is a shelter for minor girls particularly victims of sexual abuse.



**Grace To Be Born**  
is a halfway home for pregnant women in crisis.



**He Cares Mission**  
provides shelter and pastoral care for street children.

**Pag-asa ng Pamilya Foundation**  
grants scholarships to indigent students.



**Jesus Christ Cares for Cancer**  
provides financial assistance and pastoral care for indigent cancer patients.

**The Light of Jesus Pastoral Care Center**  
ministers to those who are emotionally and spiritually wounded.



**H.A.I.L. MARY** is acronym for Healthcare Assistance for Indigents and Lepers of Mary, adopting the Blessed Mother as the patroness of its mission to eradicate leprosy in Abra within 8–10 years.



**The Light of Jesus Disaster Recovery Ministry**  
provides evacuation assistance, relief goods, financial aid, and other needs of calamity victims.

**The Light of Jesus Prison Ministry**  
brings Jesus to the Correctional Institution for Women to give them hope for a new life of dignity.



**Anawim Lay Missions Foundation** provides a home for poor elderly who have been abandoned by their family and have nowhere else to go.

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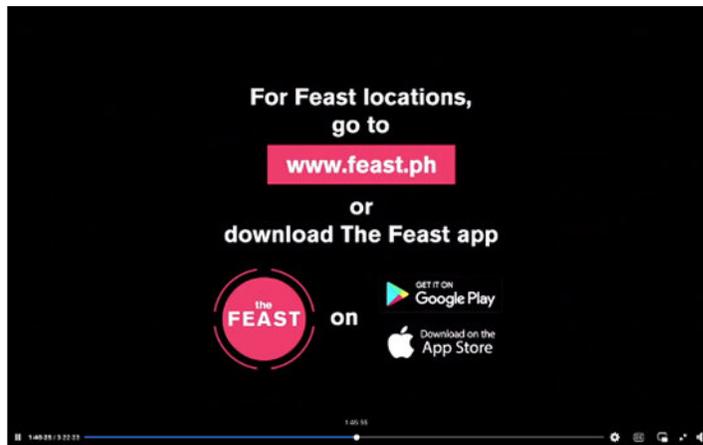
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***Go and make disciples of all men.***  
— Matthew 28:19

