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Dear Pine Lake Christian Church,

In March, IDES partnered with a mission in the Philippines to begin a four-month long project. One part of the project focused on setting up feeding centers for needy children who live in impoverished communities. As word about the weekly meals spread, the number of sites quickly expanded from 10 to 24. From March through June more than 1,000 children were fed each week, as they heard the good news of Christ's love for them, along with His offer of salvation. Many children and parents began attending worship and Bible studies at the host churches. Our partner in the Philippines reports: *"The parents came because they saw the love and care extended to their children. What a glorious message of love and hope in Christ!"*

Another focus of this project was to share help and hope with inmates at six correctional facilities scattered across several provinces.

Local churches trained and equipped teams (each consisting of 5 or 6 believers) to minister inside jails and prisons in their communities. As the ministry teams shared the good news of Christ's love with those behind bars, they gave out hygiene kits, bread, coffee, and other food items. They distributed hundreds of Bibles and gospel pamphlets. When families of the incarcerated lived nearby, they also gave grocery parcels to them.

The project impacted more than 1,200 inmates, and a number of prison guards. As a growing number of decisions were made to follow Christ, and new believers were baptized, one of the ministry leaders said: *"We haven't seen this glorious a harvest through[out] our 20 years of serving the Lord!"* Our partners also shared this praise for what God has accomplished: *"The project has opened our eyes to so many opportunities for reaching the lost, the needy, the incarcerated..... Through the [prison] project, God called home to Himself 316 souls. Praises be to God who alone saves!"*

Thank you for showing the love of Christ to those we serve,

Gary Finley
Spiritual Care Director

Praying for our Partners

In the US and Abroad



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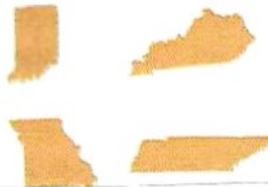


Ukraine



The battered and destroyed town of Posad Pokrovske is home to a new church plant. There are about 800 people left in town and about 70 are now attending church. Due to severe bombing and shelling, there is no stable potable water supply. We have drilled a well at the church. Pray for protection.

GAP Packs



We have GAP food packs this month in TN, KY, IN, and MO. With over 1.4 million meals packed this year so far, pray that these efforts will both feed the hungry and glorify God beyond our ability.

India



With a focus on evangelism, we are helping partners in India build a church. This is a part of our 50 for 50 church initiative. Since persecution is high in this area, pray for protection as they share the gospel. Pray their efforts would glorify God and bring people to Jesus.

Iowa



We are working with Early Chapel Christian Church of Earlham, IA, to build sheds and help the community recover from the tornados this past May. Pray for their recovery and spiritual health.

Haiti



With the ongoing conflict in Haiti, many people are facing severe hunger issues. With help from partners, over 64,000 meals were provided to 1800 people, and in many cases, this was the only source of food they had. This project also allowed the gospel to be preached which led to 37 people accepting Christ. Praise God!

Chile



Earlier this year, wildfires spread in the Quilpue region of Chile. IDES was able to help provide 10,000 meals as well as distribute 400 Bibles. We have also helped rebuild/repair 8 homes. Praise God for what He is doing!