

Table in the Wilderness

Loewens' Prayer Email Update

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Buboy, Onel, Louie

Give me a voice

At Honest Hands we believe it is important for our students to have a chance to share some of their stories and prayer requests with you.

Buboy (22) "I have had some hard times in my life. I really wanted to go to college, but it just hasn't happened yet. So I am here at Honest Hands learning more about how to obey God, and how to be a friend to others. One of the best things in my life was when I followed Jesus, and when I was able to attend Honest Hands. My favourite Bible sessions have been on the life of Daniel and Joseph. My favourite tutorial class is science, and I also like playing basketball. At church on weekends I help set up the benches and also help clean up. Please pray that I can start Working Hands in June, finish my studies, help my family, and one day attend college. Also pray that our church would be able to buy land, and also complete the roof before our church anniversary. I will continue to trust God, whatever happens to me. My favourite verse is Jeremiah 29:11.

Onel (16) "When I was still on the street I had big time problems that I won't forget. My family is still struggling as there is a lot of fighting and

bad stuff going on. Pray that they would get to know Jesus. At Honest Hands I really enjoy the sessions about Jesus. I have been learning what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and what it means to be honest – especially by studying the characters in the Bible. I also like the math & history tutorial sessions. Basketball is my favourite sport, and I also like jogging to stay healthy. My dream in life is to become a businessman & help those in need. After Honest Hands I want to share what I have learned with others, especially my siblings. My favourite verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Louie (18) "Probably the best thing that happened to me was that I was able to get into a home for former street youth and then they helped me attend Honest Hands. It has not been easy though as I am sometimes under discipline for what I have done. I have learned a lot so far – humbleness, patience, sticking to it. Before I had no idea of my future, and I just wanted to have a good time, being happy – now I have purpose. My favourite Bible session so far has been the book of Daniel – he was honest, and a servant of God. After graduation I hope to go to Working Hands. My prayer request is that I don't return to my former way of life, and also that I stay out of trouble over the next few months.



Listening to His voice

God continues to lead us as we work on plans for ministry after we return to Manitoba in May. God is making things clearer to us and we need your prayers as we follow Him in faith. We will share more details in the coming months, but right now we are still in the planning and vision stages of the next step. This is a challenging time: letting go of ministry here and trusting God for our family's future. Second Mile has been our home for the past eleven years and it will be hard to leave our friends and ministry. But we are confident that God has a good plan for us in Manitoba, and we know He will supply all our needs. We appreciate your prayers during this time of transition.



Praises

- We had a great time over the Christmas holidays hosting our friends Greg & Lynette Kroeker and their three kids. They were with us for almost a month of mission exposure and we enjoyed many cups of coffee and lots of great fellowship. Our kids also had a good time together. One of the highlights was going to the beach together. You can see lots of pictures on the following pages of our time together over the holidays.
- All eight of the Honest Hands students came back after the Christmas break. This doesn't always happen.
- Carl finished teaching the Pentateuch last week. He also finished serving on the ACTION council and with Human Resources. Praise God for more time to focus on our future plans.
- Looking back over 2011, we are thankful for your support, both your prayers and finances. We still need your financial support over the coming months and will give you more information regarding our transition plans when they are finalized.

Prayer Requests

- We need to get all of our pre-departure paperwork completed in the next few months.
- It would be great to find a good shipping company to move our most important things back to Manitoba (books, Lego, and kitchen things).
- Pray that some of the Honest Hands grads will be able to enter the next class of Working Hands. They will write the entrance test at the end of February.
- Pray for us as we sort through things here after 10 years in the same house, prepare for our move to Canada, and still have enough energy for ministry.
- Pray for the last full month at Honest Hands. The students are excited to graduate, but worried about their future.

Upcoming Schedule

February: Bible sessions at Honest Hands include New Testament Survey and Counseling. Students are also doing some tutorial review so they are ready for the Working Hands entrance test at the end of the month.

February 9 - 11: Carl and our older three boys are going camping on Corregidor for a few nights w/ Daryl Germaine.

March 7: Honest Hands grad (Batch #9).

March 11-14: ACTION Philippines annual conference.

March 30: Malachi's 5th birthday, and last day of homeschooling.

April: planning, packing, and shipping, and lots of goodbyes.

May 4: fly back to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

May: adjusting to life in Canada!



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