



"Knowing God, Taking Action"

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Erin Johnson's Ministry Update



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Hello family, friends, and partners in ministry! As you probably know, I've just returned to the States after a 10-month apprenticeship with Action International Ministries in the Philippines. What an experience it has been!

Ministry

I joined the ACTION Philippines team in early 2009 to glean from the team's many years of experience and wide variety of ministries to street children. During the past few years, God has given me a strong burden and passion to share light and hope to these children who have found themselves living and working on the filthy, polluted streets of cities worldwide. I was able to spend much of my time this past year visiting these various groups reaching out to street children. I could quickly tell that just hopping around to one project after another would not be enough, so I was grateful when the opportunity came for me to really become involved in a few specific locations. For over five months I stayed on the Second Mile campus, investing my time with the Mustard Seed discipleship and skills training program for young women. While there, a friend and I had a strong desire to help the young boys sleeping on the streets of the nearby town of Silang, so we began an outreach. Later I had the opportunity to start visiting a shelter called Lambs, for young boys from the street. All the while I was able to join in ACTION's Street Impact Team as they planned and hosted trainings, feeding programs, and camps for the churches and agencies in the Citywide Network reaching out to street children and the poor.



Moving ahead

Getting involved with ministry has only been part of it, however. I've become part of a Filipino church with my good friends, and they have graciously adopted me into their family. The Lord has brought some amazing people into my path who have incredible passion for reaching street children with hope as I do. During this time, God has not only fueled my passion for ministry to street children, He has clearly shown me how He wants to use me in the Philippines for at least another two years and quite possibly longer! For all of my missionary career, from 2003 up until now, in many ways I've always been just visiting. In missionary lingo, I've always been "short-term." But with my decision to commit to the ACTION Philippines team, I'm now a "career" missionary! I cannot tell you how joyful and grateful I am because of the incredible peace God has given me to walk with Him in this direction.



Support...

This also means a slight shift in my support, since I will be away from home for a longer period of time (up to 2 years). In order to meet my budget for living and ministry expenses, I will need more people to join my team from home and commit to send me donations on a regular basis. I am incredibly grateful to those 15 churches and families who are already committed and faithful to support me monthly! Would you please pray that 15 more would make a support commitment, no matter how small the amount? Of course with anyone who commits, we trust the Lord to provide all that is needed. If you're able to give and/or commit to regular giving, please fill out and mail in the enclosed pledge form. (With any donation you will receive a follow-up receipt and return envelope. We also have the option of setting up regular deductions from a bank account.)

Foundation of Prayer

I'm also very grateful for those who have been faithfully praying for me from home. The longer I'm in ministry, the more I realize the importance and power of prayer! Please also pray that the Lord would build up the team of committed pray-ers. If you're interested in joining, please let me know!

As always, thanks to all of you from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers, encouragements, and support all along the way! You are just as important a part of the team as I am because I could not be here without you. I pray for a joyful holiday season for you as we celebrate the coming of our glorious Savior!



~ Yours in Christ, Erin Johnson

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