

A blessed day to everyone,

We are happy to share with you the updates from the TAHANAN ministry during the 4th



quarter of 2024. These events are just some of the highlights on how the ministry has become a safe and welcoming place for Filipino migrant workers. From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank all of you—our faithful supporters and prayer partners. Your support and prayers have helped keep this ministry going, a ministry that God has entrusted to us. What you have done brings joy and glory to our loving and powerful God.

BUILDING DREAMS WITHOUT BREAKING LIVES TAHANAN'S MISSION FOR FILIPINO MIGRANT WORKERS

-Inflation is Hurting Everyone, Especially OFWs-

Inflation is making life harder for everyone. The prices of basic needs keep going up, and many people can hardly afford them. This is especially true for Filipino Migrant Workers, who work hard to give their families a better life. But despite their efforts, their income often isn't enough because of the high cost of living.

In our area, we've seen many Filipino Migrant Workers working 8 hours in their main job and still taking on extra part-time work just to make ends meet. They do this to pay off debts, support their families, and save for their dreams. But this often leads to exhaustion. Some Filipino Migrant Workers get sick, while others face serious accidents because of overwork.

One sad story involves a Filipino Migrant Worker who worked 8 hours at his company and another 8 hours in a part-time job. He was so tired that he fell asleep and accidentally fell from the 3rd story of a building. He broke his knees and had to stay in the hospital for months, far from his family, who couldn't take care of him. His company expected him to recover in 3 months, but his healing took longer. Now, he's afraid he might lose his job and be sent home.

The company investigated the accident, and his coworkers said he got injured while playing basketball. They couldn't admit the truth that he was working part-time because doing so is illegal in Taiwan. If a Filipino Migrant Worker is caught working part-time, they can be

deported right away. Sadly, many Filipino Migrant Workers still take the risk because they feel it's the only way to survive and pay their debts.

-How TAHANAN Ministry is Helping-

At TAHANAN, we are helping Filipino Migrant Workers to avoid these problems by teaching them how to manage their money wisely. We show them how to save, pay off debts, and make the most of what they earn. This helps them stop taking on part-time work, so they can focus on their health, family, and dreams.

It breaks our hearts to see Filipino Migrant Workers pushing themselves so hard that they get sick or face tragedy. That's why we also help them grow spiritually, teaching them to trust God and become good stewards of their resources. By following God's ways, many Filipino Migrant Workers have been able to overcome their struggles and build a better future.

-Turning Dreams Into Reality-

Over the years, we've seen many Filipino Migrant Workers who have been part of our ministry achieve their dreams. Some have even moved to other countries and become permanent residents. Before they reached these milestones, they learned how to save money and plan wisely. TAHANAN ministry gave them the tools and support they needed to succeed.

With God's grace, what once seemed impossible became possible. We are grateful to be part of their journey. As global missionaries, we will continue to help Filipino Migrant Workers transform their lives through God's love and wisdom, so they can live the abundant life He promises—both here on earth and in heaven.

ROOTED IN GRACE IN TAHANAN'S 11 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY

The TAHANAN ministry joyfully marked its 11th anniversary, a testament to God's faithfulness and grace throughout the years. This year's theme, "11 Years of Grace: Growing Faith and Mission," reflects how God's grace has enabled TAHANAN to strengthen its faith and reach more OFWs with His transforming love.

The celebration was attended by a large number of Filipino Migrant Workers, and the guest speaker was none other than our very own missionary, Rev. Alma Jumuad-Navarro. She



delivered a powerful message, reminding everyone that growing in faith and mission requires embracing “G.R.A.C.E.” — Gratitude, Relationships, Advancement, Commitment, and Empowerment. Her words inspired everyone to remain steadfast in their faith and to take part in building God’s kingdom.

One OFW shared how TAHANAN has been a source of strength and spiritual renewal during challenging times abroad. Stories like these remind us of the ministry’s vital role in transforming lives.

For 11 years, TAHANAN has been a channel of God’s blessings

and transformation in the lives of many Filipino Migrant Workers. TAHANAN remains firmly committed to continuing its mission of reaching souls for the transformation that God desires for our Filipino brothers and sisters.

We are deeply thankful for the prayers and support from our generous partners, whose contributions and volunteer efforts have kept the ministry thriving. Your partnership has been instrumental in making TAHANAN a living testimony of God’s love and provision for Filipino migrant workers.

As we celebrate 11 years of God’s grace, we invite you to continue supporting TAHANAN through your prayers, involvement, and contributions. Together, let us bring transformation to the lives of more Filipino Migrant Workers and their families. To God be the glory!

TAHANAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

As Filipino Migrant Workers working far from home, one of the biggest challenges they face is the deep longing for our families during Christmas. It's important to understand that



most people in Taiwan follow Buddhism (35-40%), Taoism (30-35%), and Chinese folk religions (30-40%). Christianity is only about 4-5%, and other religions, like Islam (0.3%) and Hinduism, are a small part of the population. (U.S. Department of State's 2022 Report on International Religious Freedom.)

Since there are few Christians in Taiwan, Christmas is not a public holiday, and many OFWs still have to work. To address this, TAHANAN makes an effort to celebrate Christmas in Filipino tradition, even with limited time for Filipino Migrant Workers. We organize activities and programs to help our fellow Filipino brethren cope with the sadness of

being away from their families during Christmas. Through TAHANAN, Filipino Migrant Workers can feel like they are celebrating Christmas at home, surrounded by family and a sense of belonging.

SHARE BLESSINGS DESPITE SCARCITY AND SHORTAGE

The TAHANAN ministry continues its mission to be a source of life transformation. We uphold John Wesley's teaching that even in times of scarcity, we should still share what we have. We as global missionaries, we educate the Filipino Migrant Workers about this teaching. We let them involved in the TAHANAN ministry to give to those in need, like the children in the picture. Every year, TAHANAN invites Filipino Migrant Workers to take part in our Outreach program called "Sponsor a School Kid". This program is sponsoring grade schoolers who lack

school supplies. There's a uniform worth of school supplies for each kid. A sponsor shall decide how many children he/she gonna pledge.

John Wesley's teaching on **"Faith in Action"** has deeply impacted our Filipino brothers and sisters. Wesley's famous quote, **"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all**

the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can," shows his belief that we can make a difference even with limited resources. Even when we don't have much, we can still act in love, share with others, and support those in need, especially children. Wesley believed that all children, no matter their family's resources, should be loved and cared for. His ministry was committed to reaching out to children, and he taught that, even with little,



we can still serve them through prayer, education, and kindness.

Wesley also taught **"Sacrificial Giving."** He believed that true generosity sometimes requires sacrifice. Giving when we feel we have little shows our trust in God's provision. It reflects the belief that God's Kingdom is not about accumulating wealth, but about sharing love, care, and support, especially with those in need, like children. This teaching has become a core value of the TAHANAN ministry: even in times of shortage, we still share with those who are vulnerable, just like these children. All praise be to God for this.



We are very grateful to God for the spirit of life, hope and love having you in our journey for migrant ministry. Indeed, you are the answer to our prayers. Despite your financial & emotional struggles, you are still so strong to endure the call to Christ's MISSION. We are intensely praying for you in order that you may continually touch many lives in Christ's service.

We would like to invite you to pray for missionary work with Migrant Filipino Workers in Taiwan. We invite you to walk with us in a missionary journey and pray for us in the ministry of Migrant Workers in Taiwan. Pray that our ministry can be an instrument to be a blessing of God's love.

We are humbly knocking to your generous heart to support Global Ministries by assisting with our salary support through the advance #s so we can remain faithful to the call the Lord made on our life.

For financial contributions, you may:

- 1. Use Global Ministries' website: www.umcmmission.org to send a donation for my salary support. At the bottom of the page, click on "Missionaries". Scroll to our name on the missionaries' page and our profile will appear. At the bottom of our profile is a link to make an online donation.*
- 2. Through mailing a check to your local church or conference office. Write "for Alma J. Navarro # 3022029, and Richard B. Navarro # 3022030" on the memo line of your check.*

*If not sending through a local United Methodist Church, you may send your check to:
Advance GCFA ; P.O. Box 9068 ; New York, NY 10087-9068.*

We end with words to say thank you and we appreciate so much for your faithful support!

Sincerely,

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