



A Day of Reflection with PJM Team and Volunteers

In a quiet corner of our bustling town, the PJM team and volunteers, led by the warm-hearted Oma, Doris Maddaford—"Oma" the Dutch word for Grandmother—gathered for a special day of reflection. Amidst the chaos of everyday life, they paused to pray, ponder, and express their thoughts through art. Oma, with her gentle spirit, guided the team in heartfelt prayers, creating an atmosphere of peace and unity. The volunteers, wearing smiles of camaraderie, took a break from their usual tasks to reflect on the shared journey they've embarked upon. Artistic expression became a language of its own during the day. With brushes and colors in hand, the team and volunteers translated their emotions onto papers and crayons. Laughter echoed as they shared stories, creating a tapestry of memories. The day of reflection was a reminder that amidst the busy schedules and constant rush, taking a moment to connect, pray, and create together can bring a profound sense of peace and shared purpose. Oma's guidance, like a steady compass, led them through this day of tranquility, imprinting a lasting sense of serenity and shared purpose on the hearts of the PJM team and volunteers, emphasizing the theme of "Praying in colors."



A Day at the Park: Parents and Kids Unite (Health Disclosures)

On a sunny February 10th, families gathered at the local park for more than the usual playdate – an event affectionately known as "Fam at the Park." Parents came together under the bright winter sun to discuss preparing for their kids' health discussions. Picture this: parents formed a friendly circle, sharing stories and insights about how they navigate the delicate task of discussing their little ones' health. There was a lot of laughter as they brainstormed ways to make the whole process more accessible and supportive. Meanwhile, the kids had their own fun groups, engaging in cool activities like crafts and storytelling that transformed the park into a lively hub of joy. This special day didn't just strengthen connections among parents; it also fostered bonds among the children, showcasing the true power of our community. By openly discussing and sharing experiences, a foundation was built for a future filled with health and support. "Fam at the Park" wasn't merely an event; it was a testament to the strength of unity and understanding, reflecting the love and blessings that families receive from God.



Every Child is Remembered... by Name



In 2019, PJM welcomed eight year-old Ned to our weekly Kid's Club. Ned was living in a huge slum community with his mother, who is single and living with HIV. (Ned does not know the health status of his mother) PJM had developed numerous activities, especially for the youth and Ned was a regular attender until COVID stopped all activities. After restrictions were lifted, our activities resumed, including lessons in phonics and reading as the young teens had

lost 2 years of academics. Ned became a very diligent student and his report card showed marked improvement each term. In January, Ned's mother became sick and moved to the village, leaving Ned with her older brother. We visited their home and the uncle was at a loss for words – he already had 3 teenage daughters who are not returning to school this year due to lack of finances. The Uncle said he would be grateful for any help that PJM could provide for Ned. Our hearts ached for this boy we love. We prayed and asked God's wisdom for this situation – "Lord, please show us how to proceed. This boy needs a family and he is longing to return to school." Within days, God showed us the way forward! We enrolled Ned at a nearby school, while one of our Ang Tulay families opened their hearts and home to become Ned's new family! God will find a way where there seems to be no way because... every child is remembered!

