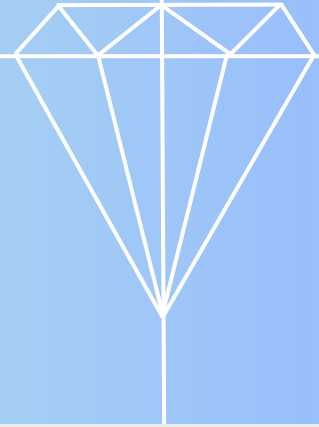


Precious Jewels Ministry

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2025



“For we are co-workers in God’s service...”

1 Corinthians 3:9

At Precious Jewels Ministry, we are deeply grateful that God allows us to walk this journey together. Each one of us brings something meaningful—our time, our talents, our resources—and when we offer them to Him, they become part of something far greater than ourselves. Together, we are building not just programs, but a place where children feel seen, valued, and loved.

When we look at the world our children are growing up in today, our hearts cannot help but be moved. They are surrounded by so many voices telling them who they should be, what they should believe, and how they should live. Yet in the middle of all that noise, many of them are quietly longing for something deeper—someone to listen, someone to care, someone to truly understand. This is the kind of loneliness that is not always visible – a silent ‘isolation of the heart’. Even in a crowded room, a child can feel unseen.

And in those moments, what they need is not just answers to their questions—but presence, love, and hope. This is why what we do matters so deeply.

Every time we get involved, every time we listen, every time we care—we reflect the heart of Jesus. As Jesus said in Matthew 18:5, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” What a sacred calling it is to love a child in His name.

So let us continue—together, reaching out as one family, united in purpose. When we share our burdens, bring our different gifts, and serve with compassion, something beautiful happens—lives are touched, hearts are healed, and hope is restored.

Let us keep moving forward with a faith that holds on even in difficult times, a hope that brings peace in uncertainty, and a love that never grows tired of caring—especially for the next generation.

To our dear friends, partners, volunteers, supporters, the PJM Team, and the Board of Trustees—thank you. Your prayers, your kindness, and your deep love for children have carried this ministry through many seasons. You have been part of every smile, every victory, every life touched.

May the Lord bless you richly and keep you always. To God be all the glory!

*Evelyn Villanueva
Country Director
March 28, 2026*

CARE AND SUPPORT

To develop mutually supportive partnership

- *Reaching out to children and youth in crisis*
- *Becoming a bridge of healing, reconciliation, and restoration for families*
- *Connecting families to support each other, clustering, and learning together*

Treatment Partners Workshop (TP) is designed to focus on the relevant information for the families and to deeply address the common concerns and struggles of the group. TP workshops educate parents and young children on the healthy habits and lifestyle that they should adhere.

Our team conducted two Treatment Partners Workshops. The first workshop focused on emotional and mental health. Children learned how to understand their emotions and explore healthy ways to express them. The youth and adult groups participated in discussions and activities on stress management. The second workshop emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle despite challenges. Families were encouraged to remind one another to take care of themselves in ways such as (1) practicing good hygiene habits, (2) maintaining healthy diet, (3) managing screen time and prioritizing quality sleep and (4) regular physical activity.

Youth Camp aims to pass on the core values and principles of Precious Jewels Ministry to future young leaders. PJM conducted a Youth Camp for twenty-eight youth participants; the focus of the camp was about followership and leadership, with the theme "Lead and Be Led". The participants learned valuable leadership qualities that will guide and empower them to make a positive impact in school, at home, in their community, and in the ministry as they volunteer and get involved in facilitating activities.

Crisis Intervention and Bereavement Support. The Philippines has experienced a series of earthquakes last year. In response, we provided Emergency Disaster Kits to our 25 families to ensure their safety. Also, one of the families we serve is grieving the sudden loss of a loved one. During this time, we provided a safe and compassionate space for them to process their emotions and begin the long journey toward healing.

Educational Assistance. We provided weekly financial support to one college student to help cover her transportation and school-related expenses. Additionally, we extended financial assistance to another college student for the purchase of her uniform. This financial support enables these students to continue their education and reach their full potential. We are grateful for the financial gifts given specifically for these needs.

ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

To establish effective and dynamic networks

- *Teaching youth about The Power of YOU to Choose Life!*
- *Raising awareness with partners regarding youth culture, sexuality, and health*
- *Advocating for policies that protect and uplift the welfare of children at risk*

Sound the Alarm. This past year we held two sessions of Sound the Alarm for college students at Ateneo de Manila University. We provided an in-depth understanding about the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and prevention in light of the alarming increase of infections amongst a younger population. The workshop sessions were highly interactive as participants shared their perspectives about how recent social trends contribute to the increasing number of HIV cases. We also addressed issues of stigma and discrimination.

Child Protection Seminar (Bata, Mahalaga Ka!) The team conducted two seminars—one in a church and one in a school—to equip children with knowledge on how to protect themselves. The sessions reintroduced children's rights and responsibilities, helped them recognize the difference between safe and unsafe touch, and reminded them that their lives are valuable and worth protecting. We are now developing new modules to be used for schools and churches.

Youth Leadership Development. Throughout this past year, the PJM team created a space for five youth learning-leaders, former PJM children, to meet together at the Sunflower house. During these times together, we engaged them in small group sharing to deepen relationships, build trust, communication skills, as well as explore ways to overcome challenges and disappointments they face at home and in school. These young people were then invited to join as youth leaders at our Youth Camp, giving them opportunities to facilitate sessions and interact in small groups while being equipped with leadership qualities and skills through guided discussions, personal reflection and scripture search. They also participated in the Ang Tulay training.

Special Events

• **Family Days and Family Camp** The ministry conducted activities that helped children develop life skills while equipping parents and guardians with positive parenting skills, including supporting children's medication adherence and nurturing family relationships. In December, the Family Day/Christmas Celebration focused on the birth of Jesus, reminding families that love multiplies when shared and can be expressed through quiet acts of kindness, encouraging words, thoughtful gifts, magic of touch, and quality time.

Volunteers' Fellowship. This past year, we conducted two Volunteer Fellowships, a special time to appreciate our volunteers for the contributions they make for the success of all the activities of the ministry. The second fellowship was particularly meaningful, as it anchored on the theme, "Letting Go and Letting God: Surrendering to the Lord" encouraging all of us to release our worries and trust in God's plan for our lives.

Staff Enrichment. The ministry held three Team Time gatherings to foster fellowship and strengthen staff relationships. Each session began with prayer and worship, followed by activities that supported emotional well-being, allowing members to share their challenging experiences in a safe environment. Additionally, the staff participated in the Ang Tulay training, developing their active listening skills as they conduct home visits and lead small group discussions.

EQUIPPING AND TRAINING

To strengthen capacities of direct service providers and community organizations

- *Training teachers, social workers and community leaders*
- *Providing leadership training and skill development for youth*
- *Offering practical tools in grief, trauma, healing and reconciliation*

"The seeds that PJM planted in the early years are now producing a bountiful harvest in Uganda and extending to the nations of East Africa. Please come to the Philippines and share some of that seed!"

(Teacher Eve)

Ang Tulay Training in the Philippines. In April, Lorrie and one of our Ugandan leaders led two trainings for the PJM team and our growing network of volunteers; one for sixteen facilitators, and another for thirty-eight volunteers and youth leaders. The training is conducted in different phases; this year we will continue with the next phase.

Ang Tulay in Uganda. It seems that every week we encountered another crisis - accidents, life-threatening illnesses or death. We are called by the Lord to walk with others during these times, asking for His grace and wisdom. Truly, this is real-life Ang Tulay.

A Journey With Children in Grief

We were invited by our partner organizations to train their leaders as well as children and youth who struggle with multiple losses and trauma caused by abuse, war and displacement.

- January / February / May / September / November – northern Uganda trainings: Leaders, Discipleship Training School students, Refugee Camp and School Sponsorship Ministries with South Sudanese and Congolese children
- July – with single teen mothers, 'Skillings Training'

Ang Tulay Kid's Club

We are thrilled to report that all of the children from our neighbour slum community Masese were promoted to the next grade level in school! A great achievement and their parents are so grateful. We gave school supplies and other assistance to 25 youth who have attended the weekly Kid's Club since 2019. Weekly family follow-ups helped us understand their challenges.

- January – October weekly tutorials and discipleship classes
- April – camp for Masese youth

Leadership Development and Trainings

This year we held our 2nd Annual Twelvumbule (Let's Discover Together) life skills program with 55 young people. Our goal: Equip-Disciple-Send. For two weeks they had intensive training in computer literacy, scripture search and one practical skill. The difference in their skill levels at the end was remarkable!

We could not attempt to do what we do without our faithful Ugandan leaders, all volunteers and leaders in other ministries and local churches.

- Every Tuesday we meet together with 18 leaders from six partner organizations
- In December, we enjoyed hosting a 3-day retreat for these leaders at Prayer Mountain

Pastoral Care

We were blessed to assist families who are facing difficulties due to a crisis.

- Food distribution, school and medical assistance to families caring for orphans & widows
- The Ang Tulay home provided a safe place for leaders to rest or recover from serious illness.

Volunteers

We are so grateful for Sharon Pryor who came three times this past year to serve in the ministry and equip leaders both young and older! Our young men are growing in the Word through Aunt Sharon's discipleship! We were blessed to have Chaplain Amy return in December to co-lead our annual Ang Tulay leaders retreat, reflecting on Watchman Nee's book 'SIT-WALK-STAND'. Aunt Allene is the longterm PJM missionary and Filipina in Uganda. She is dearly loved by all! Her gift of hospitality and love of gardening have blessed all who visit the 'Ang Tulay home'.

YOU are all most welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

**Write down the vision.
Make it clear.
So, whoever reads it,
May run with it.**

Recently while we were in the Philippines, we were admonished by a new friend. "Don't take the story of PJM to heaven!" We were shocked by how direct she spoke given we had only just met. What she did not know is that thirty-eight years ago, yes you read it correctly, in 1988, we were encouraged, actually challenged by another ministry leader, to write down what we were experiencing and learning through the ministry of PJM. She said "read Habbakuk 2:2." Sometimes, God has to give a little jab so we listen... and obey. After nearly four decades!

In 2027, Precious Jewels Ministry will be 40 years young! We are writing the story of PJM with the plan to produce and publish as part of celebrating 40 Years of Precious Jewels Ministry. Planning has begun for this wonderful time of giving thanks to God and looking forward to future exploits with the Lord and PJM. We shall inform you of the dates.

**"Legacy is not what you accumulate.
It is what continues when you are gone."
(from Lectio365)**

A friend was teaching on the creation story. As he began to read, "in the beginning, God created..." a voice from the audience shouted "relationship!" Surely this is the heart and soul of PJM – relationships. Our vision and mission remain clear; the goals are the plumb line for our programs and services. The activities reported in this annual report reflect the fullness of life in the ministry. But the fruit will be seen in our families, each one a living testimony, a beautiful story bound by relationships. Lives touched and transformed by God's love.

We have the privilege (and challenge) of longevity. From the birth of PJM, friends who shared our passion, sent us out to Smokey Mountain in 1987 and supported the fledgling ministry as it grew into what we hear and see today. To our dear friends of PJM who are aging and unable to move around, we enjoy times of fellowship and prayer with them in their homes. Their love of God and passion for missions is inspiring.

Sharing this vision and conviction to the younger generation, students of all ages and young professionals, is sparked through relationship. Now is the time for us as a ministry and family to fan into flame the gift of God in this generation. Surely, this will be the legacy of PJM!

Lorraine Anderson
Johanna Bergink
Directors
March 28, 2026

***“When JOY is a habit...
LOVE is a reflex”***

-Bob Goff



Treatment Partner's Meeting
Adult group made healthy meals.



Children receiving their mystery gifts.



Sound The Alarm
Students having a robust debate.



Volunteers Fellowship
Releasing of balloons - a symbol of letting go, surrendering all to God.



Child Protection Seminar
Participated by 398 students in Tarlac.



Preparing and equipping more facilitators in the Philippines.



Ang Tulay Trainings with young and older leaders from many nations



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