

TEKNOTROPHEO MISSIONS UPDATES

January to April 2016

THE TEKNO KIDS-ACHIEVERS



Jessa, Grade 10



Michael, Grade 10



Meraly, Grade 8

Hurray! Three Tekno kids, who grew up at Teknotropheo Mangyan Children Mission Development Center excel this year in their respective school ; namely Jessa Wagwag, Michael Garcia, both in Grade 10 ; and Meraly Mariano in Grade 7. Jessa received three medals during their recognition day last March 31, 2016 at Polong National High School; Michael Garcia, Grade 10 , was awarded with two medals as Best in Values and Best Pupil awards in Abra de Ilog National High School and on April 7, 2016, Meraly Mariano, Grade 7 student of Philippine Christian School of Tomorrow-Home Education Program received her two medals as Honor A and Honor B student, and got a Certificate Award as member of 1,000 club award for students with ten -100% score.

Jessa shared with all smile – “ I am so happy to receive three medals this school year; and my father was with me during our recognition day. I am thankful to God for He gives me wisdom and He helped me in my studies.”

Michael shared, “ When I received my two medals; I thank God immediately and thank ate Cris too for all the help and blessings given to me so I can study well.”

Meraly said she did not expect to receive two medals; “ My subjects this school year was really hard. I got head ache during my classes and I almost gave up; but my tutor , ate Herma , and ate Cris keep on encouraging me to continue my studies and be thankful to God for blessing me with quality education as home schooler. I praise God and thank God, I received two medals this time. I am thankful also that Papa Jude, my sponsor, attended our recognition day.”

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The 2016 School Year (SY) ended before Holy Week but students were back on March 31, 2016 for their Recognition Day. Every Tekno Kid/Mangyan Scholar felt excited for their return to their homes for vacation and not minding that much their preparation for their final exams, that's why we keep telling and encouraging them to review and settle their discrepancies in school and in their subjects and past grades. They go to being careless and lax when they would think of vacation and the breaks or the holidays. Assessing them by this time from their start of classes, it seems fair enough that they have survived another year but with some are hanging grades or at the lower part of the grading outcome. It is a somewhat a saddening feeling that some of the Tekno kids' never really have not made their best effort in climbing up to reach a higher level in their grades, that's the reverse from being a scholar where they should be striving to get a high grade and not just settling for the least of grades and /or even failing or getting blank grades. But of course their teachers would find ways for them to complete their grades and pass via projects, chores and errands; everything just to get rid of a problematic student if that is the only way to get relief. And yes some of the Tekno kids' scholars are maybe one among them, that's why we are here to help and direct these kids and pray that they could make up their minds and really study for their own good, because next end of school year they need an average of 80% to make it to the scholarship program. Here are some of the observations and assessment of the Tekno Kids' Scholars:

Rocky – at the beginning he seems hopeful but when classes have come into its routine he starts to be questionable, where sometimes he wouldn't come back at the center to have lunch and we wonder where he is eating. Other kids would say he buys food out for his lunch that is because within the summer break he went with other Mangyan's to work for hire via the help of the municipal government. That's why he has money and he continues by Saturdays' and Sundays' to work on the field of Tagalogs to earn extra money for his family and personal use, but later on the third grading where it's that late when we have received his report card that he has blank grades from a couple of subjects and a failure. So his teacher told us that he wasn't attending class either he is cutting classes not going into school or he is inside the school campus but hiding at the campus grounds where teachers could not see them. On another subject where his notes are needed he has no copy for his teacher to check for the clearance, and another one at TLE where they have activities to do he does not participate, another at Social Studies where they are required read a novel by Dr. Jose Rizal he didn't ask us to buy him a book-Noli Me Tangere for him to read and answer questions that is to be passed to his teacher. One problem with Rocky is his timidity and he is caught up later with everything because he didn't know how to ask, react or say anything at all. But now near closing he is making up in every subject he neglected. His teacher in Social Studies gave him a chance to finish working on the novel. His teacher at TLE made him an assistant to another Tekno Kid, Michael where they fix some school facilities that needs repair and to the other subjects he also made agreements to his teachers. Here at the center he isn't lacking help, encouragement and boosting. But the problem with the silent type like him is even there are already problems he isn't talking when asked, and he is asking when he needs something.

On the other aspects Rocky is a good boy, he is a strong one when you need help in moving heavy things, he can be depended upon the work you assigned to him but not without, he lacks initiative where almost all of them are. Spiritually he knows his faith and is aware of the assurances he has in his life, he is not carried away of the habits of most of the youth like drinking, smoking and others. He reads his Bible personally and prays' on his own. He say he is reminded of his fathers' reputation of being a godly person that is why he is encourage to stay at the right track. He knows his weakness as he is telling sometimes in his studies, in English and Math.

Artmel – is usually an hyperactive kid but teachers say before that he is doing fine at school and at the start of this school year he was also doing well but then old pals and new ones (Tagalogs) came together (barkada) and their group was into no good. His former Grade 5 teacher and teacher on another subject this year reported to us that he changed since, being now naughty in school, it's bad news since he is graduating from elementary and that is because of bad company. He was recruited to joining the school basketball team and winning gold at the sports competition, there he made new friends but went all the way to adopting bad behavior or worse he maybe the initiator because of his kind of attitude. Often we advice him to lessen his naughtiness and he would slowdown and

then again it would burst out among them at the boys room or within the center. He was reported by other TK scholars of cutting classes to play basketball at the plaza together with his cousin Noe and he would get angry to the reporter threatening them. He got some blank grades from his report card because one from their class group lost a book that their teacher borrowed to them for reference, now they settled it by contributing and buying a replacement to settle their grades. And once, after the third grading period, parents of the school's most naughty students were called for a meeting by the Principal and teachers to warn their kids of their bad behavior and Kuya Ador the father of Artmel was one of them. By this closing of school classes it seems Artmel had made it over these rough roads he has taken, but high school is coming and if he isn't wise in choosing his company it will be a tougher ride. A lot more being childish in his behavior he is spiritually on drought as if not really deep in his knowledge of God, of Jesus and of the faith, although he hears so much about these and even memorize the assurances verses, still he is unsure of his salvation. He still need a personal encounter with God.

Esmar – he is also the silent type but he can manage his studies better than the two first boys but a habit from before keeps creeping into his system while at the middle of his studies. Computer games are one problem many boys are facing and once or twice Esmar was hooked into it, but being warned he stopped but once in a while other TK kids' reports him to be hanging out at the internet shop but he would say he was just watching. We would then warn him again even not to hang out there because he might be tempted if he has money from his parents. Just that thing and everything is fine with Esmar in his studies that is good in Math and even to his other subjects and this is because of his respect to his mother who encourages him to strive to study harder. There is anyway the negative report of other Tekno Kids' that he is lazy and not doing his assigned task and that he deliberately abstain his self in their groups chores. Spiritually like that of Artmel.

Ringo – from being uncertain to being sure when it comes to his studies, he was a product of the 'barkada', hanging out with his cousin Esmar. He was encouraged by the latter to join Tekno and his father resisted but he insisted and now his parents are in full support to him if he does well and finish what he started here at Tekno and his grades from his report card are showing good signs for him and his character and reputation among the staff is positive. So he is certain to go further or even go all the way to finish, we pray he would. Spiritually better than that of Artmel but there are still some unclear things like on assurances but he is searching.

Ariel – a lot better than his big brother Artmel, he is more responsible, mature though younger, no bad reports about him from his two Tekno Kid classmates in school, does his task, studies enough to his own capacity but can go better. Still young and unclear about spiritual aspects Ariel is uncertain on assurances but he listens and is good in memorizing Bible verses.

Michael – on the part of Michael he is well ahead in academics, is speak well of by his teachers and has a good reputation here at the center. He learns well from instructions and advice and is careful enough not to make mistakes. He knows the hardship of life and knows God will be the help he needs to be successful and does his part with it. He is aware of his sins and knows God forgives and give a second chance that's why he is where he is. He knows of the assurances and holds on to them, spiritually he is deeper, yet there's more for him to be certain about. And in then end of school year, he received two medals as Best Pupil and Best in Values.



Tekno kids-stay in happy to go to school
(not in photo Angie, Margie, Esmael, Jessa, Meraly)



Daily Morning Devotion Time of Tekno kids

MERALY UPDATE



Meraly as home school student

Three years of home schooling made a big difference in Meraly's life especially in understanding God's Word and her studies. Thank God through home schooling, Meraly's potentials are being unleashed. Below is one evidence, her letter to her sponsor, witnessing to him and encouraging him:

Dear Papa Jude,
Good day! How are you? I hope that you are in good situation and your health. I am happy because I will write a letter for you. If you ask me, I am good as well as my homeschool.

Thank you very much for your continued support. My homeschool is good because I answer all my P.A.C.E's. I already finished my five P.A.C.E's FILIPINO, MATH, WORD BUILDING, SOCIAL STUDIES, and SCIENCE. The English subject is not yet finish. I'm slow in answering in English. God will help me in my studies and he gives me wisdom, understanding my P.A.C.E. With God's help I can finish the remaining P.A.C.E in English by last week of February.

Also, God can help your life to your problem. You just need to pray and ask Him to forgive your sin and tell Him that you a sinner. Because God died on the cross for your sin, so God will forgive your sin and He will cleanse your heart, so you are saved now. And asked God that He will become your Saviour and King in your life and heart. God will help you in a difficult circumstances in your life. Always read His Word "The Bible", pray, and meditate it carefully. I want to encourage you, Papa Jude because I love you and I want to save your soul.

Thank you very much and I will always prayed you that God will blessed your life and provide your needs. Read this verse - John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Love,
Meraly

TEKNO KIDS IN PANGASINAN



Margie, 9 years at Tekno; Angie, 11 years at Tekno ; Jessa, 10 years at Tekno & Esmael, 11 years at Tekno

These four Mangyan kids are enlarging their tent or widening their horizon as they continue to study in Pangasinan State University (except Jessa, who studies in one of Pangasinan National High School). They are enduring homesickness and learning to be independent. Thank God! Angie passed the first semester in her fourth year as college student; Margie and Esmael, both first year college, passed the first semester. Margie got 2.5 average grade while Esmael got 2.0 average grade. Margie with all smile now, said, “ Thank God, I made it! I was so scared to be a college student before the start of school because I thought I couldn’t pass it but I did pass all my subjects, it is because of God’s help and prayers. I thank God and all who prayed for me. Now, I am on my second semester and I feel inspired to continue my studies. “ Angie, fourth year college, graduating this year, shared, “ I am so thankful because I am now a graduating student by God’s grace and because of His love for me. God gives me strength each day to overcome all the temptations in my life. He continues to provide for my studies. I praise God and thank Him. He continues to change me also in my character. I am learning to care for other people and try my best to be a good example to other Tekno kids and Mangyan people like me. I know it’s hard but God will help me, for nothing is impossible with Him. Jessa in Grade 10 got high grades during the first grading to third grading. She’s active too in their school activities. She almost gave up being a section one student, however, Cris encouraged her to be in section 1 and did not allow her to transfer to lower section, hence, in obedience to at Cris, she stayed in section 1. Jessa claimed Isaiah 41:10 in her life as Grade 10 student. She shared, “ I thank God because He is always with me. In spite of my failures as a teenage Tekno kid, He continues to forgive me, strengthen me, guide me and provide for me through Teknotropheo and partners. I am so blessed in spite of my disobedience sometimes, God gives me another chance. God is truly a merciful God. Thank you so much also to our Teknotropheo sponsors, may God bless you in overflow of blessings for you, your family, works and friends. “ Praise God!!!

The Second Graduation Ceremonies of Treasure from the Lord Center (TLC), Teknotropheo's Early Childhood Education Ministry Program



The TLC kinder students with their gifts awards



Meraly, the master of ceremonies

Last March 7 and March 8 this year, we held TLC' second graduation ceremonies at Teknotropheo Mission Development Center. TLC or Treasures from the Lord Center is an early childhood education ministry program of Teknotropheo Missions which started last June 2014. On its first year of implementation we had fourteen (14) graduates, now we have twenty six (26) graduates. Thank be to God, we were able to minister to the needs of these small kids by giving them education, food, training and God's Word at early age. A week before graduation day, the kids attended graduation practices in order to prepare them in doing their parts on our graduation ceremonies. We invited the barangay captain of Barangay Poblacion as our guest speaker for our kinder graduation and the Principal of Elementary school as our speaker for our prep.-students' graduation. Our guest speakers were so happy to know how Teknotropheo diligently nurture small kids in their town. They were touched and inspired by our ministry to the point that they assured us of their help. Thank God! We plan to ask them to donate more tables and chairs for our classrooms. Francis and Carol, are our most active Mangyan students in kinder, they improved a lot as they study at TLC. They can write their names after few months of going to TLC and they learned to recognize the letters and pronounce the sounds. Joana, the most shy Mangyan kid in prep.class,learned how to mingle with Tagalog kids and had almost perfect attendance. All of our students learned how to pray to God too and memorize some Bible verses. The parents observed some good changes in their kids' attitudes and felt so grateful for bringing their child to Teknotropheo's TLC. To God be the glory!

Thanksgiving of Tekno Kids

Leny – I thank God He gives me wisdom and understanding in school and I can do better when I review and do my homework and my projects early. I try to listen to my teachers so I can learn like kuya Jop is saying and I have some insight of what they say and teach.

Lesly – my studies is fine and I thank God I had high grades and He gave me wisdom in everything. I thank Him because He gave me the diligence in studying like what kuya jop said that there is no one who is a know nothing but there are only those who are lazy and careless in studying. So I applied it in my life to study hard so I can do it better in school.

Meraly – even though I'm in home school and I don't have the usual grading period I see my grades from my module exams and I thank God He gives me understanding and diligence in studying. I thank God He gives me the ability to memorize and I use that in my studies, what I learn from kuya Jop in our devotion about 75% or up of success in exams is about memorizing and I practice that and I try to understand so I can learn from what I memorize.

Mary Joy – I am partly sad about my grades because I have line of sevens and I pray to God I can do better and do my projects like in TLE where I fail to do our activities. I am nervous about next year that we need to have 80% average to get for being scholar and I think this closing my average will be lower. May God help me to be industrious in studying my lessons.

Bemalyn – for me I want to improve in school, I will listen to my teacher and do our activities so I can have high grades, I will memorize like kuya Jop said and practice through our memory verses. If I can memorize verses, I can also memorize before exam.

Ada – God teach me to memorize so I can do well in our devotion and in school, so I can have high scores in our quiz and exam. God teach me to practice and to read and study my lessons.

Michelle – I will listen to my teacher and recite and do my activities so I can have a high grade and I pray to Jesus to help me.

Michael – what I did to do well in school is to do my reading, studying and homework and to do what my teacher is telling me. To memorize and understand my lessons so I can answer right our quiz and exams, I did all the hard work so I can have high grades and God helped me. Like the saying, 'Man must do the work and God will show mercy'.

Rocky – I'm sorry I have not done well in school, I get carried away by my friends and I have not pay attention to my teachers, what they said I must do but I ignored them, so I have blank

grades. I make up for them and my teachers help me to complete my grades. I pray I can complete them all.

Ringo – I thank God He helps me to study more and my grades are just fine, I pray I can do better and better so I may have higher grades in the future. I will practice to study at home and do my home works and projects and pass them on time.

Esmar – God help me in studying and understanding my lessons and I can get high grades, I will do memorize and practice study and solving and do home work and my project and listen to my teacher and pray to God and these will make me have success.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- We praise and thank God for the Lord's provision last month for Teknotropheo Missions many needs. God is so good!
- Thank God! We have three Tekno Kids this school year who received medals because of their excellent performance in school, which is rare among Mangyan people. Truly our labor is not in vain, We Praise God, and give Him all the glory!
- We thank God for our Workers Retreat- we got rest, had re-creation and ready for next ministry works we planned by God's grace.
- Pls. pray for our Summer Education Program this Summer 2016, our wisdom to be able to teach kids in academics; likewise, pls. pray for the kids' wisdom and understanding of our lessons and the lesson about salvation through our Lord Jesus.
- Pls. pray for our VBS materials suitable for the kids we'll reach out this summer.
- Pls. pray for our project big land, God's direction to the right land and provision for payment of the land and for building more facilities.
- Pls. pray for protection for all of us at Teknotropheo and our volunteers-guests in times of campaign/election.

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We thank God for the continuous support you give to Teknotropheo Missions. We praise God for your lives dedicated to supporting His missions. We are always grateful. God is so good and always Jehovah-Jireh. God bless you more!

In Christ,

Cris A. Malicdem