

OASIS FAMILY MINISTRIES

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Introducing Elizabeth Getalla, our Tutor teacher:

Elizabeth is married to Elmer Getalla and they have 3 sons, one of whom is her adopted orphaned nephew.

Elizabeth shares: "I love God above all things and I always pray and talk to Him. I not only take care of my own family, but I also take care of my brother and sister. I value my family and we are very close and when we have difficulties in our daily needs we help each other to solve the problem. We are Catholics and attend church every Sunday and I teach my kids how to pray, worship and be thankful always to God."



I teach the children during tutorial classes the value of life and to respect one another, especially how to honour their parents and the elderly.

➤ Tutorials

Elizabeth has after school tutorial classes in English and Mathematics and also takes the opportunity to teach Christian values and life values during these sessions. She teaches from Grades 1 to 6 during the week days. The classes are kept to a maximum number of 15 per class to meet the individual student's learning needs as much as possible.

Every Saturday, Elizabeth is busy with the high school students, the day being split up between year levels with 2 hours classes each.

➤ Holiday Activities

During the long summer break in April and May, she runs holiday programme activities including quizzes and games to give the children something to do during their school holidays.

➤ Snacks

For every class and activity we provide some nutritional snack foods to give the children strength to learn well.

➤ Tutor's Salary

She is paid a full time salary, plus the employer's contribution towards a superannuation and healthcare scheme.

➤ Sponsoring our Tutor's Salary

We are grateful for 5 New Zealand sponsors who give regular monthly donations to help support this valuable work, which is providing a positive long term impact into this local community through education.



OASIS YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES AND DISCIPLESHIP

Introducing Lou and Tanya Valasco our Youth leaders:

Lou experienced a tough family background and got involved with drugs and living on the street in his youth. His auntie reached out to him when he was 22 he was delivered from the bondage of drugs and committed himself to God.

Tanja is a kindergarten teacher by profession and comes from Frankfurt, Germany. She felt called by God in 2000 to the Philippines for missions training and went on to meet Lou who became her husband.



Their passion and dream: *"Our vision is to see young people living a life of faith in Christ. To train them and encourage them to take responsibility in what God has specifically called them to and to be an agent of change in their community."*

- **Youth Fellowship** - every Sunday we gather a group of young people who want to be discipled. They come from various religious affiliations or backgrounds. We encourage them to follow Christ, have a relationship with Him and encourage them to be involved in a local church.
- **Community Service** - twice a year the youth do a service in the community as part of their contribution.
- **Youth Outings** - We take them to places where youth enjoy being, whether it is participating in a sports event, climbing a mountain, or visiting an island or a park. We try to make it a learning experience.
- **Youth Camps** - Once a year we reward those who achieved a pass result in their grades. We maximize this fun time with practical and spiritual teachings by:
 - a) inviting a motivational speaker with a similar background;
 - b) reflecting on the past school year and set goals for the new;
 - c) enjoying fellowship and connecting them with new friends;
 - d) giving them time to grow deeper in their relationship with God.
- **Leadership Training and Development** - We see leadership as being a role model to the younger youth and to be an influence in their community. We also encourage responsibility by having planning meetings twice a month and give them opportunities to take initiatives.
- **Sponsoring the Youth Activities** - We have 3 sponsors and a church contributing to the camps and activities.



Testimony from Nholelyn (17 yrs old) *"I've been in Oasis for quite a long time already and I've witnessed how God is working in the lives of the young people. It is a good place to grow and mature in faith. The youth are given opportunities to enhance their skills and develop their talents and abilities. In lieu of this, people are given the chance to rise up as leaders, and be examples for the new generation to come by bearing the name of Christ, imbued with strong values founded on God's Word."*

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