



Precious Jewels Ministry

About PJM

Precious Jewels Ministry views every child like a jewel that is of infinite value and uniquely created in the image of God.

Our Mission Statement

We strive to uphold the dignity of all people and acknowledge in all endeavors that relationships, rather than programmes are of paramount importance.

We respond to the individual needs of children regardless of religious beliefs or cultural background to achieve the following goals:

- Provide wholistic care and support for children at risk
- Strengthen the family's role in the nature and development of children
- Reduce the impact of chronic/terminal illness on affected children
- Influence public policies that enhance the care, support and rights of children living in difficult situations

Precious Jewels Ministry is a nongovernment organization. It has been caring for vulnerable children in the Philippines since 1987, beginning on Smokey Mountain, the Manila garbage dump and extending to the rural villages around Mt. Pinatubo and more recently to the national hospital for infectious diseases.

PJM works in the Philippines in cooperation with national government agencies as well as UNICEF and the World Health Organization to develop innovative strategies in linking health services to childcare and child protection issues.

LIFE TOUCHING LIVES

"We returned from Uganda in November after five months of walking and working with people from East Africa; people who have been coping with crisis after crisis for far too long. We saw lives traumatized by decades of war and violence and crushed by poverty and AIDS.

But we also saw something else - HOPE. Strong, resilient, gutsy HOPE rising out of the ashes! God is healing lives and restoring communities.

During our last session, one of the leaders, a woman who cares for hundreds of children living with AIDS, asked us, 'When will you return? We have not yet finished walking with our children. They still have far to go on their safari!'

- PJM Ang Tulay Leader

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*An invitation...
to walk with others...
as Jesus walks with us*



ANG TULAY
A Journey With Children in Grief

ANG TULAY TO THE NATIONS

ANG TULAY is for children of all ages who are grieving a death, separation or any other painful transition in their family. It provides support and healing for children at risk and the entire family.

ANG TULAY is the Filipino word for "Bridge". The bridge serves as a metaphor of how we care for children as well as train others; together, side-by-side.

ANG TULAY begins when adults are willing to walk with children, not giving advice or minimizing their pain but helping them discover God's presence and that they are not alone.

A JOURNEY OF HOPE

"We are all walking together on this journey. Being part of the Ang Tulay these past months has not made us experts.

Rather our walking together, sharing our losses and pains with each other, brings us closer and makes us a family.

Whether you travelled with us, planned with us, or prayed for us, you are a part of our family: and we will continue to journey together as one in CHRIST."

- YWAM Ang Tulay Leader

OUR VISION

Bring healing to the nations by walking with others who care for children and families experiencing loss due to sickness, separation and death.

THE OPPORTUNITY: To build dynamic partnerships with organizations and churches who provide care and support for children at risk.

HOW DO WE WALK TOGETHER?

- By training caregivers, health care workers and teachers
- By strengthening the capacity of organizations to provide care and support for children at risk
- By developing learning communities that are mutually supportive

ABOUT ANG TULAY TRAINING

The ANG TULAY book is a Training Guide and Workbook for people working with children at risk. The material has been developed from the shared experience of Precious Jewels Ministry with Filipino children and their families; children living in difficult situations due to AIDS, violence and substance abuse who have faced rejection, exploitation and alienation.

PJM holds training sessions in coordination with organizations working with children at risk.

In Uganda, PJM partners with Youth With A Mission in developing the training for Ang Tulay.

PHILIPPINES and UGANDA

In 2006, four PJM staff traveled to Uganda to introduce the ministry of Ang Tulay to Youth With a Mission (YWAM), an organization working with vulnerable and orphaned children. A partnership was formed and in 2008, PJM returned to Uganda for another three months.

They met with community leaders in war-torn Northern Uganda as well as local churches and organizations responding to the AIDS epidemic.

In June 2009, PJM Filipino staff and volunteers from around the world lived in Uganda for five months to continue the Ang Tulay training.

The need is great; the invitation has been offered. We believe that Ang Tulay is a gift that God has given us to share with others.

Precious Jewels Ministry is extending its borders as a ministry to work with others for the healing and restoration of children in Uganda and other countries of East Africa. Filipino staff and volunteers from around the world are conducting on-going trainings in Uganda.

*We need partners - people who will walk with us
as prayerful supporters and friends.
Will you join hands as part
of our sending team?
"Come with us...the journey is long!"*