

Gideon 300

In the book of Judges, God chose a man named Gideon to lead an army of Israelite soldiers into battle against the Midianites. Despite being outnumbered, God tells Gideon to thin out his army and send over 20,000 soldiers home! Out of the remaining 10,000 Israelites, God chose a select 300. Staying true to His word, the Lord stood by Gideon and his army, and the swords of the Midianite soldiers were turned against one another and a miraculous victory was won by Gideon and his 300 men.

Sparrow Music is seeking 300 individuals willing to take part in the Gideon 300 campaign through prayers and a \$20 monthly or \$240 annual donation for 2016.

The Callis Family is offering a special \$1111 matching campaign in memory of Pastor Chuck Callis. All one-time donations and first month's installment of all new annual pledges will be matched up to \$1111. Pastor Chuck had a big heart for missions and a bigger heart for God. He was very instrumental in helping Sparrow Music come into existence. We are thankful for his life and the legacy he left behind. He will be very missed.

If you would like to be part of Gideon 300 and help us receive the full \$1111 matching donation, please feel free to contact us at (408) 206-9117 or at sparrowmusicinc@gmail.com. Zechariah 4: 6 says that with God, the outcome doesn't depend on human might and power, but on His Spirit, because a few plus God is better than a majority without Him.

We hope and pray that we can continue what has been started with the help that you will provide.

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Our Mission

Sparrow Music, Inc. was founded by individuals who share a common bond: a passion for music, a compassion and love for under privileged and impoverished children and an even greater love for God. This love for God has manifested into a burden for missions and a strong desire to share God's love and His Word with the children and youth living in the most repressed areas. It is our vision to bring the hope of the Gospel to these children, and at the same time, to create future musicians and worshipers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

sparrow music The Downbeat

Thanksgiving is the time of year during which we reflect on all the blessings that God has given us. For some people, that may be job stability, or a place to call home. For us here at Sparrow Music, we are grateful to our Heavenly Father for providing for our needs, for such wonderful children to minister to, and for all of you, for your prayers and faithful support.

In this issue, we celebrate a milestone in our ministry as well as reflect on what we, as an organization, have to be thankful for.

350 Participate in Sparrow's First Derma Clinic

Two months after our dental mission in August, Sparrow Music continued its health and wellness ministry with a two-day dermatology clinic. Dr. Sandy McLeod, a dermatologist from the UK, visited our center and examined 350 children and parents from the surrounding Payatas neighborhood. Sparrow staff and volunteers had gone door-to-door to invite and gather individuals wanting to take part in this free health service.

The most common problems seen in people were lice infections and mild to serious skin conditions, like eczema. Dr. McLeod treated them with medications and medical supplies made possible through personal and individual donations received in the UK.

Dr. McLeod travels to the Philippines annually volunteering his services to medically underserved areas where health is challenged by poverty and poor access to health care. Sparrow Music is blessed by the tremendous value of time Dr. McLeod donated for this derma clinic. It is through this ministry, we were able to show compassion, minister and share Christ's love to 350 individuals.

Sparrow Music welcomes medical, dental and hygiene donations year round, including but not limited to: toothpaste, toothbrushes, first aid, children's vitamins, Dove soap, shampoo just to name some. If you are in the health and medical field and would be interested in volunteering your time and services in the future, please contact us at 408.206.9117 or our Philippine office at 09162437482.

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Showers of Blessings

Since September 2013, Showers of Blessings has impacted almost 500 children in five different communities in and around Payatas. Out of these outreach projects have risen five of Sparrow Music's original students.

When Sparrow Music was just beginning to take shape, Showers of Blessings, a local neighborhood outreach program, was initiated. During this quarterly event, our volunteers go out and gather as many children and families as possible, that they may participate in a day filled with fellowship, food, Bible study, and of course, soapy showers! This event is spearheaded by volunteers from Payatas Sovereign Grace Christian Church (PSGCC), some of which are Sparrow Music staff and volunteers. We have been blessed to extend the benefits of Showers of Blessings to kids residing in a neighborhood in Montalban located in the mountains bordering Payatas.

Since the first Showers of Blessings event, the average number of children in attendance has risen from 40 to 50, due to children inviting their siblings and relatives to take part. The children that benefit from this ministry are between ages 6 to 12 and new faces are appearing every event. Healthy, wholesome meals and clean, sanitary showers are important facets of this ministry, but spiritual nourishment is the primary objective. On these fateful afternoons, we have had children surrender their lives to Christ, and in turn, use their encounter with Christ as a witness for other people.

On one occasion, our volunteers picked up kids from Star Hope, a neighborhood located directly beside the Payatas Dumpsite. These children's parents go to the landfill every day to sort through the trash every day in the scorching sun, desperately trying to scratch out a living. The shower they received later that day was especially important to these boys and girls, in particular, because they don't bathe regularly. When they are fortunate enough to clean themselves, it's in the rain. At the end of the afternoon as our volunteers walked them home, these children were audibly singing "Thank you Jesus! Sana maulit – ulit!" ("Thank you Jesus! We hope this happens again.").

"I will make them and the places surrounding my hill a blessing. I will send down showers in season; there will be Showers of Blessings."
Ezekiel 34:26

Meet Edwin Marino

Age: 13

Instrument: guitar, original (2013) Sparrow student

Family: 5th oldest out of 7, five brothers, 1 sister

Dream: to be an architect, give back by volunteering at Sparrow

Hobbies: computer games, basketball

Interesting fact: teaches guitar to younger brother and math teacher

Ministry: member of Hope Christian Church praise and worship team



Why I Support Sparrow Music

Interview with Rommel Bernardez

When did you start supporting Sparrow Music?

Two years ago, basically from the beginning.

What made you want to support Sparrow Music?

I think it's because I feel Sparrow is an organization I can trust. There are a lot of organizations that seek to provide assistance to others, but this one is an organization I can trust... Christian-based, and honest. You guys are an avenue for me to help. Growing up, I always wanted to help others any way I could; but I've felt that I couldn't do it by myself. Now your organization has provided an opportunity to really make a difference and help.

You mentioned that you feel you can trust our organization over other organizations out there. Besides the fact that it's a Christian organization, what makes you trust Sparrow?

Because I know you guys! There are plenty of ads on TV that promote organizations that don't give 100% of the money towards their cause. I feel your organization does, and I can trust you. It's not a strange organization to me.

If you were talking to someone else about Sparrow, what would be the first thing you would tell them?

I think I would tell them that this organization is sincerely trying to help those in need, and that their aim is to spread the gospel.



Other Blessings and Highlights from the Center!

- Campus Crusade for Christ(Philippines) donated Bibles, pens, bottled water, steel cabinet, and shampoo that will be used for our Showers of Blessings ministry.
- The Generics Pharmacy, a local pharmaceutical company in the Philippines, donated 80 umbrellas and 50 Bibles.
- A member of the community has donated a sack of rice to the center and has voluntarily offered to make this donation on a monthly basis.
- Once a week, in addition to their usual lessons, three of our guitar students are receiving supplementary instruction from Fred Saclot, a Master's student from University of the Philippines(UP), working on completing his Music Pedagogy requirement. These three students also enjoyed the opportunity to perform a recital in the performance hall on the UP campus.

Mark Your Calendars!

January 18, 2016

SparrowMusic.Org Website Launch!

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Sparrow Music Trivia Night!

Saturday, February 27, 2016

2nd Annual Sparrow Music Crab Feed Fundraiser

May 2016

ARCC Golf Tournament for the Benefit of Sparrow Music

For information on any events and how to register, contact us at (408) 206.9117 or sparrowmusicinc@gmail.com.