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LORETTA'S STORY

Prior to coming to Mission Possible, Loretta had been struggling to find employment. As a very shy person, she lacked the confidence she needed to put her skills to use. One day as our MP Neighbours team was walking the streets of the Downtown Eastside, they shared with Loretta about the opportunities at Mission Possible. Loretta liked the idea of working with the MP Clean Team and knew it would be a good way for her gain employment again. It would also fulfill her desire to help clean up the city.

Loretta identifies her shyness as one of her biggest barriers to finding employment, but as she began working on the Clean Team, she started to see herself grow in numerous ways. *"It feels like a close-knit family,"* is how she describes the Team. The job has given her space to become more confident, learn to communicate well with the public, and feel good about the work she is doing that betters the city.

Loretta now has the self-assurance that she will find permanent, full-time work outside of Mission Possible, ideally with a landscaping company.

PHILIPPINES CHURCH RESPONDS IN MIDST OF ARMED CONFLICT

The Church of the Nazarene is assisting some of the thousands of people displaced by an armed conflict in the southern Philippines. The ongoing conflict, which began May 23, has displaced nearly 360,000 people – about half of them children. Some, including the

elderly and the very young, walked as far as 25 miles to get to safety. The death toll was approaching 500 and still climbing as authorities struggle to keep the area secured.

In partnership with Lanao Development Team (LDT), a group of young volunteers active in community development working among poverty-stricken communities in the southern Philippines, Nazarenes conducted Child-Friendly Spaces in four different evacuation centers. The spaces help children overcome trauma brought on by disasters and return to their normal routine.

In addition to Child-Friendly Spaces, the Church of the Nazarene and LDT also conducted medical and dental check-ups and provided medicines and Crisis Care Kits from [Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](#) to hundreds of displaced families. These have all been made possible with the coordination of the government's regional disaster management team.

For a long-term response, an Operation Safe Program for traumatized children will be conducted with the help of NCM and other groups such as the Philippine Children's Ministries Network.

Philippine-Micronesia Field Strategy Coordinator Stephen Gualberto recently visited evacuation centers to monitor the work of the church and to encourage volunteers.

To date, the fighting continues. Sadly, several evacuees are suffering from mental disorder due to trauma, according to the Department of Health.

Continued prayer is requested for the situation.

– [Church of the Nazarene Asia-Pacific](#)

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ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Are you golfing with us on September 13, 2017?

Our 2017 Golf Classic Committee recently met at the Links of GlenEagles and we are super excited about how it is coming together.

Golf, dinner, and a chance to support our Ambrose Lions' Den!

Details at www.ambrose.edu/golf2017.

THE DYNAMIC TRIO

The Dynamic Trio, the most recent publication of Dr. William Stewart, is now available!

At the most hopeless and discouraging time of her life, Allison meets a group of new friends who have started studying the three primary Christian qualities of hope, faith, and love. As Allison begins to absorb the meaning, power, and truth of this “Dynamic Trio,” she is introduced to new ideas, principles, and purposes that will change her life. With the help of her new friends, she applies hope, faith, and love to her own situation and is transformed from a lost and defeated person into someone with purpose, meaning, and fulfillment.

As you join Allison in her journey, you may come to a fresh understanding of these three qualities and begin to enrich and renew your own spiritual journey.

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