

NAMBU



Jonathan & Thelma Nambu

PHILIPPINES

LANGUAGES

English
Tagalog

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Abolishing Global
Slavery

CHILDREN

Katrinka

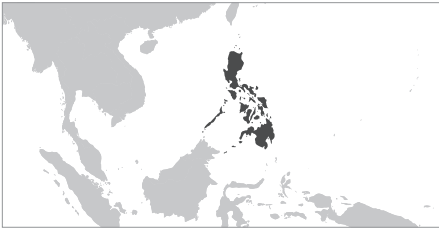
BIRTHDAYS

Jonathan 10/12
Thelma 4/28
Katrinka 6/26



LOCATION

Philippines



ABOUT

JONATHAN and THELMA are associate missionaries appointed by International Ministries in partnership with Samaritana Transformation Ministries, an organization committed to sharing and living out the gospel among women caught in prostitution. The Nambus' ministry involves caring for and empowering women in the

Philippines, as well as developing partnerships in Asia and around the world toward prostitution-free societies.



Women from the street enjoy games led by Samaritana staff at a public park in December 2021.

“ MINISTRY STORY

The pre-Christmas party for fifteen women was richly memorable. The women with backgrounds in street prostitution live in a squatter area near the public park where the activity was held. There were shrieks of laughter as they played games on the grass in the open area. There were tears as they shared in small groups facilitated by Samaritana staff. It was an afternoon of unloading burdens, building rapport, having fun, and feeling respected.

The activity was organized and facilitated by Samaritana staff, but the role and contribution of Precious* was critical. Precious was the first woman Thelma befriended before Samaritana was officially organized, over thirty years ago. After a childhood filled with abandonment and abuse, Precious turned to street prostitution and grew tough to survive all the deep traumas she experienced. But after years of walking with and investing

in Precious, we have seen her grow and develop into a woman of integrity with a heart of compassion for women in the same situations today. She now has a job with another ministry and works hard to provide for her special needs adult son as a single mom. She continues to volunteer with Samaritana in outreach, befriending women on the streets. It was Precious who initially introduced the fifteen women to Samaritana.

We thank God for the seeds of the gospel sown into the hearts of the fifteen women recently. And we thank God for Precious and the good seed which has grown in her heart, producing much fruit!

**Name has been changed.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Katrinka as she transitions into college, discerning directions and options.

Pray for Thelma as she invests in younger staff and turns over some of her responsibilities.

Pray for the women's cooperative as they launch different income-generating activities.

SCRIPTURE

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”

Isaiah 58:9b-10 (NIV)