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Turning Crises into Opportunities



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Thank you God for another year gone by and another year to look forward to. I thank God for His continuous blessing and protection. I thank God for granting me another year of my

life and for all the gifts He grant me; gift of faith, gift of prayer, gift of family, gift of friends, gift of knowledge, especially for the gift of life and for the holy spirit who always with me,

Another year had passed and I thank Him for his unending grace and for making me a humble instrument by allowing me to see Him in every patient who seeks help. I hope my touch not only provides the necessary actions to help them heal or at least ease their burden, but also to provide assurance that I am by their side to comfort and accompany them in their pains.

May the fire of God's love inflame my heart enough to consume me so that my patients will no longer see me but perceive God and know that ultimately, it is Him and His love that heals them. I know frailty of the human spirit faced with the difficult challenge of living with an affliction is beyond our control. But I know God's healing love brings them endurance, and His power overcomes despair that these people's faith in Him may not weaken.

Just like many other people, poverty was the daily fare for some of our patients in KRCH and they shook hands with crises. But what's so admirable about them is that they were able to stand tall through tough times. While most of us would allow defeat to define us, they used their temporary setbacks in their lives and their Christian faith to overcome the pains and struggles that they are going through.

I know they are suffering not only with their sickness but also with financial problems. Their empty pockets would lead them to the realization that dealing with life is difficult. We at the KRCH are aware of the situation and we are praying for the approval of the SSF fund so that we could help them in their financial struggles. We have no one to turn to regarding this matter except God.

I know everything happens for a purpose and He has better plan for KRCH and for the patients as well and He will help us ease our financial burdens and make a way that we may be alleviated from these difficulties and well send us the persons who have the generosity of heart to assist us in our present needs.

In this time of crisis, I know God will never leave us nor forsake us. He wants us to know Him better and experience His divine power. As John Piper quoted, " Pain is God's megaphone to rouse deaf humanity." I know this is not a crisis itself, but we are presented with lots of wonderful opportunities to surrender all our worries and burdens to Him. When we undergo and face a crisis, we are reminded that we are not in control of our lives that we need God in these tough times.

Although KRCH patients are going through difficult phase, I realize that the toughest of times can also be the best of times. May our battle cry be, "For I can do everything through Christ who gives me the strength. (Philippians 4:13)

Hope is the only thing that KRCH patients have in common and the reason why they are still holding on. I don't want them to give up their faith so I keep on reminding them that when life gets difficult, when the task become tiring, when we are about to give up, always remember that the snail got to Noah's ark inch by inch to survive. So keep going!

I do believe that when we face challenges in life that are beyond our own power, it's an opportunity to build on our faith, inner strength, and courage. I've learned that how we face challenges plays a big role in the outcome of them. Life has no smooth road for any of us but all we have to do is to trust the Lord because He never gives burdens heavier than we can carry.

In spite of what we are going through right now, I still thank God for His sufficient grace especially for giving me the hope to move on despite all the problems and for teaching me to be more patient to confidently wait for His answer to my prayers. In the end I remember He shed His blood to the last drop. That action obtained for us the grace to face our sickness, afflictions, misfortunes, and seeming failures of life as opportunities to grow in patience and perseverance. Above all, and in all things make us ever more faithful and more fervent not only in the previous years but for the years to come.

God has been with us through the days of this past year and I know He will continue guiding us through the coming years especially to comfort our hearts, to hear our prayers, to come to our aid, and most of all to help us to walk with Him in this new year better than we have ever done before.

He is our hope and our confidence who enables us to stand tall amidst the toughest crises and who keeps us going when the going gets tough. So I appreciate your prayers for our staff for our patients, and also my family that they would always remain strong and would always realize that they are wrapped in God's love and He is always there to ease the anguish that their sickness brings and He will fill their hearts with serenity and peace.