



**Manila, Philippines, October 28<sup>th</sup>** Leaders from 24 organizations and churches attended the Pebbles and Stones Training held in the Norwegian Mission Alliance Conference Room and hosted by One Hope and the Philippines Children’s Network. Some of the leaders in attendance worked with street children, with the youth, with children from their churches, and some were from social intervention organizations. A couple from outside of the city drove 6 hours to attend the training.

We all shared a common belief, “only God can change a life.” There are 30,000,000 children under the age of 14 living in the Philippines. Of those children 50,000 children live in the streets. The number of suicides among children in the Philippines has been increasing.

During the training, the participants were immediately invited into the process of hearing God’s voice after a teaching on “Healing Hearts.” God used the journaling time to bring His healing to our own hearts as we work with children. Questions abounded about the process of children hearing from God, prayer and discipline. While experiencing the Pebbles and Stones model, everyone participated through journaling, sharing and praying. We sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit during this time. The idea of listening prayer was well received, and we heard from multiple leaders of their intention to implement the model in their homes, organizations and their local churches. Kathleen was heartily invited back and will work to do trainings in the future in many areas outside of Manila.

The Filipino people are kind, welcoming, open and determined to reach their children for Christ. We have been blessed to meet them. Praise the Lord for His Words and His Presence during the training.



On October 29th, Kathleen met with leaders who are working with the Year of The Child. The YOTC is an intentional and intensified campaign to reach children for Christ. Specifically, children between the ages of 4 and 14 will be targeted. During the meeting, the Vision and Goals of the YOTC were shared. A variety of organizations, each representing different facets of the needs of children, were present and given the opportunity to share what God has been doing within their organizations.



At invitation of the Philippines Assemblies of God National Christian Education Department, Pebbles and Stones will be partnering to help bring about the goals for the YOTC.



*Thanks for your prayers! Next stop Taiwan!*

*Kathleen & Sue*