

Tommy's Window



Love always finds a way!

Tommy's Window Newsletter - December 2009

Dear Friends,



God bless you! It's been a long while since we last published a newsletter. Our time has been absorbed with keeping up with the Tommy's Window outreach ministry in follow up & producing new material, etc.

In this newsletter, we'll update you on our progress & share a compilation of news & testimonies that we hope will inspire you & motivate you to participate in this effort to make the world a better place—one heart at a time.

Love & prayers,

Brian & Martha, & team.



A Christmas Message For You

Christmas is a good time to remember and appreciate the important things in life—the things that never change and will always be important for eternity; such as the Lord's love for us, our love for others, our care for others, and the sacrifices we make to help those in need.

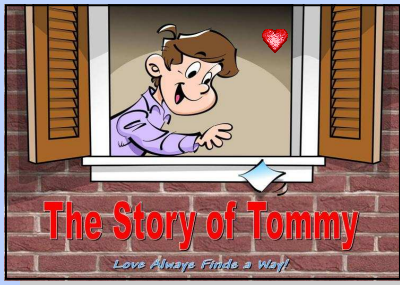
If there are circumstances in your life that are less than ideal, something you're struggling with or that's making you unhappy, maybe something you're lacking or some factor in your spirit that's weighing on you, Christmas is a wonderful time to look beyond those things and remember the big picture. Remember that we have a God Who loves us so much that He sent Jesus into the world the very first Christmas, so that no matter what happens, no matter what we have or don't have here, through Jesus we have an eternal, permanent ticket to Heaven, and we're going to spend an awesome forever with Him when our lives are over. No matter what goes wrong or right here and now, we have Jesus, we have eternal life, and we have a God Who loves us and will go to any length to keep us close to His heart of love.

This Christmas, let's please Jesus by praising Him; make Jesus happy by bringing His love to others; satisfy His heart by giving to others as He gave to us. And as you do His bidding and give Him gifts throughout this Christmas season, you'll be encouraged and amazed at what He will engineer for you in your personal situations. As you take care of His business, He will take care of the matters that concern you!



Merry Christmas!





Special Thanks

Here is some great news for you that answered our request to help us produce 'The Story of Tommy' slideshow; we've received enough funds to cover the cost of illustrations for each slide & the production is nearly finished. God willing, we'll send "The Story of Tommy" show when we launch our new, upgraded site. God bless you for participating in this important project. We know the Lord will bless you & you'll reap eternal rewards for your giving.

Tommy's Window Website Upgrade

The Lord raised up sponsors to fund an upgrade to the Tommy's Window website. It was a miraculous answer to prayer as we would not have been able to afford it. This upgrade will be a huge blessing in the future for Brian to manage it, as well as for our website visitors.

Here's a comment by Dianne our web designer: "Because of the extensive information on Tommy's Window, the re-designing is understandably a long term project but we're making good progress. Whenever we feel things are going too slow, we're reminded of the **4.2 GB** of information we're working with--**18,802** files in **1,932** folders to be exact & that's just the size of the website today! More information is being added daily & it will keep on growing."

Dianne built our original, present site, by donating her time & skill, & is now doing a wonderful job building the new website. God bless her.

Please pray for this upgrade that; all will function correctly, that Brian will learn quickly to manage the content, & that we can initiate a new email service that includes very needed functions to keep in communication with all who write us and to send our weekly PowerPoint slideshows to thousands.

We Would Like You To Know...

We're not a big organization with lots of resources & financial backing. We receive a few donations via our website but it's not sufficient to cover the costs of this ministry to be self-supporting.

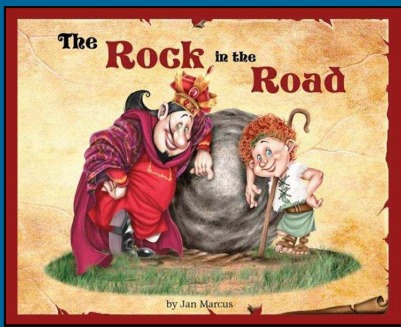
"Tommy's Window" began & continues as a team endeavor with us devoting our time & labor joined by other likeminded volunteers who contribute their time, skills, & knowledge; by doing translations, contributing materials, answering email, etc. Most expenses are paid from our own limited funds received from a few sponsors & fundraisers. We need ways to generate income to be self-supporting & to continue for as long as possible.

Currently, each month we send around 120,000 emails that include 10 to 16 free shows in English & Spanish, post many free shows in several languages on our site, correspond & minister to many by email, take care of important technical details, & are working on other projects, all of which require a tremendous amount of work.

Around 30% of our subscribers are in Western nations &, it seems, would likely have the means to donate. Whereas, those in poorer nations would not have a way to give toward this outreach. Even a couple of dollars or more received on a regular basis from a lot of people can make a big difference & could help cover our costs of producing free slideshows & that way everyone can benefit.

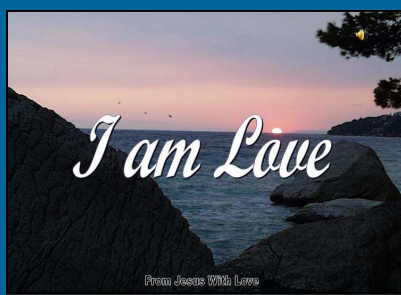
We want to encourage you that donations of any amount greatly help!

New Projects In The Works



♥ Story Slideshows for Children.

We have received many requests for Children's shows. These are more complex to produce because it's not possible to illustrate them with random pictures, as is possible with many of the shows. We came into contact with Goldquill publishers in the UK & we'll be networking to produce children's shows using the beautiful artwork from their books. As these shows are circulated, they will promote their books & website in the shows. With any resulting sales, we will receive a percentage to help keep our ministry going.



♥ Audio Slideshows.

In the past few months, we've begun a partnership with RadioActive Ministries in Uganda & started producing audio slideshows read by Simon Peterson. These take more time & expense to produce but they are turning out beautiful! We are not receiving enough donations to cover costs, so, it seems we need a way to have a 'membership area' or 'pay/per download' for people to get these audio shows & other products so that the proceeds generated can help both our ministries.

Tommy's Window in the Philippines



Tommy's Window has really taken off in the Philippines. We have a good amount of subscribers and many visitors to our site from all over the country and we receive quite a few emails from people there. Our long-time missionary friend, Nick, along his brother, Dom & his wife, Amor, have been faithfully following up on many of those that write from their area. It's going fantastic and they are thrilled with the potential they see. One new pilot program we'd like to pioneer with their help is Tommy's Window clubs to get participants involved in projects by inspiring and guiding them with the vision that; "You can do something for Jesus and others in spite of your circumstances & limitations." Please keep this new project in your prayers. Here is a testimony from Nick.

Greetings from Tommy's Window of the Philippines! The ministry is growing literally in leaps & bounds as more & more subscribers are getting on board & receiving the inspiration & edification from these wonderful & super inspired slide shows.

Recently, I received an invitation from a subscriber in a southern province to visit his church & speak on Tommy's Window & also to share about our missionary projects. I accepted the invitation but at the time didn't have the travel funds for a short flight, which would avoid a long, arduous bus trip. Just then, a supporter from the U.S. sent the needed funds... plus! I was on my way!

The subscriber, Pastor John & the church, provided me with a very nice room to stay during my one week visit & I was received very warmly by this little congregation. The next day, at the Sunday service, as is their custom, they showed a slide show to open the service & I experienced first hand the beauty of Tommy's Window & the wonderful effect it has on the viewers. The Pastor then invited me to speak & share all about TW & it was such a privilege & blessing to do so.

It gets better. Right next door to the church where I stayed was a radio station & another TW subscriber, Mayette, invited me to speak for a half an hour to promote TW & also answer questions in an interview style format. It went super well & the witness went out to many listeners in that province & beyond! Many more inspiring events took place but space won't allow much more at this time. All in all, the trip was wonderful & I'm honored to be invited back as their guest any time!



Nick, two members of youth group & pastor John.



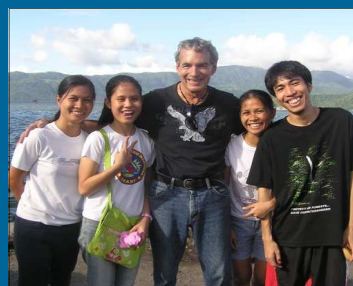
With Pastor Lito & Mayette outside the studio after the radio program.



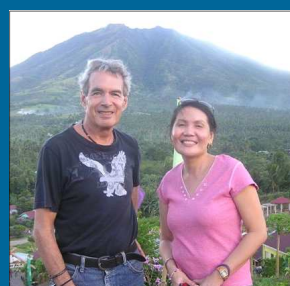
Wednesday prayer youth group after prayer teaching by Yours Truly.



Nick & Amor following up on Mr. Samia in Quezon City.



With youth group on a fun outing. They call me Uncle Nick!



With Mayette at volcano mountain.



Church youth group.
Happy campers for Jesus!

We are also networking with a few missionary outfits & friends around the world that have been able to visit some of our subscribers in places like Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, India etc.

Notes From Around The World



*“Your slideshows are so inspiring to both young and old.
The work you do is truly great.*

*It really ministers to everyone in a special way giving encouragement and hope in life.
I always look forward to the new slideshows and love to view previous ones
that have captured my heart.*

—Molly Koshy (Malaysia), teacher.

- ♥ Every day I would always wait for another inspiring power point from Tommy's Window. Every time I read its content, my stress from work will be forgotten and would always remind me that life is just too good to be wasted, and to be hopeful in spite of the odds and difficulties in life. --Nelia, (Philippines)
- ♥ Tommy's window slide shows are really a source of inspiration and guidance for many people who have lost their faith and struggling to find meaning in life. May your service inspire many young people in their lives. --Mathew, (India)
- ♥ I am inspired by the reflections and messages on Tommy's Window I wanted to forget my pain and thank God by sharing the soothing words with others who are suffering as well. So I made up my mind to request somebody's computer to display the slides to those who cannot own a computer and watch the slides and I had to translate it to the local language. At the end I could see tears rolling in their eyes to understand God's Mysterious ways. -- Regina (India)
- ♥ I have been SO SO blessed in being ministered to and really appreciative your ministry at Tommy's Window. Your Power-Point presentations are SO SO well-done! I really love them and am very grateful for how well they are written and presented with the very beautiful music always. THANK YOU and thank you always. --Kuei Yin Lam (Malaysia)
- ♥ Thanks for your slides. I deeply believe that these slides are useful for everyone around the world. They make people feel a wonderful sense. --Alamgul (Afghanistan)
- ♥ Hi, the slide shows are simply breathtaking. I have received a lot of courage and wisdom from these slide shows. Thanks for this wonderful work. --Shamim (Pakistan)
- ♥ I am spiritually moved with every slideshow I have viewed. I view one each morning when I sit at my desk to calm my mind and soul before I start my work day. It is wonderful to see it in so many languages- God's messages is universal. THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS. -- Mona (USA)
- ♥ I am grateful to you for your mail and slides. I have placed most of your slides on my desk top so when I need a lifting I just quickly click on one I want. Thanks for sending them to me. -- Austin (Zambia)
- ♥ The slides have been a blessing to me. I want to introduce more people to Tommy's window because there is so much to learn from the slides. The slides pull one closer to self and most of all to God. Continue with the good work and feed His people with His WORD. --Peter (Kenya)

Main Stats:	From Jan 1, 2009 through Dec 07, 2009
Website Visitors:	2,040,540
MB Downloaded (from website):	4,687,131 MB
PPS emails sent:	977,008
PPS produced & sent:	137
Personal Follow Up emails:	7,503

Christmas Slideshows coming your way

