



# Mission International

*For the Love of God*

## King's Garden, the Philippines

King's Garden is an agriculture and vocational training ministry of Mission Ministries Philippines (MMP). Founded in 1984, MMP has three fields of ministry - Early Childhood Education, Church Planting and Sustainable Urban Organic Agriculture. Currently MMP has partnered with over 450 pre-schools, has trained 2,000 teachers and provided early childhood education for 100,000 children. In addition, its work in sustainable agricultural and vocational training is providing an important avenue to an improved livelihood and self-reliance for those living in poverty.

### Mission International Development Action

Mission International is a non-denominational Christian organisation focused on improving the lives of poor and vulnerable people in developing countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

In partnership with local organisations, Mission International seeks to meet the needs of people living in poverty through wholistic development programs encompassing social, physical, economic and spiritual transformation. This is a practical demonstration of God's love - to provide every person with an opportunity to experience life in all its fullness.

For those who live in poor communities in the Philippines, the opportunity to develop a sustainable income provides a path from dependence to independence and from poverty to a future filled with hope.



*How can we say we love the  
poor if we are indifferent  
to their circumstance?  
Love always demands action!*



### Project Description

The King's Garden project is based at Kasiglahan Village, a poor urban community of about 11,000 families on the outskirts of metropolitan Manila. Located on 2.5 hectares of land, the King's Garden operation is focused on developing sustainable food production systems in an urban environment. It provides training for out of school youth, unemployed adults and poor urban pastors in these technologies.

Organically and hydroponically grown vegetable crops supply both a steady income and nutritional food to sustain those involved in the project, their families and community. The program teaches valuable work and life skills that equip people for the future.

The contribution of Mission International to MMP for ongoing research and development is ensuring that the farm project can expand and that appropriate training can be delivered to allow the farm to assist greater numbers of people in the future.

## Outcomes

### Vocational Training:

Each year up to 180 unemployed locals and young people receive training through Mission Ministries Philippines. These people are being taught the agricultural and business skills necessary to establish their own small scale organic food production business.

### Community Development:

The community has worked together in seeking to establish a sustainable future through agricultural enterprise. To compliment this MMP is also working with families, women and children to provide services such as access to health care, pre-schools and housing for the community which will equip people to break their cycle of poverty.

### Nutrition:

Improved nutrition is being achieved for local families through access to the great variety of organic produce harvested from the garden. Healthy food is preventing children from becoming malnourished due to a poor and often limited diet.

### Infrastructure:

The infrastructure and capacity of the community is being strengthened through a growing awareness of the technological aspects of food production and the availability of equipment to assist in farm activities.

## Case Study

### Violet's Story



Violet lives in Manila with her husband and three children in a makeshift hut on a vacant lot. There is no access to running water or other basic necessities. Violet used to spend long hours in back-breaking work as a street sweeper but her meagre wage was not sufficient to pay the rent required for a basic house or to buy enough food to feed her family. Violet's husband, a casual labourer, was often unable to find regular work.

Run by Mission Ministries Philippines, King's Garden has provided Violet with training and employment opportunities in organic farming, and she has learned new and valuable skills in running her own small business. More importantly, she is beginning to experience positive changes in all aspects of her life. Her children now attend school and Violet is looking to move her family into a small house with clean water.

## Why support the King's Garden Project?

In supporting the King's Garden project, your investment will contribute to providing an escape from poverty for out of school youth, unemployed adults and poor urban pastors.

Through the project trainees will develop the work and business skills necessary to establish their own small scale agricultural business. Their produce will provide both a means of generating income and a valuable food source. These twin elements will dramatically improve their quality of life and lead to a sustainable future.

Mission International has committed \$58,000 to this project.

### **Further information:**

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