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"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' " (Matt 25:40)

When The Lord spoke those words, He was addressing the fundamental needs of humanity, and not only for the poor and needy whom he addresses as his "brethren" but equally those that serve them. The definition of "the least of these my brethren" applies to each and every single person created in the image of God, regardless of their socio economic status.

Given the subjective nature of assessing who's "wealthy" and who's not, for the sake of this article, we will use the basic economist view of the world, the rich are classified as those that have their basic fundamental 'Needs' fulfilled, namely food and shelter. Anyone that has those two needs filled, are to be considered as "wealthy", and if you are able to read this article, it is likely that you would fall into this category. So when The Lord says that serving the least of His brethren is serving Him directly, it means that it is a divine commandment that we care for those that do not have the luxury of the basic economic needs that you and I bask in.

Equally as important, the inverse of this equation hold also true. The wealthier we get in this world, the more complicated life gets and the harder it is to maintain our peace and unity in Christ, slowly losing ourselves in this world. And that's where the prayers of those humble and meek strugglers in life are of critical importance to us. They are the ones whom The Lord spoke of saying "blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt 5:5). Their prayers and supplications for us are directly heard by God, and it is the powerful source of our enrichment, winning us as their "earth". To them we are "the least His Brethren" and The Lord also instructed them through the above verse to serve us and care for us through their prayers and love that we so desperately need.

My brethren, let us not be fooled to think that it's just the socioeconomically poor that need us, but we are the ones that need them too ... As St. John Chrysostom said "the poor of this world are God's gift to the wealthy, for it is through the service of those in need that the rich attains mercy before the throne of God". It's an equation of interdependence, through the eternal love of Christ ... The monetary wealthy is interdependent on those that are not, and vice versa.

How simple and beautiful it is to serve The Lord Christ. St Mina Children's Home now cares for many of the Lord's brethren, waiting for you to serve Him through them ... And both the workers, and those that fund them, are equal partakers of this great blessing by actually making it happen. I encourage you all to join us in this Great blessing, partaking of the blessing and Grace that those little ones give us, winning their hearts and prayers that are so ever beautiful, simple and loudly heard before the throne of The Lord who cares for them and us.

In Christ,
Fr Mark Attalla



Fiji Aid International Medical Team



Medical team from Australia

Thank you to the medical teams for visiting the children at St Mina Children's Home and doing medical check ups. May our Good Lord bless you and your families.



Fr. David and Coptic youth from Brisbane came to visit the children and organized a BBQ for us!



Fr. Suriel and Tasoni Margaret came to visit the Home and conduct services for us and we really enjoyed what they did for us. Thank you Abouna! May our Good Lord bless you and your family.

Ways To Assist:

-Your prayers and any donation is greatly appreciated,

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BSB: 063159
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