

VILLAGE ONLINE

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Homegoing of Village Staff Member, Dago Flores

December 19, 2020

Dear Village Family,

There are no words to express our sorrow and grief as we share the news that Dago Flores, Assistant Director of Worship Development, died in a car accident early this morning. We know that Dago's ministry and love was spread throughout our community, and, thus, this news causes deep pain for many. Some of the staff were with the Flores family today and are offering tangible support as well as prayers of the Village community.

We do not have information about memorial services at this time nor specific ways to help the family, but will inform you in the coming days.

What we would love for you to do:

- Pray for Dago's family as they grieve and process this unimaginable tragedy.
- Please talk about your feelings and love for Dago with one another.
- Pray for our community, especially those in our ministries that worked so closely with Dago: Worship Institute, Worship Ministry, and Youth Ministry
- Meditate on John 11:34-36: And Jesus said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the people said, "See how he loved him!"

Trusting in His unfailing love,
-Pastor Paul Choi

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Because Of You!

Each week we share an encouraging example of the impact we're making together. "People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them." (Mark 10:13-16.)

Because of your gifts to the Ministry Fund, the little children are coming to Jesus here at Village. Due to stay-at-home orders, our AWANA ministry pivoted in huge ways with an average of 80 children participating remotely! We have 12 faithful Ministry Partners (adult volunteers) on the weekly video conference call with about 35 kids for T&T (3rd-6th grades), 4 AWANA Coaches and 1 Secretary regularly calling about 29 Sparks (K-2nd grade), 2 Ministry Partners coaching 12 Cubbies (ages 3-5), and Ruth Jones running a weekly video conference call for our 4 Puggles (ages 2-3).

Also, because of you, our Village Preschool serves 34 families (students ages 3-4) with in-person preschool. Many preschool families are "essential workers" who couldn't go to their critical jobs without our preschool ministry. The students are so excited to come to school. They hop out of their cars, wave bye to mom or dad, and skip into the building. No tears from students or parents!

Your gifts to the Ministry Fund enable us to love the children in our surrounding community as Jesus loves them. Because of you, we are able to teach the little children about the extravagant love of Jesus.

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Missions' Goals and Visions for 2021

Watch the short video below for a glimpse of what is envisioned for ministry in 2021. To make this possible, we invite you to give generously between now and Dec. 31. We have [two goals](#). If we end the year with \$2.7M in giving, we'll be in a position to pursue these opportunities. Any amount helps! And if 400 households participate, we believe our giving goal will be achieved. [Click here](#) to hear about Village Kids' Vision for 2021. Looking for updates on giving? Want to give? Please visit our [giving page](#).

Campus Closure for Holidays

We will close our campus from Wednesday, December 23 and reopen on Monday, January 4. All external doors will be locked, including the Worship Center. If you have a previously scheduled event, a ministry leader or custodian will be there to unlock for you. During the closure, postal mail will be held on most days, but delivered on December 29-31. Phone lines will be turned off, but our answering service will be available for emergencies. May you have a blessed, restful holidays!

Year-End Giving

Our online giving is safe, secure, and the best way to give, but if you prefer to mail a check, please ensure it is postmarked by December 31. You can also put checks in the drop-box outside the church office which will be checked on weekdays between now and December 31. If you have questions about giving stock or other transactions, please email our Finance Manager, Patty. Please see our Giving Page for more details, including the regularly updated financial goal which will make our ministry vision possible in 2021.

Distribution Center

THANK YOU so much for your generosity all year. You have been loving extravagantly this week: from donating your unemployment checks to driving up to drop off the exact needs without knowing to volunteering to receive and sort out the donations. Thank you, Village! The Distribution Center will be closed the last two weeks of December. See you in 2021!

Christmas Eve Service

Come let us adore Him! Our Christmas Eve service is digital this year! We hope it is a blessing to you, and that you will share the link with your family and friends. For those of us wanting the watch party experience of being together, please join us on villagebeaverton.online.church at 5pm on Christmas Eve. Look for an email on Christmas Eve with the link!

Loving Extravagantly in 2021

How will you Love Extravagantly in 2021? Have you been thinking about serving others in different ways in the new year? Changes to how you live for the blessing of others? Perhaps you are considering something God has put on your heart this year? Please send in a short clip of yourself, or your family, sharing your plan for extravagant love in 2021. Please email your 10-20 second clip to [Charlotte Bryan](#). Smartphone videos are great!

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The Village Yule Log: Songs and Stories

If you haven't listened to our Songs and Stories Yule Log, please do so! We're so blessed to be able to present three hours of music and beautiful testimonies. It includes special music pieces from the Li family, Lukas Spotts, Julian Zdrantan, David and Esther Chris, Emma Lindley, and Karen Collier, a special music VIDEO from Jonathan and Asher, 13 testimonies, scripture reading in 4 languages, a story from Kathy Crawford from her experience living in Liberia during the Ebola crisis, Paige Lindley reading a favorite book from her daughters' childhood, Shirley Smith and her grandson reading a story book, and more! Please enjoy! [Listen Now](#)

Lead Pastor Search Committee Update

The Lead Pastor Search Committee has been meeting and working on our search process next steps. Please take a minute to fill out this survey for the Lead Pastor Search Committee. Your input matters as we prayerfully seek our next Lead Pastor. [Chinese Language Survey](#), [Korean Language Survey](#), [English Language Survey](#), [Spanish Language Survey](#), [Questions?](#)

Village App

Have you downloaded the Village App? It's a one stop spot for all Village updates, right on your phone! We share weekly prayer requests, announcements, event details, and sermons through our app. Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) users.

PushPay Giving

You can access [PushPay](#) anytime from our church app, the church website, or from your phone by texting VILLAGEGIVE to 77977. Thank you for your generosity towards Village! Questions? Email [Patty](#).

Giving Updates

Looking for updates on giving? Want to give? Please visit our [giving page](#).

Connect with Us

We want to stay connected with you throughout the week! Click below to follow our social medias.

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Sharing and Listening Guide

- As we consider the Word became flesh, how have you been encouraged and challenged by the incarnation as taught to us this Advent?
- Today's sermon highlighted a small group of believers gathering online to learn from the written Word. How has this experience informed your faith this year? What new insights have you gained while reading and learning from the written Word via online church?
- How is this Advent season enhanced or impacted by our pandemic situation?
- We entered into the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina today. What phrase did you focus on while the passage was read over you?
- Was there anything shared by the Villagers in the zoom that you also thought about, were surprised by, or had not yet considered?

Connect with Others

We want to help connect you with other members of the church in your walk with the Lord. Click below for more information on any of our fellowships or ministries.

[Asian American Fellowship](#)

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