



Family Circus Children's Ministry Update  
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**"Watching Traffic!"**

Hello again, friends,

I stood outside the bank at the side of the road, taking pictures of the nearest intersection. The bank guard came out and said, "Lots of traffic." I said, "Yes" but that's not what I'm taking a picture of. See, there's my friend, 'Laddy.' He's about 30 years old, and I've known him for 15 years." When or if people see him slowly walking in the intersection or hear him gently tapping on



their car window, do they only see the torn shirt and the dirt, or someone who is panhandling, and an irritant?

I took his picture because Jesus has taught me to see 'Laddy' as God

sees him. Laddy is a loved treasure, one of God's precious children.

I know Laddy has occasional seizures and, as a result is very limited in his choices for an occupation. Yet he goes out every day with a cloth to wipe off windshields, and after his service silently holds his hand out as the cars wait at the intersection, hoping for a 1 peso coin (2 cents) or perhaps 5 pesos if someone is exceptionally generous.

As odd as it may sound\* now that Christmas is in the air people may be more generous to him. Yet the competition in the intersection will get tougher as (poor) parents allow their kids to go out during the Christmas season through the New Year, to supplement their family's income. \*(Anyone familiar with the Filipino culture will understand that the sounds of Christmas start filling the air with the ..'ber' months, starting with September.)

Once about a month ago, when I rode up on my motorcycle to the intersection, Laddy was standing there, waiting for the light to change. He didn't know I was there, so I reached over and put my hand on his shoulder...

We didn't say anything, and when the light changed, I rode on.

A few days later, I was again near that intersection, at the bank to use my debit card. When I got on my motorcycle, I was startled to feel a hand on **my** shoulder. Turning, I saw Laddy next to me. I reached up and squeezed his hand. My eyes started to tear up as I realized, this young child of my King, is lonely. He values his friends, though they are few. I felt richer to be counted as one of his friends.

The next time you're watching traffic, look closer. "You might see... a hidden treasure."

For the King & His kids,  
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PS: Bill and John Lee's mama is with Jesus. We are making sure her children have food, medicine, and milk for the baby, to help them survive and have a chance for a future. Thanks for enabling us to help His kids...

It's not completed yet but you can get a 'sneak preview' of the new Family Circus video.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/jaymccutchen#play/all/uploads-all/0/>

While watching it our tears flow... our heart...

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