

STEP FOUR

CALLED TO ACTION



PHILIPPINES

HEUGENE
age: 21





BIG IDEA



WE ARE CALLED TO ACTION



TODAY'S STEP

Gather your family and start by having someone read this section aloud:

As we have stepped into the shoes of our friends in the Philippines, they have helped us learn more about our calling. We are called to Christ, we are called to the Church, and we are called to care. Today, we're going to ask God this question: **What is our family's next step? How can we say "Yes" to following Jesus together?**

Sometimes, before we say "Yes" to following Jesus, we want to know where He'll lead us. It can be hard to say "Yes" when we don't know where God will ask us to go or what He'll ask us to do. But we don't get to know the whole picture, or where Jesus will take us eventually. Instead, we follow Jesus together, one step at a time. A step may not seem like much, but each one we take is important.

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TODAY'S STEP *Continued*

Today's virtual reality experience lets us visit Heugene and Heunice's home and community. They are 21-year-old twin brother and sister, and live in a village near the capital city of Manila. This is also where Jonas—who we met in our first step—lives.

When Heugene and Heunice were kids, their church community's leaders took a step to follow Jesus—they opened a Child Development Center (or CDC) in their neighborhood. The Center is a safe and fun place for kids to play together, do homework, and make friends. The leaders are Jesus-followers who want to make sure every child knows how much God loves them. That step changed Heugene and Heunice's lives.

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TODAY'S STEP *Continued*

And then, someone far away, on the other side of the world, also took one step to follow Jesus—they became a sponsor. They wrote Heugene and Heunice letters to encourage them, and they prayed for them faithfully.

Fast forward to today, and Heugene and Heunice are leaders in their church and neighborhood, teaching kids, working, and helping their family. Their sponsor is blessed to be prayed for by them each day. Each day they say “Yes” to following Jesus, and Jesus is leading them to bring hope to their entire community.

WATCH VIRTUAL REALITY VIDEO 4:



HEUGENE & HEUNICE'S NEIGHBORHOOD

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TALK ABOUT IT

After viewing the virtual reality video, talk together about the following:

- What did you see that surprised you? What did you see that confused you? Why do you think Heugene and Heunice choose to spend so much of their time serving others in their neighborhood?
- What about us, in our neighborhood? Who do we get to serve here? How are we doing that currently? Is there anything we've been wanting to start doing to serve our nearby neighbors?
- Kids in Heugene and Heunice's community respect and look up to them. Who do we know that is a role model for us? What is it about them that we look up to?



OUR NEXT STEP



ACTIVITY

So what about us? What is one step we can take to follow Jesus and care for those in poverty here and around the world? Let's try to name as many ideas as we can.

To help generate ideas, here are some guiding questions: What or where can we learn more about? What kind of actions can we take? How can we start to pray? Who can we invite to take a step with us?

After gathering all your ideas, narrow them down to one thing you can do, preferably starting this week. To help you narrow them down, talk about questions like: What have we sensed God saying to us this past week as we prayed about this? Do we need any information about a possible next step in order to know if it's right for us? Is there anyone outside our family who we could invite to join us in taking this step?

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ACTIVITY *Continued*

Once you decide your next step, write it down on a piece of paper. Put that paper in a common space that you all will see. This will serve as an everyday reminder of our calling to care about the things God cares about. Multiply your impact by sharing your adventure on social media or with friends and family. Visit stepintomyshoes.org or use #stepintomyshoes to stay connected to the ongoing journey.



PRAY TOGETHER

Dear Jesus, you have been so faithful to us, and to our friends we've met in the Philippines who are part of our big family in God. Thank you for this journey of learning and growing, and thank you for calling us to take a next step together. Give us courage and faithfulness to follow you and say "Yes" each day to each next step. In your name, Amen.

A young boy with short dark hair, wearing a red sleeveless shirt, is seen from the back and side, looking out over a body of water. The water is filled with colorful boats (yellow, green, blue) and is surrounded by a cluttered, urban environment with buildings and some greenery. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The boy is leaning on a wooden railing.

PUT YOUR FAMILY'S LOVE INTO ACTION.

Every child featured in Step Into My Shoes — Philippines is or was blessed to have a Compassion sponsor. Your family can serve together in this way too. Compassion's child sponsorship program is a way for your family to actively engage in global missions through a personal, one-on-one relationship with a child in poverty. It's a simple, tangible way for your family to grow together in faith as you write to and pray for, a child in need.

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