

Orphanage

Aug 2019 Newsletter

PHILIPPINE BAPTIST
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Dear Ministry Partner,

We're excited to share with you some of the wonderful news from this month of August, including the arrival of five new children: Sheina Mae (9yo), Cyrus (13yo), Glaiza (15yo), Mae Cheellah (15yo), and Angel (16yo)! It's really amazing to see a total of 40 children in the orphanage now as it seems just like yesterday when we brought in the first three abandoned children and now here we are with 40 children suddenly! Praise God for having done so much already to provide a wonderful home for these beautiful children! It's exciting to think about what all the Lord has planned for their lives and what His plans are also for future expansion of the orphanage so that we can provide a godly haven for many other at-risk children!



With the addition of four more teenagers we now have a total of eight teenagers here, some of whom were brought into the orphanage when they were already a teenager and some who have turned 13 while they were already here. Sadly, there are a lot of teen (and even pre-teen) girls in the Philippines who are victims of abuse and have even been raped and impregnated by their own father or other close relative. While those situations are incredibly difficult for anyone to overcome (especially for such a young person) we're really glad to see the girls coming out of these situations doing really well here in the orphanage. Some of them came in with really rebellious attitudes or really depressed attitudes at first, but they're now very kind and friendly and blend in and get along really well with all of the other children; in fact, they're all like one big family here!



Angel with her children's Bible story book!

Please keep praying regularly for all of the children as they all have traumatic pasts and need people seriously praying for the Lord to help them as they fight to overcome. **Please pray also** for all of the workers in the orphanage; that the Lord will fill us with more and more wisdom in dealing with the children. With so many children coming from so many different types of traumatic backgrounds it can be quite a challenge to minister to each of them effectively. It would be easy to just say something like, "well just cover them with love and pray for them", but it's much more complicated and really requires a lot of wisdom for discerning the best way to address the emotional problems of each individual child. A couple of the kids who are siblings recently cried to me because their mom never comes to visit them. The father is a deadbeat in trouble with drugs and the mom ran off with another man and could care less about her beautiful children. It's incredibly difficult to extend comfort and counsel to a weeping child at such a time. I try to tell them how much the Lord loves them and say a prayer with them and they stop crying for now, say thanks, hug me, but the emotional wounds are very deep.

We're excited to report also about the spiritual development of the children. As always, they're super excited for church services. After school on Thursdays the kids come home to eat dinner and get ready for midweek church service and prayer meeting and, therefore, don't have play time on Thursdays after school. Are they saddened by this? Never, literally never have I heard any of them complain that there's no play time on Thursdays! In fact, they seem to be more excited to come home and get ready for church than they are on other days when they come home and get to have play time and tend to their gardening. All of the children who can read have their own Bible and it's a blessing to see them so eager to read God's Word! You'll often find the children in their rooms working on their memory versus together and discussing what they learned in their Sunday school classes. Some of the children are even making a good profession of faith and so it might not be long before we see some of them follow the Lord in baptism, praise God!



Kino loves his KJV Bible!

Other prayer requests:

1. **Please pray** for the schooling of the children. There's a list of children back in our May newsletter who are struggling the most.
2. **Please pray** for the health of John Ric as he goes through the six month medication for tuberculosis.
3. **Please pray** for more workers and regular supporters.
4. **Please pray** for funds to purchase more land to provide space for many more at-risk children and for funds to construct more rooms once more land is purchased.

This month saw the birthdays of Angel (5yo), Fernand (9yo), and Cyrus (13yo). We took the opportunity on a national holiday to take them and all the other kids out to a McDonalds as trips like that are a big deal for these kids and really make them feel special. When we got to the McDonalds there was a birthday party room with balloons and banners that can accommodate about 50 children that wasn't being used that day and the manager let us use it for free, how awesome! I told them that the Lord set that room up just for them and they just smiled! Thanks again to all of you supporters out there for being an instrument of God to make everything in the orphanage ministry possible, lives are literally being changed through your support. God bless you mightily!

Yours in Christ,
Jeremy and Kristine Ferguson (Orphanage Directors)

Psalm 68:6, "God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains"

See more pictures and regular updates on Facebook: www.facebook.com/PhilippineBaptistOrphanage

Misc pictures from August



The littlest ones!



Baby Scarlet with Mommy Suzzette!



Ready for church!



Ready for school!



Picture in front of the church building!



Ice cream time...yesss!



John Ric loves his happy meals!



Fun times playing!

More misc pictures from August...



He did it...no, she did it...no, she did it!



ChogChog always has a winning smile ☺



Friday night Bible study and Superbook time!



With Grandma Clarita at church!



Let's see how many faces we can squeeze in!



Fun outing time on a holiday!



The meal table is getting longer and longer!



Little Angel looks suspicious in a very cute way ☺

August Photo Collage!



August Financial Report (in Philippine pesos)

Previous Balance (447,737) + Offerings (55,900) - Expenses (202,542) = Ending Balance (301,095)

Offerings

Highland Missionary Baptist Church (Gainesville, FL, USA) = 3,050
 Calvary Missionary Baptist Church (Stuttgart, AR, USA) = 19,450
 O'Leno Baptist Church (High Springs, FL, USA) = 5,100
 New Testament Baptist Church (Lonoke, AR, USA) = 5,100
 Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church (Okeechobee, FL, USA) = 4,500
 Oak Dale Baptist Church (Newberry, FL, USA) = 5,050
 Angeles Missionary Baptist Church (Angeles City, Pampanga, PHIL) = 2,500
 Ancient Landmark Baptist Church (Plaridel, Bulacan, PHIL) = 1,500
 New Life Baptist Church (Mexico, Pampanga, PHIL) = 3,000
 New Life Baptist Aeta Church (Porac, Pampanga, PHIL) = 300
 Individual offerings = 6,350

Regular Expenses (153,269)

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| Salary for house parents = 35,200 | Salary for social worker = 16,000 | Groceries = 89,010 |
| Electricity contribution = 6,000 | Garbage service = 240 | Medicines = 2,830 |
| Cleaning supplies = 1,090 | School supplies = 2,634 | Transportation = 265 |

Misc Expenses (27,616)

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| 6pcs durabox plastic cabinets = 9,150 | Clothes = 2,925 | School bags = 1,750 |
| Bed sheets and pillows = 1,120 | 5pcs foam beds = 6,475 | 4pcs wall fans = 6,196 |

Building Expenses (21,657)

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| Electrical supplies for bathroom lights = 5,627 | 1 bag cement = 255 | Door knob = 550 |
| 20pcs Metal Pairings = 1,700 | Labor 13,300 | Paint brushes = 225 |

Thanks for your loving support towards these children, God bless you mightily!

