

HORIZON of HOPE VILLAGE PHILIPPINES

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Missionaries to
Philippines**

"We believe that God has called us to go in Christian compassion and love to alleviate spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental suffering."

Our purpose and real work begins now! As you read in our last news, we received our first little guy on March 10, 2015. And, he truly is Mr. Personality Plus and has been happy since day 1. When he first arrived, he stood on the porch and cried for 10-15 minutes, then he came inside and has not cried again! It's amazing how resilient these precious little ones are! He was picked up off the streets—no name and no birth date. He has literally bloomed like a flower! He had bites all over his body, but they are cleared up now, and he has already gained weight.

March 18th, we received a group of 4 siblings whose Mother had passed away in February. These four little ones consists of 7-year-old twins (boy and girl), 4-year-old boy, and a 2-year-old girl. They are malnourished, but have adjusted quite well, and love to eat! Last night when I asked them what had been their favorite thing during the day to thank God for, they all said they thanked God for their food! God never intended for children not to have a family, but because of sin and adverse poverty, the Philippines has more than 2 million orphans! We, at Horizon of Hope Village, are striving to make a difference one child at a time! [Pictured below are these four precious new little ones, along with our house mother and first child.]



AND, THEN THERE WERE FIVE...

YES, there is so much to do upon arrival of these little ones. Their living conditions have not even been close to acceptable health standards, so they ALL are getting worm treatments! YES, this is a treatable condition, thank goodness! And, YES, sometimes these horrible creatures come out of the mouth/nose trying to get away from the medication. I am a nurse, mother, and grandmother...I have delivered a strangers' baby in a car in a parking lot, assisted with numerous C-sections, changed my share of poopy diapers, and emptied bed pans with a smile! BUT, when a precious child starts coughing and pulling 12-18 inch worms out of their mouth?? Ugh, it's a little much for this seasoned nurse!

However, in researching the subject, I read that 98% of people are actually infected with some type of worm and do not even know it, so I gave myself a treatment also! ☺

Such things are certainly defining moments in fulfilling the call of God to make a difference, especially in the physical, emotional, and mental well being of these dear children.

My prayer at the end of this day was, "Lord, today I feel so tired. Will you please give me extra grace to accomplish all I need to do? Thank you for standing with me. Thank you for infusing me with Your strength, Lord. In the strong name of Jesus, Amen."



Matthew 19:13-15 (NIV), "Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' "



So many firsts for these little ones!



Mealtimes, Playing Ball, Popcorn, Veggie Tales movie, Balloons, Wading Pool, Sunday School & Church... God is so good!!!



Celebrating so many "firsts" for these children has been an incredible blessing to experience. Thus, we've had a lot of firsts the past 2 weeks—some good, some bad. However, getting to watch a *Veggie Tales* video and serving popcorn to 5 children who had never had it before was a sweet pleasure! They were so excited saying, 'Salamat Po!'—meaning, "Thank you, ma'am!"

Mealtime together as a family! When you're only 5/6 years old, and have been on the streets for 2 years, and don't know if you'll have anything to eat—well, it makes a child appreciate mealtime so much more! They always thank God for their food, NEVER complain, and eat every last morsel!!!

Going to Sunday School was great as well! They loved the Bible story, making their own crafts, work sheets, and participating with their own age group in small groups. And, our first little guy even won the class prize for answering questions. The teacher taught in English, and someone interpreted in Tagalog! They were so excited when I picked them up from class. *Train them while they are young.* And, getting new Easter clothes was icing on the cake. They felt so very special, as they are, indeed!!!



How precious to see these little ones so proudly displaying their new church clothes on Easter. What an awesome difference L ♥ V E makes!!!

All dressed up for Easter Sunday!!! They learned so much about Jesus dying on the cross and arising again—so good to see them excited! How wonderful and appropriate that the choir closed Easter service with the chorus of the Hallelujah Chorus!! He Reigns!!

We are loving and nurturing these 5 little ones and need your recurring monthly support to meet all their needs: shelter, food, clothing, dental, medical, and educational! Please JOIN THE RESCUE to help us! Even just \$25/month will help rescue these children and others who will come to Horizon of Hope!

For HIS Little Children,
Don & Jan

GREAT NEWS!!!

A MATCHING CHALLENGE for Horizon of Hope Village/Philippines has been offered by a friend of this ministry!

Several have mentioned about wanting to give. What greater opportunity than to DOUBLE your gift!

Every dollar you give will be matched—up to \$5,000!!!

So, come on—JOIN THE RESCUE—100% goes directly to the HOHV orphanage to bless these precious orphans!



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