

Dear Friends and Partners of Seek God Ministries:

Time seems to go so fast now days. Our last update was before Christmas and now Christmas seems like a distant memory. In the last update we had just signed the papers to purchase the big house and take possession. This is the place we want to restore and use as a children's home (orphanage) to bring kids who we rescue from the streets.

Since the last update we took possession of the house and have begun the work to restore the house. We have a skilled Filipino man working at the place as a project manager. He was recommended by a pastor we know and he has had a lot of experience of working in construction. He is helping us keep the cost down and oversee the other people who come and work there as needed. We are doing the best we can with the resources we have.

So far we have made a lot of progress in removing the old deteriorated wood from two sections of the building. Much of the plywood used for ceilings and walls was destroyed by termites. Fortunately, much of the framing wood is still in good condition. Now we are treating the remaining good wood to preserve it and protect it from termites. The main structure of the building is concrete reinforced with steel so the main structure is very solid and strong. The parts of the house that have concrete floors and walls are of course in good condition. We are also working to get the electricity connected. We have a few rooms wired now for electricity and we are waiting for the electric company to connect us. It is going to be more expensive than we thought it would be at first because they are requiring us to have a transformer.

When we get the electricity connected we will install a water pump on the well so that we can pump water into the water tank. Then we can work on the plumbing. We think we can still use most of the existing pipes, however we are not sure about that. All in all there is still a lot of work left to do. However, we are not too far from being able to use at least part of the house to live in. What we need is money for materials and labor. Mostly for materials, the labor we have is working efficiently and they are also dedicated to the project and the vision to help rescue kids in need.

Our current situation with the house finances is that our first payment is due in June of 800,000 pesos which is a little less than \$20,000.00 US dollars, depending on the exchange rate. We are still praying that the Lord will help us pay off the mortgage early so that we can save a lot of money that would otherwise go toward interest. We need an increase of support to pay the mortgage and be able to restore the house. Continue to pray with us.

We love you and pray for you,

Gary, Suzzhette and family
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