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Dear Friends and Partners:

We are excited to let you know that yesterday we signed the papers to purchase the big house; The Fathers Glory Home for Children in need - orphanage.

We want to say a special THANK YOU to all of you who have contributed and helped in getting us this far. We are really humbled with what the Lord is doing as we all obey Him. Your prayers and your giving are taking the ministry to a new level so that we can impact more people with the Gospel message and the love of God.

We will now be focused on getting the place livable and moving in. Complete restoration is going to take some time and resources however parts of the house are usable now. We need electricity and water connected. There are two water wells on the property and an electric pole is near the house, so those things should not be too difficult.

We still owe a lot of money on the house, more than \$100,000 US dollars. We will be facing very large payments every six months for five years and the interest rates is 14% (a normal rate in The Philippines) so our goal continues to be to pay off the mortgage as soon as possible. There is no penalty for early pay off and what ever we pay before January 1, 2011 will go directly on the principal. Please consider this because whatever amount we can pay now will affect the amount of payments and interest later.

I want to emphasize again that this place is such a great deal considering real-estate prices here, and for the ministry potential. Yesterday I saw another appraisal report on the house from 2007 the value was set at about 15 million pesos, which is about \$350,000 US dollars. Just the land is valued at about \$82,000 US dollars. Real-estate prices have increased here since 2007 and are still rising. The fact that we are able to get a place like this at such a cheap price is really God at work. We use to drive by this place and think "perfect for a Children's Home, but impossible since we do not have the money for a house like that."

Some of you may not fully understand why the house is needed. In The Philippines there are many poor children that live on the streets, especially in big cities. Our goal is to rescue the kids most in need and provide a home where God can transform them into who He created them to be. The kids most in need are the ones, who do not have parents or relatives to care for them, or they have some relatives but they are not able to care for them for various reasons.

These Kids end up living on the streets. It is a difficult life of survival. They spend a lot of time sniffing glue to kill the pain of hunger and abuse. Some of the kids we have known have already died. When we visit them someone always has a new knife stab wound to show us and we listen to their stories of life and death on the street.

We visit them, bring them food, and clothes, we pray with them. However, we must rescue them from that environment for them to really have a transformed life. In March of this year, 2010, we picked up two brothers who have been living on the streets for most of their lives. We brought them to our home and included them in our family. I can not use their names so I will call them Big Bro and Little Bro.



This is Big Bro and Little Bro. We had been visiting them and many other kids in their area for about two years.



Big Bro 14 years old next to our son, Joshua 10 years old. Malnutrition and the stress of street life cause the kids to be slow in their development.



This is Big Bro sleeping on the sidewalk.



This was taken March 20, 2010 the night we picked them up. When we saw their condition we knew it was time to take them with us.



In a short time the kids had adapted to a new life and they are very thankful to God and to the people who help them.



First shoes, an exciting day thanks to one of our new partners. In a few short months the kids have grown tremendously physically, mentally, and spiritually.



Kids worshipping at Kingdom Celebration; in the middle is Little Bro on his knees. This is what it is all about, introducing them to Jesus and providing an environment that nurtures their spiritual growth in the Fathers' love. Big Bro has been playing base guitar and is now moving on to the drums in the kids worship band. Little bro is now learning base guitar and is excited to do so.



Our kids with Big Bro and Little Bro. It is Little Bro's birthday he is now 14.

Recently the Lord has been speaking to me that The Fathers Glory Home is to be a Transformation Center. A place where God's Holy Spirit can transform people from glory to glory.

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:18)*

We live near a rain forest and we have some interesting and diverse creatures show up at our home, mostly strange bugs. About two months ago the kids discovered a big caterpillar on a plant near our driveway. It kept getting bigger and they named it "Hermie". We forgot about it for awhile and then recently the kids discovered a big beautiful butterfly on the same plant and the shell of Hermie was lying on the ground. Hermie was transformed. I am sure many of you know that the word transformed in the scripture above is the same word used for the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly.



*"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2)*  
**Keep the eyes of your heart focused on Jesus.**



We have some beautiful and good size butterflies show up from time to time, but this is the biggest butterfly I have ever seen. However, the native kids here insist that there are even larger ones. I will let you know if I see one and I hope to get a picture to show you if I do.

Thank You for being our friend and partner in the ministry. Because of your partnership, together we are bringing God's love in word and deed to those most in need. We love you and always include our partners in our prayers. If you are not a partner please pray and consider helping us be a part of the transforming work that God loves to do.

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We love you. Thank you again you for being our friend and partner.

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