



Warmest greetings from your friends in the Philippines!

Much has happened since we last communicated and we want to share all the latest happenings with you all. We want to share all our encouraging news and our prayer needs.

Kathryn Hutton, our Philippines Director, returned to New Zealand at the end of 2021 for some medical procedures and to spend time with her family. After seeing her specialist and discovering some pre-existing conditions had returned, it was considered to be unwise for Kathryn to return to the Philippines as she will possibly need continued monitoring and treatment.

Kathryn made the tough decision that she would not be returning to the Philippines and resigned from her position as National Director. Thank you, Kathryn, for the incredible work and commitment you have given to CBM Philippines (Hebron) in what has been a very challenging time through the Covid 19 pandemic. Your love for the people, dedication to the Lord and the team was so appreciated! Please continue to pray for Kathryn as she adjusts to life back in NZ.

We are presently looking and praying for the right person to fill this role and we would value your prayers as we look to the Lord for wisdom and guidance.

OUR STAFF

In the interim, the Philippines leadership team are meeting with myself via video call each week to ensure that the ministry continues as smoothly as possible with all the support needed. The leadership team consists of: Melany Becada as the Social Worker and Manager of Hebron Children's Home, Marina Aguilar as the Office Manager, Pastor Dionisio Domingo as the head of the Maintenance Team and Hebron Disabilities Team, and Andrea Caballero who is in-charge of the Training and Resource Department.

After nearly two and a half years, I was able to get back to the Philippines and spend some quality time with our team and the children at Hebron Children's Home. Thank you so, so much for your faithful continued support and practical love shown to them. Seeing first-hand how every dollar given is valued and spent, can I encourage you what a blessing it is! I have been with the house parents when they go to the markets buying the food; they make every peso stretch to the max! While I was there, they were buying new shoes and shirts for the school uniforms. The children were so excited to get their new shoes, the smiles on their faces just showed how grateful they were!



Melany our long-time Hebron Children's Home Social worker/ manager is doing a fantastic job keeping up with all the children and the many requirements from the government social services department. Her team of house parents are also doing amazing things with these often-broken children. They are with them 24/7 showing them the love of God through their care. Added to that is daily discipleship teaching as well as connecting to the local church and youth group.

Please continue to pray for the dedicated team who pour their hearts and lives into these amazing children the Lord has given to us to care for. God Bless!



Mike Buckley
International Director



HEBRON CHILDREN'S HOME

Whatever you give to God, He multiplies.

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. –Ecclesiastes 11:1

If you give God your talent, He'll multiply your talent. If you give God your energy, he'll multiply your energy. If you give God your money, He will multiply your money. Whatever you give to God, He will multiply and give it back. To teach this truth, Jesus did a miracle. Five thousand people followed Jesus out into the middle of the desert. He taught them all day, and at the end of the day they were hungry. The disciples told Jesus to send everyone away. Instead, Jesus told the disciples they needed to feed the people. I'm sure the disciples wondered, "What is He doing?" He was testing their faith. He wanted to see if they would depend on Him to provide what they needed to feed 5,000 people.

Out of that huge crowd, one little boy had brought lunch, and inside were five little loaves of bread and two dried fish. The boy brought his lunch to Jesus and said, "Lord, you can have this."

Sometimes, when I feel our role in caring for the children in Hebron Home is NOTHING MUCH to offer Jesus, I am reminded of the boy we read about in the gospels, who gave his 5 loaves and 2 fish to Jesus. He chose to believe that Jesus would take it and miraculously use it to feed the thousands of hungry people.

We at Hebron are doing the same; choosing to believe that we are chosen by God to nurture these precious lives even though it has been very challenging through the pandemic with all its restrictions. We believe that God will use each one of them in the years ahead in ways that will enrich many other lives. We encourage our children to use their natural talents.

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Train a
child
in the way
he should go,
& when
he is old
he will
--NOT--
depart from it.
PROVERBS 22:6
★ ★ ★

"There is no way to compare the joy we feel in watching what they are learning."



Not all have speaking abilities. Michael and Lenard were given an opportunity and they learned how to cater and host a party. They overcame stage fright and used appropriate words to greet visitors and delegates.



You can't help but smile and savor your food when you see those with serving gifts, looking so happy being waiters and waitresses.



Cooking and baking are their best interests of all. One child said, "When I leave the Home, I will do baking to sell and earn money to help my family." They are so proud when they see how well their baking turns out with their creative shapes and sizes. Luis talks about baking for his mother when he can visit her. Other children think about their dreams for when they grow up. Many who have spent time in our Home are today working in restaurants and other businesses. Others have set up their own catering services.

Some Filipinos think speaking English is too difficult, but our children practice reading books in English every night and their ability has really increased. I enjoy hearing them at dinner when they are asking, **"Some more rice please."**



Eating vegetables is often not to children's liking. But when the bigger one's plant seeds and watch the vegetables grow, they change their minds and think about what they can grow when they return home.



Because of covid lockdowns there was no let up for the house parents as normally children would be away at school for a big part of the day. Instead, they had to supervise their schooling and recreation 7 days a week as no one could leave the property at all. The older children organized a 'Day Off' for all the house parents to show how grateful they were for their tireless work, and tears of happiness were shed by the house parents as they realized the children understood just how much love was being shown to them on a constant basis.



Those with art and painting ability are proud and happy with what they can produce. One of their activities was to go around and look for an object God created in the shape of a heart and then afterwards paint it with their teammates. They were amazed that God created such beautiful things and saw their responsibility to take care of God's creation and not to damage them.

"Our Hebron team cannot be effective without others also coming alongside to share their talents with us."



We have been encouraged by **Mrs Oonah Castillo** and her daughter. They have used their teaching gift to train house parents how to handle children who are grieving because of living away from their own family and unable to have regular visits because of the pandemic.

Our dentist **Mrs Maridin Lacson** taught the children how to care for their teeth and we have established a good rapport with her.

Our **Pediatrician** is just a text away whenever we need to call her for advice.



When children pray, God answers!

It is wonderful when donors arrive at the gate with gifts that had been especially prayed for by the children. A while ago the children were praying and thanking God for his provision. One of the boy's prayed for the Lord to continue to supply their needs. The next day Melany had a call from a long-time friend of the children's home. When they arrived, they were so happy to see His provision of over 150 kilos of meat.

Another day a person decided to bless all the children and staff by providing Jollibee (a favorite fast food in the Philippines) for their birthday celebrations! The smiles on their faces said it all! Thank you, Lord, once again for your loving care to provide the means to celebrate the children's birthdays!

We are so thankful every month as we see His provision, your sacrificial giving, come in. Thank you so much!

Our sponsors across the miles are faithful in giving and that means we can lead these disadvantaged children to Jesus and nurture them, creating memories that will help establish them in life, long after they leave Hebron. Your sponsorship continues to help clothe, feed, educate and disciple these precious lives.

AUSTRALIAN SUPPORTERS

Hank Van Der Steen has now officially retired from his role in sending & coordinating the sponsorship monies to CBM Philippines from our Australian friends. Hank has been in the leadership of HopePointe Church Caboolture, Queensland, for decades. Hank and Lenie supported CBM from when our late founders were first in the Philippines over 40 years ago. They have visited and stayed with us at Hebron many times. Hank and Lenie, along with many supporters, have been a constant source of encouragement through their prayer, sacrificial giving, and words of encouragement. Words of thanks don't go far enough in expressing how grateful we are to our dear brother Hank and his late wife, Lenie.

HopePointe church, where Hank attends and who also have supported CBM Philippines over the past 40 years, have kindly agreed to help coordinate and send the sponsorship money for us up to CBM Philippines.

HopePointe designated the following HopePointe account solely for receiving donations for CBM Philippines
BSB: 484-799
A/C: 034-628-403
Account Name: 'HopePointe CBM'

If you are a regular supporter from Australia and have not yet transferred your AP over to the new account, please can we ask you to set up your automatic payment or transfer to this new account above as soon as possible. When you set up the new account, please state 'CBM ' then your surname e.g., 'CBM SURNAME'.





HEBRON DISABILITY SERVICES



Hebron Disability Services kicked off again in June 22, holding our Fellowship gathering onsite for the first time in over 2 and a half years.

The team reported: "We started the programme at 8:30 in the morning and people arrived with BIG smiles on their faces and so excited to be there! Approximately 30 people came along, accompanied by their relatives to help out. They had a fun time of games & food, together sharing what they had learned from Bro. Ed Salonga's message on the kindness of God and being kind to one another. They all went home with joy in their heart and looking forward to seeing each other next month."



Hebron Disability Services Team

Pastor Dionisio Domingo

who heads up the maintenance team, has also been leading the HDS team. He has been visiting local families with disabilities every month, providing their sponsorship, praying and generally checking on them.



One of the boys, who Pastor Dionisio visits said, "Sometimes we feel small and hopeless especially when people laugh at us. Dino is a 14-year-old boy with no hands and is visually impaired. He is cared for by his grandmother and gives her great joy as he does everything he can to help her. He has never been to school and often dreams of learning in a classroom and talking to classmates. Before the pandemic he came to some of our fellowship meetings and treasures those memories, never letting go of the hope he has for his life."

Training and Resource Development



We are gearing up once again to partner with churches to train and equip people in Children's Ministry and provide them with Life Changing teacher resources. Please pray for Andrea Caballero who heads up this area as she restarts this area of the work after all the disruption of the pandemic.

We know churches have expressed a desire to see their children's church teachers equipped and trained to minister effectively to the children within their churches.

Maintenance Team



The maintenance team have been flat out keeping the place looking beautiful. While the children in the children's home have been away on summer vacation, they have been upgrading the kitchen area as well as repainting inside and upgrading the bathroom areas.



LEAF VACCUM

One area of need is the **purchase of two commercial leaf vacuums** that can suck up and mulch all the leaves around the 14 hectares. The men have been doing this manually for years and it takes many hours each week to keep the place looking clean and tidy.

Purchasing one or two of these will save huge amounts of time and enable them to focus on other pressing maintenance projects. If you would like to help with this need, they cost **\$800 NZD per unit**.



Prayer Points

1. His divine wisdom and guidance as we seek a new National Director.
2. The children from Hebron Children's Home will settle into the new school year when they start back soon after their summer vacation time.
3. The HDS fellowship times will continue to grow, and we will see more come to Jesus and be disciplined in their faith.
4. The provision of the commercial leaf vacuums for the maintenance team.



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Reference **Staff Support**

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Reference **Child Sponsorship**

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SPECIAL APPEAL YES! I'D LIKE TO HELP!

I would like to support the Maintenance Men Special Appeal
Reference **Leaf Vacuums**

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