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# CHILDREN'S HOME

This past month has been especially busy—but also incredibly meaningful—as we continue working toward full compliance with the requirements of the Social Services for licensing and registration of the homes.

One of the major requirements this year has been ensuring that all our children receive comprehensive medical checkups. With a total of **47 children**, this

process required organisation, patience, and teamwork. To make it manageable, we arranged the checkups in batches, coordinating transportation, and follow-ups for each group. You can

possibly imagine the chaos of trying to get all the kids injections for blood work, kudos to our staff for handling it very well. The kids got a little treat at Jollibee (Philippine Equivalent of Mc Donald's) afterwards..

These checkups would have been very expensive if we had to pay for it ourselves. Thanks to our Mayor and Congressman, we were able to get all the tests done for free.

In addition to the children's appointments, our **staff team also completed their required medical checkups.**

## MORE UPDATES

Nathanael and I are now back safely in the Philippines. We hit the road running, as our dear friend and prison minister, Gillian was already here and had started the Christianity Explored course in the jail at 164 and we are expecting visitors at the end of November too.

Thank you to all those **who prayed for my mum**. I thank the Lord and my family that they allowed me to spend time with her and to care for her before she was admitted to hospital. The NHS have promised that when mum is discharged they will be providing at least **5 hours assistance every day for life!!!** I praise God for that, because it meant that I could leave dad knowing that he will have professional help as well as help from family. **God is so good!!**

Christmas is approaching very quickly and we are always in the position of making plans with no resources, trusting that the Lord will meet the need, but He has never failed us yet. As is our POCM tradition, we will take the children out for the day on December 25, so that workers, (and their children too), can enjoy their day even while on duty caring for our kids.

This step is crucial in demonstrating that our caregivers are healthy, capable, and equipped to care for our kids.

Compliance also includes ensuring that our physical environment meets all safety, sanitation, and quality standards. As I mentioned in the last newsletter there are a lot of repairs that are needed to be done. Over the past several weeks, we have been able to accomplish some, but we are still undergoing some repairs. Slowly but surely (by the grace of God) we will get all done before the next inspection.

**"Please pray for Provision for our buildings' URGENT repairs and maintenance, also a Project Manager for the new School Building"**

- **CHRISSEY**



Behind the scenes, our social workers have been hard at work completing the extensive **paperwork and documentation** required for licensing and registration. Although time-consuming, this process is essential. It ensures transparency, accountability, and alignment with all social service regulations. This dedication moves us one step closer to achieving full licensing status. While the process has been demanding, it has also strengthened our operations and brought our team closer together. We are proud of the progress made and grateful to everyone staff and supporters who are helping to make it possible. We do value much of your prayers, although the Social Services seem quite positive in their dealings with us. We do need God's favor and provision in accomplishing all of this.

**Thank you for being part of our journey.** -Monique

We usually give the children pocket money so they can go to the shops and choose something for themselves (a treat that only comes to them once a year).

**Inmates get nothing for Christmas**, so we plan to have our traditional Christmas programmes in each of the 4 jails, where the inmates will have a talent contest, using performing arts to portray "Jesus is the reason for the Season".. with cash prizes to go towards the Christmas Party in their cell, to bring them some joy. We also prepare 100's prize packs (packs of toiletries; as jails don't supply them) for each of the jails. We also like to have a special party for our workers, who serve tirelessly in the school, children's homes and jails. We like to bless them too, as they serve at great personal sacrifice.

So we would value your prayers for all these planned events that we will have the opportunity to spread the love of Christ to those in need during the coming Christmas season..

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support.

**Together Let's Make a Difference.**

Love in Christ,

*Chrissy, Dondie & your POCM Family*

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