



*“For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again,
and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.”*

Job 14:7

January 2022

Dear Friends!

As the 2nd year of pandemic slowly comes to an end we are again reminded that some of our greatest victories and promises are brought to us in the midst of storms and trials. Just when we thought that the worst was over and we were settling into a normal routine, albeit a bit compromised, we were hit with yet another wave of COVID. And with that of course came another round of restrictions and cancelation of any progress we had made in being able to move about freely. Last month, while working towards getting the new years started sickness set in and it seemed like everyone on campus had a headache, cold, flu, trangkaso, perhaps COVID...call it what you may, we were all struggling with health issues. With groups of children getting sick at the same time, as well as staff, everyone truly stepped up and filled in the gaps whenever and however needed. We have come out on the other side of that and very grateful for the prayers and for those who encouraged and helped us through those difficult weeks. We are also grateful for the steady increase in our monthly donations as well as some exciting financial promises that have been made. We look forward to sharing more details with you as those promises become reality.

We currently have 19 children under our care, creating the family that we are today. We have 5 younger children that will be placed for adoption or reunified with family in the next couple of months; all of the remaining children are considered long term residents. As has been mentioned in several videos and letters lately, most of these children are more than likely to grow up at Bahay Sibol and never be placed in a family of their very own. This year, 2022, we are focusing our efforts on building an independent living program for these children. They program will prepare them life as independent adults, focusing on education, skills training, and opportunities to develop necessary life skills. All of this will be accomplished under the loving hands of the entire Bahay Sibol staff, the very people that will truly fight for these kids and who earnestly desire for them to excel in becoming successful, well established adults that are prepared for stable families of their very own. Please be in prayer for us as we strive to provide for every single emotional, physical, mental, social, and spiritual need that they have, in order to be prepared for the best life possible.

Our formal planning for this year was delayed because of COVID issues, as well as lack of opportunity in getting all of our leadership together. However, we will be having our annual board meeting this week and we look forward to discussing some very exciting plans for this year. Please consider the following as prayer requests. If you would like to have more updated details of all that is happening, you can follow our Facebook page and please be sure to accept the invite that was sent to you for an exclusively private page for donators, just like you!

Goals for 2022:

1. Completion of adoption for those children that are currently available for adoption.
2. Completion of the Directors residence/Administration building. We are just about there. Currently in the finishing phase with paint, doors, and flooring ongoing. Optimistically hoping to be completely finished by the end of March.
3. Completion of the ministry building which was put on hold because of the pandemic and focus on the other building. The ministry building is functional and currently being used for Hope Education, Hope Baptist Church and the Gormley's residence, however, there are a lot of unfinished details that need immediate attention, before rainy season sets in again.
4. Program planning and development for independent living:
 - a. creating manuals of operations and policies
 - b. building of a bakery and café shoppe
 - c. enlisting outside resources that will assist us in training these kids for life
5. Activities and work that will allow us to become more and more self-sustaining in terms of producing more vegetables, planting more fruit trees, raising more animals and bringing in better rice harvests.
6. More training and skills development for our entire staff as we strive to continually improve in our care and preparations for the lives of these kids.

Once again, we are forever grateful for your friendship and partnership in this amazing ministry. Not only are we blessed to have been given an opportunity to make a change in the lives of these kids, but God has allowed us to gain some great friends along the way. Thank you!

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