



**SOS CHILDREN'S  
VILLAGES  
PHILIPPINES**

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Interessengemeinschaft Alteisen e.V,

As I wake up each morning, I am very much excited to get up from my bed and do my morning routines because I know that when I set my feet outside, I will be greeted with smiles and laughter from our children. I have been living with them for a decade and a half and seen them grow as time passed by. I will tell you how these children are making a day into a special one.

**The village pride**

Our children in the village are living a simple yet happy life. Every morning they would start their day helping their SOS mothers in doing the household chores. As they are doing these, they are also developing their cooperation and bonding with each other especially with their mother. "I love helping Mama in cleaning the house." Jema said as she was asked what she loves most. At a young age, she was taught on how to do household chores. It is for her to be prepared when the time comes that she will be making her way on independent living. Not only Jema has these learning but all of our children.

These children who were once deprived of going to school are now starting to make a step on a better future. At school, they are doing their best to make us proud. Their achievements have been recognized in the village. May it be a small or big, it will always be our pride. I can still remember the time when one of our youth got an award in school. One afternoon, someone knocked on my door excitedly. "Daddy! Daddy!" she said while running towards me. "Look at my medal!" Michelle, one of our youth, proudly said. "I won first place in the History quiz bee, Daddy!" she continued. She looks very happy while telling stories of her on how she got that award. While looking at her, I can see the sincere glow of happiness in her eyes. This girl who is now proudly telling her accomplishments in front of me was once a child who is not confident with herself. Now the fruit of her labor is very evident. She is one of our children who continuously brings pride in our village.



*The SOS mother and her daughters are enjoying their time while cleaning their house.*

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*Spending my time with the children.*

### **Developing good traits**

Unlike any other children of today's generation, our children are contented of what they have. Our children have no luxuries in life. No cellphones, no iPads, no tablets - no gadgets. All their happiness comes from the people around them and not from the things they wanted to have. Every afternoon, after doing their assignments in school, you will see them playing outside. Some are playing volleyball while others are playing basketball. These games help them develop physically and mentally. With this, they are developing good traits like cooperation, camaraderie, and

sportsmanship in which they can use in their lives.

Like any other families, we are also celebrating special occasions of our children's lives. Birthdays of our children are one of the most important event. Everybody dreams of celebrating their birthdays with their love ones. We, as these children's family are very happy to give what we think they deserve. "My SOS family are the one who made me feel special. They made me feel how to be happy in celebrating my birthday. I love them so much." Shane said as she celebrated her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with us. This is what we want to see. The happiness in our children's faces. The happiness that was taken away from them back then.

### **Thanks to you**

You help us make all these possible. Recently, we welcomed seven new children, which mark the total number of 135. Because of your funding dear friend, every child's life under our care become more meaningful. ***Maraming maraming Salamat!*** (Thank you so much!)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*\*names have changed for privacy reason.*

*\*Attached is the latest photo of **Michael Mansay***

Yours sincerely,

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