



COVID-19 UPDATE

IN EVERY CRISIS, THERE IS AN OPEN DOOR...

In this way we do not lose hope even in these times, but feel safe, protected and guided by God. For more than 120 days now there is a complete curfew in Cebu City. Military and police patrol the streets with tanks and have sealed off every district with checkpoints. Always 5-6 households share a special pass with which a person can go shopping to the supermarket.

The need is great - for months people have had no income.

Many of our programs also had to come to a standstill. But we see many open doors in this crisis to counteract this misery and bring hope to the people. In this short update you can learn more about these opportunities.

JUST BEING A CHILD...

Our children are little affected by this situation, on the contrary - they enjoy this free time to simply BE A CHILD. Especially the children, who came to the children's homes recently, enjoy this time very much with the many offers of our staff. Whether it is sewing face masks, making bracelets, carving wooden figures, games, water battles or much more. Our employees create a lot of space and opportunities for our children to play and be a child. And it is precisely in this area that these children have a lot of catching-up to do, as there was no time for relaxed and creative play in their fight for survival on the streets.



AN OPEN DOOR...

Due to the curfew, no food could be served in the poor areas of the city since March. This will either not be possible in the near future. However, these families living on the streets are the ones who need this help most at the moment. By a special permission of the government we were allowed to carry out relief operations, in which we were able to provide more than 1,400 families with necessary relief goods. But also in the coming months the need will be much greater. We want to be present in the midst of this



Food for the homeless

hopelessness. So we have decided to take our weekly food distribution to the next level - a community center. This has been on our hearts for several years now and we see this crisis and the growing need as a starting signal to start this project promptly. Our food distribution team will be leading this centre. As soon as the curfew is lifted, we want to rent a property in the City Centre. This will allow us to more effectively make hope a reality for the people, as we can reach the whole family here.



curfew checkpoints

ONLINE LESSONS

The new school year starts in August. However, there will also be many changes. For the school year 2020/2021, normal personal instruction will be prohibited. Therefore we are in the process of upgrading our school for online teaching. Our teachers have trained themselves in new online platforms, with which the lessons (online) for our children will take place. For this purpose we have created a campaign "Learning inspite of Corona" for which you can find more information on our homepage.

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"VALUABLE TIME"

Despite of all the challenges, these days are particularly valuable for me. We get to know our children in CFAI in a very different way and they discover gifts that we have not seen before. Especially our boys have developed an interest in vegetable growing, which makes me very happy.

- Roselyn (house mother)



NEWS FROM THE FARM...

Our farm project was also slowed down by Corona. Due to the pandemic, a total curfew was imposed shortly before the notary appointment, so that only the most necessary shops were allowed to open. Since the end of July the first shops are opening again and we are in the process of finding a new appointment with the notary. After that we would like to start building our farmhouse as soon as possible to create capacity to take in more children in the homes.

Many people in the Philippines have been plunged into great need by the pandemic.

ORIENTATION DAY

On July 18, 2020 we had an orientation day for our 5 Interns and 5 students at the International Ministry School, as well as 2 volunteers. We are very thankful for a motivated team of young people who wants to set off with us for the coming year. Due to an entry ban for foreigners and the travel warning of the German Foreign Office, it remains exciting to see when our school and the International Youth Volunteer Service can start. Pray with us that things will clear up for our young people and that God will create ways for them. We would be very happy if a slightly delayed departure would be possible at some point



Soldiers implement regulations



Our volunteers & students

Economic stagnation, a wave of bankruptcies and increasing unemployment are fertile ground for growing crime and bring many to the edge of existence. Finally, growing domestic violence and increasing abuse drive children into the streets.

With the construction of the farm, further opportunities arise for children from the street to find a home and hope for the future can become a reality in their lives.

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