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Project Nehemiah Homes (PNH) - this is what we have named our children's homes. Nehemiah in the Old Testament was deeply concerned about the people of Jerusalem.

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Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.

Nehemiah 1:3

The destroyed city wall exposed the citizens of Jerusalem to all kind of violence and attacks. The city wall is designed to protect the citizens from all dangers.

In the same way, God's design for the FAMILY is to be a wall of protection for children so that they can grow up and experience protection, care and belonging. For most street children, families have been broken and torn apart, leaving children exposed to all kind of attacks and dangers. Children are abused and violated while sleeping on the streets, on sidewalks or in cemeteries.

Just as Nehemiah began to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, our vision is to rebuild the protective walls around the children on the streets. The Project Nehemiah Homes is not just a safe place or shelter, but a place where these children can experience healing.

Healing not only from physical wounds, but also from the attacks on their dignity and worth and their Godgiven potential.

There are still thousands of children waiting for their protective wall and their lives to be restored. That's why our team of street workers go out day after day for food distributions to reach these children and bring them to a safe shelter in our homes.

Like ChiChi, a little three-year-old boy who lived with his mother on the streets of Bogo, the city where our farm is located.

His father is serving a life sentence in prison and there is also an arrest warrant out for his mother, so the little boy is completely on his own. ChiChi was rescued from the streets and is now living in our Project Nehemiah Homes

We are so grateful that with your partnership, we are able to rebuild the walls of protection for these children and help them experience the love of God and lead them to a hopeful future. This is also why we are literally building new walls, a new house on our farm to create even more space for additional 10-12 boys. But read for yourself how lives have been transformed and rebuilt.

**Manuel Stumpf** 



The new School year has started and we are excited and thankful that we were able to accept over 31 new students this year. This means additional 31 children are now having the chance to finally go to school.

This is the dream of most of the children in the streets, because they know that without education there is no way to break the cycle of poverty in their lives. With much excitement the students started this new school year. And we are glad that in our school, they do not only receive good quality education, but we also have the chance to introduce them to a life with Jesus.

If you want to become part of these new students, you can help us make this possible by sponsoring a student with 30€ per month.









During the Summer break, we could hold our annual Summer-GoCamp 2024. Around 250 Campers join the camp with the Theme "Redeeming the time". The summer Camp is one of the highlights in CFAI every year. It's a time of spiritual growth for our kids, reflecting on their relationship with the Lord and how the Lord has continued to sustain them despite the challenges in life. This year we learned about how to make the best of our time, living our lives for Jesus according to

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### **Ephesians 5:15-17.**

"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do." Our camp is also to GO, to reach out to people, and to share the love of God in different areas. Our kids prepared performances for the people not for entertainment but with a deep message that without God, without His amazing grace, we will be nothing.

We celebrated victory on our last day in the camp now that more people know about the love of Jesus towards them and receive Him in their hearts. We also celebrated because 5 young people were baptized as an act of obedience and a sign of their seriousness towards the Lord.





We also welcomed our new Interns who will spend 11 months in CFAI volunteering their time as part of their International Youth Volunteer Service (IJFD). This year we have 6 Interns and they are also excited for their one year with CFAI in the Philippines. Here are some statements what motivated them to volunteer 1 year in the Philippines and also some first impressions:

"I decided to do an internship in the Philippines because I wanted to consciously take a year to grow in my personality, but also in my relationship with Jesus."

"Working with the children at CfAI is also the perfect opportunity for me to find out more about what I would like to do later in my career."

"A special impression for me is always the enthusiasm with which the employees work for Jesus and the great trust in God that can develop in the children as a result."



We would like to thank everyone who has supported us with the new outdoor area and playground. The design of the new playground is now finished and the construction work has begun. The kids are excited and really looking forward to it.

Two new trampolines have also arrived. Children who are newly accepted at CFAI from the street first have to learn to just BE A CHILD again. On the street, children always have to scavenge for the next meal, look for leftovers, beg and often look after small siblings. With the new playground, the children can learn to just be children again.



After seeing the overwhelming poverty of children in the City near our farm, we have started the construction of a new house on our farm.

This will give us more space for additional 10-12 children on our farm. It's amazing to see how God has planted CFAI in that area and is continuing to grow and use CFAI in that area. The construction cost are estimated at  $40,000 \in$ . Thank you for your donation which helps us build these walls of protection.

Also the negotiations of the possibility of purchasing an additional land is still on-going.



The next batch of our International Ministry School (IMS) has arrived and started in September. For this year, we have 9 students in total, 6 from Germany and 3 from the Philippines. For the next 6 months, the students will go through biblical teachings on Discipleship, Mercy Ministry and Missions. In between they will always have practical outreaches and practical assignments with CFAI and also other ministries.

This school will give orientation into future jobs and studies like social work, missions, church ministry, teacher and other full-time ministries. If you are interested, here are details for next year's IMS starting in September 2025 until March 2026



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Manuel, Xandra and their daughter Zayhlie are due to do 12 months' home assignment in Germany in 2025. On the one hand, this is due to a change in the Social Security Act, which stipulates a 12-month stay in the home country before you can be sent out again for several years. On the other hand, this also gives us as a ministry the opportunity to strengthen the partnership between Germany and the Philippines. Manuel and Xandra want to visit as many partners as possible this year to report on the ministry in Cebu. Together with the team in Cebu, there are numerous projects that we want to implement at CFAI in the future. Manuel and Xandra will be able to report on these in person in Germany, Switzerland and Austria this year. If you would like to hear from them, they will be happy to come to your lifegroups, Sunday Service or other events. Please contact us directly if you would like to invite them to your church. They will be coming to Germany in December 2024 and will be looking for an apartment in the area of Neu-Ulm until they travel back to the Philippines in December 2025.

The team in Cebu is very well coordinated and therefore all ministries in the Philippines will continue as long as Manuel and his family are in Germany.



# **CFAI MUSIC ALBUM RELEASE 2024**

We are more than excited to invite you to a very special event. This coming November 17, 2024 together with our children we will launch our brand new Music Album called "TESTIFY". For the past one year, 24 of our children have been attending a Music Discipleship Training. Here they learned that no matter how broken their past may seem, God wants to use them for his glory. The children experienced healing from past experiences and were able to discover the amazing calling God has in their lives. As a result of their healing journey, the children together with our Staff Xandra, composed four original songs that tell the live testimonies of the kids. These four original compositions were professionally recorded in a Studio. For the releasing we invite you to an ONLINE EVENT where our children will live preform their compositions and share the story behind the songs.

WE would love for you to join us during this LIVE event on FACEBOOK LIVE or YOUTUBE LIVE. Just follow this link or scan the QR Code to join us on November 17, 2024 9:00pm (Cebu Time)



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