

Jericho Street Echoes—2011

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Echoes of mercy, whispers of love for the little children on today's "Jericho Road"



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"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these"
-Jesus Matthew 19:14

LCW CELEBRATES SUCCESS - LCP GRADUATIONS: MARCH 2011

In March two volunteers, Margie Manghan (Acworth, Georgia) and Ellen Flanagan (Hudson, Illinois), traveled with Glenna Waller to Dumaguete City, Philippines. During that time, it was their joy to attend many graduations and celebrate each milestone in the children and youth's lives. **L-R: Glenna Waller, Ellen Flanagan, and Margie Manghan**



Preschool Graduation



Thanks to the wonderful teachers, cooperative parents, and generous donors, **129 boys and girls graduated from the seven LCP Preschools**. They now have a good foundation for first grade as well as the knowledge of Jesus who loves them. Each Preschool demonstrated various talents of singing, dancing, reciting poems and entertaining with a fashion show of costumes from various countries. Their graduation theme was, **"The Children Today are Bridge Builders of Tomorrow"**. These students come from the poorest communities and are rarely sponsored children. **Thanks to each of you who give to change lives through the Preschool Program.**



School On Wheels Non-Formal Graduation

The School on Wheels Non-Formal Education Closing Exercises recognized **nineteen children and youth who earned their certificates for nine months of educational training**. Students shared songs, dances and memorized scriptures reflecting their theme "The Youth: Building Tomorrow, Today". **The donors, staff, and parents can take pride in knowing the lives of these students have been impacted today and have changed their tomorrows. Thank you donors for making SOW possible.**



High School Graduation



"Success is not a Destination, it's a Journey" was the theme for the High School Graduation Recognition Day. **Forty-two sponsored youth celebrated this wonderful milestone in their lives**. Nineteen will go straight to college with the help of their sponsors and others will go to TESDA Vocational School. Each graduate is extremely thankful to their sponsors who make everyday of their education possible. They will continue to move ahead on life's journey knowing Jesus will gently guide them every step of the way.

THERESA SOJOR, one of this year's high school graduates, gave her testimony of how her life has been dramatically changed by her sponsor and the LCW/LCP Children with Disabilities Program. When she first came to LCP many years ago, her father had to carry her. With surgeries and therapy; however, she now walks, sings, dances, and is an excellent student who looks forward to starting college in June. She is grateful to be a part of LCP and is loved by everyone. **Thank you to the donors of the Children with Disabilities Program for changing the life of Theresa and other children and youth. Their tomorrows will be different because you cared and gave today.**





College Graduations



Excitement and laughter filled the beautifully decorated banquet room as **twenty-seven college graduates celebrated the completion of their dream for a college education.** These graduates, staff, parents of graduates along with fifty-six additional college students and twenty-five trainees enjoyed the good food, singing, dancing, scripture, inspirational messages and words of thanks from scholars. The banquet theme was, "Education: A Powerful Weapon to Change the World, Learn from Yesterday, Live for Today, and Hope for Tomorrow."

The students now have hope for tomorrow and will impact the world wherever they go on life's journey thanks to generous sponsors and donors who made this day of celebration possible.

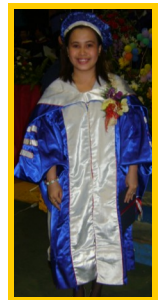


LCP March 2011 Graduates

The graduates and parents send thanks to the sponsors and donors for their investment in LCW sharing time, resources, and encouragement giving them hope for tomorrow and making the world a better place.

LCP had graduates from Negros Oriental State University (NORSU), Foundation University and Silliman University.

One of LCW/LCP's graduates, **Mary Dawn Valencia was President of her Senior Class** at NORSU. Graduation night she had a special robe and place on the platform with the University President/Guest Speaker and other University Professors. She assisted in presenting the diplomas and also led her class of 2011 in the Pledge of the Graduates. She is extremely grateful to LCW/LCP and her sponsors and college donors for making this special day possible.



Following each graduation Glenna Waller, Ellen Flanagan and Margie Mangham were privileged to visit some of the homes and celebrate with the graduates and their families. **These youth will make a difference in this world because their sponsors and donors changed their tomorrows by providing an education today.**

MARCH TRIP TO LCP CHANGED MY LIFE



Ellen Flanagan, from Hudson, Illinois shared the following message: **"I have never seen such poverty nor experienced such love.** I have been a sponsor of LCP children and college students for many years. I wrote my checks, read their letters and I must admit, didn't write back very often. When I had the privilege of visiting LCP and meeting my sponsored students, **I was shocked. I had no idea how much \$360/year could mean to them.** **It changed their lives!** Their gratitude was overwhelming. Not only did my sponsored children thank me over and over but also their mothers hugged me almost in tears.

One of my college students told me his dream was to meet his sponsor. The gratitude of my children and the friendship and love shown by Glenna, Margie and the LCP staff surrounded me. **Now I know that a small amount of money from me can mean a huge amount them. It changes their lives and this trip changed mine.**



"The **dedicated staff at LCP** is devoted to being the best they can be in changing lives each day for Jesus", says Glenna Waller. "Out of 20 full time staff, ten are our own graduates." **What an impact they are making!!**

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER FROM 1990 RETURNS TO LCP



Long term LCP volunteer and sponsor from Sweden returned to Dumaguete just in time for graduations this year. Ingrid Rosell, formally "LCW Sponsorship Director of Europe" was amazed to see the progress made through the years. She exclaimed to Glenna Waller, **"The vision was big in 1990 when Bettie Elwood and I moved into the Mission House. I could never have imagined that one day so many children would be part of the LCP family."** Ingrid was also impressed with the Wee-Women Dorm and felt so grateful for the way they live today, and all the care and guidance they receive.

She also writes, "Behind the scene, there is a rock: Glenna with her gentle smile and ready hugs. She is like a rock when needed, and many hands to push someone along gently when it is called for. A true inspiration for both the staff and the children."

Ingrid described the graduations as "a time of joy, decision making, positive pride, and a gratefulness." **She personally thanks all the sponsors/donors of LCW for making a difference.** Many sponsors today are the result of her dedicated service to LCP. **Her commitment to this ministry lives on and she will never be forgotten.**





DEAN HOUK – CO-FOUNDER DIES AT AGE 88



Dean Houk, one of the five LCW/LCP founders was a man with a deep and abiding faith who had a passion for leading people to Christ. Dean was always generous with his time and money in helping others.

He was present in 1987 for the incorporation of LCW and also in Americus, Georgia when a proposal was requested to Habitat for Humanity for 100 homes to be built in Dumaguete City, Philippines. The proposal was later accepted and the homes were built, adding another community for the poorest of the poor. When Luther Carroll, also a co-founder bought the Daro Property, Dean gave money to begin construction of the Guest House. Dean and Peggy Houk, Doug and Bettie Elwood, and Luther Carroll contributed the remainder of the money needed for construction. The building has served for LCP offices, volunteers housing and is now a residential dorm for twenty little street boys. Dean and his wife Peggy also purchased a six room building in Barnesville, Georgia that serves as an

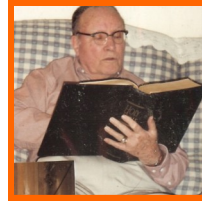


Luther, Bettie, Doug, Peggy, and Dean

office for Little Children of the World. For more than three years, Dean served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World II.

Upon his return, he completed his Bachelor Degree at Milligan College, his Divinity Degree at Southwestern Theological Seminary and his Masters degree in Special Education from University of Toledo.

Dean served as full-time pastor in two churches in Georgia after which he was a pioneer missionary to nine Baptist Churches in Toledo, Ohio and the surrounding area. In addition, Dean taught Special Education for 27 years at Eisenhower Junior High, in Oregon, Ohio.



He was married to Peggy Carroll Houk for 66 years. He was blessed with the love and support of four daughters and sons-in-law, Glenna and Larry Waller, Deanna and Byron Lovelady, Crystal and Claude Hedspeth, and Trina Carroll-Houk and husband Chip Schneider. He was the proud grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.



The family requested contributions to The Little Children of the World, Inc. in lieu of flowers. The US Flag provided by the Veterans Organization was placed on his casket, and presented to his wife at the burial. They also gave the family a beautiful large engraved plaque with his years of service in the Navy, to be placed at his grave. Friends and relatives gave more than \$4,000 in Dean's memory. **Because of Dean's passion for reaching the lost, this money will be invested in the LCW HOUK ENDOWMENT FOR PEACE AND FAITH.** The family will match the endow-

ment gifts and the interest/gains will be used to sustain the Christian component of Little Children of the World.

In honor of Dean, the Georgia House of Representatives signed a resolution initiated by Representative Rick Crawford, of the 16th district. Rick presented this resolution, honoring the life and memory of Dean C. Houk, to the family, dated and sealed by the State of Georgia, April 14, 2011 signed by Robert E. Rivers, Jr. Clerk. This beautiful, leather bound document will always be a treasure for the family. Rick Crawford also serves on LCW's Advisory Council.

Dean's funeral was held at his home church, First Baptist Church, Barnesville, Georgia and the burial service was later held at Memory Gardens in Athens, Tennessee. A video depicting the life and family of Dean Houk was prepared by Leah Sneed from the LCW office and shown during the viewing and also in Tennessee at the semi-annual LCW Board meeting.

In closing, a quote from the Georgia Resolution says it all: **"WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others, WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness and kindness, and by example he made this world a better place in which to live." So he did!**



Early Years LCW Board & Advisory Council

LCW BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Little Children of the World, Inc. held its semi-annual Board of Directors and Advisory Council Meeting April 29 thru May 1, 2011 in Etowah, Tennessee.

LCW Board of Directors: Gerry Champagne (Chairperson) Seattle, WA; Patti Lyons (Vice Chairperson) Honolulu, HI; Bettie Carroll Elwood Etowah, TN; Marcia Fisher Heiskell, TN; Peggy Houk Barnesville, GA; Fred Lupton Chattanooga, TN; John Florell Normal, IL; Cecil Hines Highlands, NC; Glenna Houk Waller (LCW President) Barnesville, GA.

LCW Advisory Council Members: Janice (Moderator) and Bob Lewis Normal, IL; Kristy Champagne Seattle, WA; Anita Cole The Rock, GA; Rick and Susan Crawford Rockmart, GA; Doug Elwood Etowah, TN; Philip Elwood Longwood, FL; Marcia Florell Normal, IL; Melanie Foster Barnesville, GA; Betty Gibby Barnesville, GA; Margie Mangham Barnesville, GA; Stella and Bud Naifeh Dallas, TX; Sue Paul Adairsville, GA; Keiko Shimizu Brooklyn, NY; Laurie Beth Sneed Barnesville, GA; Marie Lou Abbott Hopewell, VA; Dennis Phillips Cedartown, GA



LCP PROGRAMS SHORT ON FUNDS

How can you Help?

This year is passing quickly and we are so grateful for each of you, our sponsors and donors and to God for His blessings. In March LCW/LCP celebrated the successes of education and we know without your support and encouragement these children and youth could never have achieved these milestones in their lives. Thank you for caring and giving to bring help and hope into their lives. Together we can continue to change the world one child at a time. Because of your contributions, LCW/LCP has been able to continue each of the LCP programs and thousands of lives touched in the name of Jesus. **Many of our programs are short on funds for 2011.**



Change A Child's Life Today!

Thirty dollars each month can completely transform the life of a poverty stricken child in the Philippines. Through your monthly contribution, the sponsored child and their family is given help and hope for a brighter tomorrow. If you would like to **completely change a child's life**, please contact Laurie Beth Sneed at lauriebeth@littlechildren.org or (770)358-2771 .



We reach out again to you asking for your continued support making it possible for these precious poverty stricken children and youth to receive life's basic needs for survival and to have the opportunity to learn about Jesus and to walk more closely with Him. Please give to one of the LCP Programs such as Health, Preschool, School on Wheels, College, Peace and Faith, Soup Kitchens, Consuelo Dorm, Wee Women's Dorm or to Urgent Needs that will help with the

shortfall in any program. YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED. We pray God will bless each of you for your kindness and generosity.

Always remember: "Tomorrow the world may be different because you were important in the life of a child or youth today."



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Help Us Save!

Little Children of the World is currently trying to update our system with current telephone numbers and email addresses from our sponsors and donors around the world. In order to be better stewards of your donations, we are looking into cost saving strategies such as sending receipts and reminder letters by email instead of through the postal service. This will help our ministry save postage money that can in turn be used to help our programs in the Philippines! **Please send us your updated email address and telephone number with your next donation, or call our office at (770)358-2771.** We are so grateful to donors and sponsors like you who make our ministry possible! Thanks!

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Mission Statement: to help develop caring communities for the world's children at risk.

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Volunteer Opportunities: LCW has an ongoing need for volunteers at both its international headquarters and its overseas project sites.

Please call or email the LCW office for more information.

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