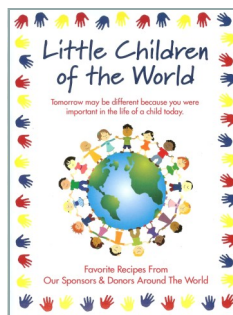


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The front cover of the LCW cookbook

Half of the new LCW cookbooks have been sold. We are off to a good start. Now, we ask you to consider ordering cookbooks. If all of our donors will order one or more cookbooks we will show a substantial profit to help meet the Urgent Needs for LCW/LCP. The cookbooks are beautiful and contain 400 recipes submitted by sponsors and donors. In order to give everyone an opportunity to buy cookbooks for Christmas gifts, etc. the price is remaining \$15.00 each plus shipping (\$4.50) for a short time. Please call LCW at 770-358-2771 and order your cookbook today. Thank you for supporting this wonderful project. We know you will enjoy the cookbook.

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LCW needs help with the Urgent Needs. Due to the economy many people have been forced to reluctantly drop their sponsorship due to personal financial struggles. Many programs are lacking funds to complete this year. Both here and at LCP we strive daily to stretch the dollars using every penny wisely, efficiently and in a way that honors God.

God is faithful and completely transforming the lives of children and youth through LCW/LCP. This issue tells stories of lives changed because people cared and gave to make a difference.

Together we celebrate our successes and renew our commitment to the needs that stand before us. With God's help "ALL" things are possible.

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MESSAGE FROM GLENNA WALLER, OUR PRESIDENT

It is with joy that I write to all of our sponsors and donors to bring you up-to-date on the success of LCW/LCP and share with you the gratitude we have in our hearts for each of you.

The Lord continues to work in an amazing way.



The Sunday morning worship service

In spite of the downturn in the economy and the financial struggles, LCW/LCP continues to stretch the dollars making it possible to impact the lives of over 5,000 people. Your prayers and gifts touch the lives of so many people for Jesus across the world.

God has greatly blessed and kept his mighty hand on LCW/LCP Peace and Faith Program. The foundation of this ministry now has over 1300 attending Sunday worship and the weekly community Bible studies continue. In Summer Venture 135 high school students accepted Christ and others rededicated their lives to Christ.

It was such a joy to see the graduation of 144 Pre School children, 14 School On Wheels, 55 Elementary School, 56 high school, and 9 from college.

We saw other successes including LCP's two Soup Kitchens feeding 135 children five days a week, and handicapped children continue to receive surgeries, therapy and medications. The residential dorms now house 40 boys and 10 girls while the Independent Living Dorm house 10 boys and 10 girls. These programs are so needed and make such a difference to so many children.

While in the Philippines in March I not only saw the growth and success of the various LCP programs, but throughout Dumaguete our own college graduates are making an impact in society and for Jesus. **Please read next two pages for personal stories.**

- During preparation for the Negroes Oriental State University (NORSU) graduation one of the students, Irenza Noay, was having difficulty with the release of her grades from one of her teachers. When the LCP staff went to the Registrar's office one of our own graduates, Jember Sante was the one to help her. When she picked up her cap and gown, one of our graduates, Shiela Amores, was the Supply Officer.
- Guess who is the manager of the new Greenwich Restaurant in Dumaguete? None other than LCP's graduate, Joy Jorille Bilbao. What a good time the dorm boys and I had eating good food, and sharing time with her.
- Ginalyn Orillana is now a Professor teaching Filipino at Silliman University. Ian Tumobag a nurse at Provential Hospital, and Janice Verina a CPA at the Capital in Dumaguete.
- Lily Tinosan enjoys teaching at Junob Elementary School, Jennifer Verina at



Glenna Waller, the independent boys dorm, and Jorille Bilbao

Amy Cabalida, a Caltex Station Cashier/Bookkeeper. When consulting with the Philippine Agriculture Department concerning a problem with the spetic tank at Bloomington Farm Piggery none other than our graduate, June Rey Cabildo, was sent to help us.

- Twelve of our graduates are employed at LCP and making a tremendous impact on the ministry.
- Theresa Amper is a Midwife, Rolando Amparado a draftsman while Arnold Amparado works in electronics at Robinson Mall. Ferdinand Besario is a Civil Engineer working at Provincial Government Office. These are just a few examples of success you will see in Dumaguete City.

- Several of our graduates left Dumaguete to work on other islands or abroad. Michael Sarita and Martin Patrimonio are seamen on ships traveling around the world. In Manila, Clementino Miral is a policeman, Avelino a Traffic Manager, and Girlie Callet a ticket officer for Air Philippines. In Cebu, Archie Tuting is a draftsman, and Warren Patajo is a teacher in a Korean school, and Ignaciu Pabillore is a Mechanical Engineer in Saudi Arabia, and Grace Balondo is a caregiver in Switzerland.

All 119 graduates are truly making a difference. Not only are they able to provide a living for themselves, they are also reaching back to help their families. They are impacting society and sharing Jesus around the world, and their influence will be eternal.

- **All this would never have been possible without your love, support and encouragement for these precious young people. You are changing lives and eternity.**
- One of our 2009 graduates who has been working at LCP told me in March that he would be leaving LCP. Gersim Papa said "I have been gone from home for 13 years having come to Dumaguete as a little boy. Thanks to God and LCP I now have my education and am a certified teacher. God has called me to go back to the mountains to my home to be sure my Daddy knows about Jesus. So many children and adults in my home community need to hear about my Savior and I must

Wow! That is what it is all about. Your impact in the lives of these scholars will change the future for all eternity. Thank you for being a blessing everyday, and helping us continue the task God has set before us. We cannot slow down we must continue to touch the lives of these poverty stricken children and youth. Tomorrow the world will be different because we were important in the life of a child today.



Lives Transformed Through The Taclobo Boy's Dorms



In March, Glenna Waller and Janice Lewis took the Independent Living Dorm Boys (18 and older) out to eat. After our meal, we asked the boys to tell us a brief story of what brought them to LCP. We struggled to hold back the tears as the boys told heart-wrenching events of their early childhood.



One boy, now 23, a senior in college, explained, "My family had to support ourselves by gathering garbage in the dumpsite to sustain our daily needs. The harsh realities of poverty challenged me every day. Because my father abused me especially when he got drunk I decided to live with my aunt near the dumpsite. One day I met a volunteer from LCP who was working closely with street children that were scavenging like me. He and my aunt encouraged me to go to school. I lived with her from grade 3 to 3rd year high school. In 2002, she suddenly got sick and died. I was so depressed until I was accepted at the LCP Boys Dorm. **I am proud to share with everyone that LCP has molded me very much to who I am now. They bring me closer to God everyday and I am grateful to all who made me complete. Thanks to all my supporters and my sponsor who shared blessings to me, I am perfectly blessed.**"

Another boy says "Before LCP I struggled a lot not only due to poverty but also because of an abusive father. I can still remember that there were times we only ate once a day. My father was a fisherman and my mother cannot work because she has a respiratory problem and nine children to care for. The income of father was not enough for all of us. Our livelihood is much affected especially when the storms came. At age eight I thought of how I could help my family so I gathered garbage and sold it to the junk shop and worked as a construction worker to help sustain our daily needs. Despite my hardship, I contributed to the family but my father was not happy of my performance. I stopped school at that time to concentrate on working. One day he tried to kill me because I went home with only a small amount of money. I was so scared that I ran away from home. My favorite place to sleep was a fishing boat on the seashore. I found a new interest when an LCP staff working with street children asked me to join the SOW (School on Wheels). Every day the van picked me up for school 3 hours

a day. I was soon recommended to stay at the LCP Boys dorm and I entered Grade VI at that time. **I was saddened when my mother died of tuberculosis and I wasn't there to help her. But God is good! I completed my high school education through the generosity of my sponsors, staff, and everyone who made everything possible for me.** I am now working as a youth assistant at LCP Peace and Faith Program and praying I can go to college next year."

Another boy tells us his sad story. "I have never seen my mother, and I was told she went to Manila. My father's income as a farmer was not adequate to support all seven of us. My older brother and I decided to leave home and take a bus on the 4 hour trip to Dumaguete City and stay there on the streets with other children. There I met Bob Hanson who encouraged me to start school. I had to start from the beginning, as I had never been in school. I was accepted in the Boys Dorm but I didn't stay long because I liked my freedom and didn't like to follow rules. I began working as a vehicle dispatcher earning 50-100 pesos a month (\$1-\$2). I found three very close friends and in order to be accepted by them I joined in activities that were not accepted by society. One day we were caught stealing and put in prison for 2½ years. When I was 13 the court granted my custody to LCP, and the social worker found my father, who I had not seen in years, to get his permission for me to live in the dorm. I stayed at LCP and when I turned 18 I moved into Independent Living Dorm. **I want everyone to know that I have changed a lot. LCP changed my life from a dirty boy to a good boy. Since I stayed in school I am an honor student every year. I am not at my grade level but I'm hoping to graduate from elementary school in March next year. I believe and trust God for my future and despite the hardships I experienced in the past He will help me through.** I'm expressing my big thanks to my sponsors and everyone who helped me not only for my education but for drawing me closer to God."

We listened intently as another boy shared his life story. "As long as I can remember my family lived in a remote barangay in one of the mountains four hours by bus from Dumaguete. My father was an active member of the NPA (a group of armed people who fight against the government). He was also a drunkard and battered my mother. One day my mother took us and ran away arriving in Dumaguete after dark with nothing. After some time of searching we found my grandparents. Sadly my grandfather abused me, so I ran away. I stayed on the streets and found friends and we began to sniff rugby to satisfy our hunger and forget all our problems. One day I saw my younger brother who had run away from

home too. My mother found us on the streets and told us she no longer lived with our grandparents, but had another man. The problem was he abused me too and beat me all the time. Again, I ran away. Everything changed when I was 13 and met LCP Volunteer Robert Hanson who encouraged me to go back to school. After he bought me food and clothes, he took to LCP. Sadly, in spite of the good things they provided me I ran away again because I was use to freedom. Finally, I decided to come back and never ever ran away again. I was so saddened one day when my brother came to our dorm to tell me my mother was admitted to the hospital. The next day she died of leukemia. I am so sad because she will not see me marching to get my high school certificate in March 2011 but I know, she's happy for me. **I am very thankful to LCP and my sponsor for supporting me all these years. I am especially thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ for giving me hope, not to surrender to every challenge but to trust in Him.**"

Each boy's life story is different however, there seems to be a pattern. The home life is deplorable due to many reasons. The family lives in extreme poverty and struggles to survive every day. Often the mother is abused and runs away, sometimes with her children but often she abandons them. Under these circumstances the parents often give in to the temptation of drinking or gambling even though the pesos are needed for food. When the situation becomes unbearable the boy (seldom girls) runs away from home. Sometimes he travels alone but often with a brother. He eats from the garbage cans or steals food or both. He learns survival skills and begins to like the freedom. Sleeping on cardboard boxes or in the boats along the seashore, he usually becomes a part of a gang. This leads to all kinds of trouble. Thankfully, LCP volunteers care enough to rescue as many as they can. The first step is to teach them to trust and to know that someone does love them. This is a tremendous challenge. Once they are in a safe haven and have the security of a second family, they do remarkably well in school, often becoming honor students. They become Christians and learn to trust the Lord. Weaving the thread of life through these precious neglected boys stirs emotions unimaginable to those of us who have always been sheltered. We are moved to do all we can to keep the little ones, often as young as seven off the streets.

We hope all our donors will also be challenged to lend a helping hand.



Lives Transformed Through The Wee Women's Dorm



It could very well have been named *A Safe Haven* because that is exactly what the Wee Women's Dorm



Two Dorm girls with Laurie Beth Sneed, LCW Sponsorship Administrator

is for ten little girls ages 6-17. Named by Bettie Elwood the dorm depicts little girls who have been forced to take on adult responsibilities while still a child.

The girls were asked by Glenna Waller to write a brief narrative about their life before LCP. They were rescued from very unsafe homes or the streets and given a chance for a happy childhood, a loving home, and opportunity for an education and to learn about Jesus.

These heart wrenching stories describe deplorable living conditions, dysfunctional families where 7 or 8 year old children are often forced to baby sit their younger siblings while the parents go to work to make a meager amount of money for food.

One little girl says she was 8 years old when she learned to work on her own. She did scavenging with her two brothers. They roamed around Dumaguete carrying a sack of garbage to sell in a junk shop. She is grateful to Uncle Bob (Hanson) who referred them to LCP and God blessed them with acceptance into the dorms. This little girl is now 11 years old and in the Grade 3. She is thankful to have a housemother as a second mom and the love of dorm mates. She is grateful for her sponsors.

Another little girl told of not going to school because she and her younger sister were forced to gather stones on the shore so that their mother could sell them to buy food to eat. She says, "My mother would go to the neighbor's place to gamble and drink alcohol. Life was such a struggle until my father left me with an aunt overnight, crying my heart out missing my family. The next day she took me to LCP where eventually I overcame my loneliness. **LCP made me a better person, student, Christian, leader and a child.** I am now in the second year of high

school and thankful for a good sponsor."

A 9 year old tells of her life in Manila where she took care of her little sister when she was only seven. Her mother left her father and brought them to Negros Oriental where she farmed and sold her harvest from house to house. Living in the house of her Auntie, she cried when she witnessed her uncle abusing her younger sister; but felt helpless because her uncle threatened her if she told her mother. Her Auntie invited her mother to work in her home as a laundry woman. This was when she was referred to LCP and accepted. **She is thankful to God for preparing such a nice place for her to live.** Next year she will be in the third grade.



The Wee Women Dorm Girls

"Life is like a puzzle", says a **14 year old**, "with so many trials you encounter but you don't surrender because there is a time when you will fix it". Living in the dorm since she was 9 years old, she described her complicated life before LCP. Her father did his best to get food by going to the mountains to find cassava for the family to eat. Her mother washed clothes every day to be able to buy food before she decided to leave for Manila against the wishes of her father. She and her father almost lost all hope when three of her siblings also left for Manila because "they can't carry anymore the helpless life." Her father tried to care for them but life remained very hard. Eventually she and her other brother were recommended, with her father's permission, to live in the LCP dorm where they could receive proper care. She says, "At LCP I learned how important God is in

my life and I hope and pray that I can reach my goal and have a better future. I have learned how to respect others and not to feel hatred to my mother; instead I miss her so much even though she did things which were very hurtful to us."

Another resident is 17 years old and in sixth grade. She tells the following heart rendering story: "Before LCP while I was still small my parents separated. My mother went to Manila to find work and didn't send us any money and never came home. When my father heard she had another family he got angry, started drinking and burned our house. My uncle then took me to his home. A lady came to them and said she would send me to school. In her house she treated me like an animal. They didn't give me any food to eat. They made me sell food all day long in the heat or rain, without any breakfast promising to give me food once all my sales were made. When I went home to eat lunch they did not let me eat but forced me watch them eating. Often I got a high fever but they still made me continue to work even if I cannot stand because I am very weak. Her husband hurt me. My father came to visit but he left me again. I cried and asked God why did you let me be born in this world to suffer like this? When the owner of the house was absent my cousins came to get me. They got me some food and water. They brought me to LCP. **I really thank God because He made a way for me to come to LCP, touched the heart of the staff, sent me to school, and gave me a sponsor.**"

Thank you to the donors who make the Wee Women's Dorm possible. Without your help these girls would have no hope. Please continue to support this dorm and the boy's dorms so many children can be saved from a life of despair.

Funds are desperately needed for all the dorms for the remainder of the year.