# **Message from the President**

As I reflect on the ministry, I cannot imagine what would have happened to thousands of children and youth over the past 37 years without LCW/LCP. Children from the streets, from abused and neglected homes would have remained without hope. YOU are the hands and feet of Jesus touching over six thousand people showing love, giving help, bringing hope, and changing their lives forever. Sponsorship lifts a child and their family from the grips of poverty and sets them on a course to a better and brighter future. Your gifts to programs... provide a health clinic where people who are sick or injured can receive free medical care; help over 200 children with disabilities receive medications, therapy, and surgeries; supply a foundation for learning in the 7 preschools and school on wheels for out of school children; serve food for over 135 hungry children each day in our two soup kitchens; nurture a safe, loving home for over 70 children and youth in the 5 residential homes; train parents with livelihood skills to make a living for their families; give an opportunity for 170 students to go to college; and most important in all our programs, teach everyone about Jesus. The impact of your investment is vast, and every child and their family can benefit.

God continues to bless LCW/LCP through each of you. You are changing lives every day. Thank you for all the ways each of you bless LCW/LCP. We are very grateful and thank God for you. We urgently need your help to continue the task God has given us. Your gifts to urgent needs will help all these programs, as needed, and will impact over 6000 people. Please send your gifts today.

With my love and prayers, Glenna



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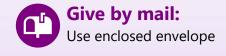
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# Hayde's Hope: Overcoming the Odds

Little Children of the World is in the business of bringing hope to the lives of children who have none. Our programs address urgent needs like housing and provision of food, clothing, and other essentials. The streets are no place for a child, and education cannot be a priority when there is no guarantee of a meal for tomorrow. Hayde is a tremendous success story of one who has overcome the odds to complete her college degree.



Hayde grew up in a dysfunctional family in abject poverty. She is one of 10 siblings. They had no electricity, water, or bathroom in their home that was dilapidated and small for the large family. They relied on her mother who only made \$2-4 per day to care for everyone after their father left when she was just 6 years old. With this, all the children were exposed to scavenging, begging on the streets, and often went without food. Life was very difficult.



Volunteer Bob Hanson noticed Hayde and her siblings on the streets and began picking them up for School on Wheels to get them back in school. After a while, he referred them for admission to the Shelters at LCP. Hayde and several of her brothers began living in the Shelters. Hayde thrived in her new environment while her brothers struggled. Hayde worked hard in school, was responsible with her chores, and did well at LCP.



Robert and Helen Hanson, Bob's parents, sponsored Hayde and supported her throughout her time in elementary and high school. Sponsorship gave her the helping hand she needed to be able to excel in her education. Hayde stayed in the Wee Women Dorm until she was in 11th grade. Then, she determined it would be good for her to go home to help her mother and siblings. Several of her brothers were sent to prison because of drugs, and her mother still struggled to make ends meet.



Hayde's goal has always been to help her family, especially her mother. From home, she graduated senior high and was granted a college scholarship where she studied Psychology at NORSU. Along with the Hansons, Gail Donnelly supported Hayde's college scholarship. They were even able to meet each other in summer 2023. Despite all the hardships and obstacles, in June, she graduated with her degree with a full-time job. She hopes to take the board exam to be a fully fledged psychometrician in the coming months.



Hayde always gives thanks to God for the hope that she has through LCP! Now she will be able to help her family and the cycle of poverty will end with her. She is an incredible success, and we are so proud of her!

# **Celebrating Graduations**

Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. From Preschool through College, we count every milestone as a success—one step closer to a better and brighter future! This summer, we received the distinct privilege of celebrating our graduates moving up to the next level.



From the 7 preschool centers, 109 students graduated ready for kindergarten in public school! Each year, students who completed preschool in our program are more prepared than their counterparts from other schools to take on the challenges of elementary school!



12 out-of-school youth completed the School on Wheels curriculum. This will allow them to re-enter formal schooling to get back on track with their education. These students come from particularly difficult backgrounds, and education is the only way to bring them from the grips of poverty.



Grade 10 is a significant milestone in the Philippines. Until 2017, when they added 11th and 12th grade, 10th grade was the final step in high school education. 67 completed grade 10 and are continuing on to senior high.



59 students graduated from senior high to complete their senior high school diploma! This is our largest class yet, and over 50 of these students are continuing on to college! It is an incredible achievement to complete senior high that many do not get the opportunity to reach. These students already have a better chance for the future with their diploma!



College is the final step in our program. Graduation with a degree is the culmination of sponsorship and the ultimate success for our students. We are proud to have 19 new alumni added to our growing list of professionals. These students have grown up in the program and are now able to enter the workforce as degree-holders and Christian, contributing members of



Thank you to all of you who support education through sponsorship, college scholarship, Preschool, School on Wheels, and our other educational programs. Without you, none of this would be possible. Please know you are changing lives in a tangible way that will have a generational impact for years to come!

# **Carmenia is Coming to Visit!**

Carmenia Benosa, LCP Executive Director, is a dynamic Christian leader who is the heartbeat of the operation along with her staff in Dumaguete City, Philippines. Her story of how LCP has personally impacted her and her family is moving, and her work for over 27 years has helped bring countless children out of poverty and abuse. She will traveling around the USA along with Brittany Foster, VP of International Relations, from Sept 17-Oct 31 for a whirlwind tour of the eastern portion of the country. We hope to be able to meet you in person to extend our gratitude and help spread the word about the excellent work being done in the Philippines. We have stops in Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Delaware, Maryland, Tennessee, and Georgia with more being added each day! Follow our social media for updates about events near you, and be in prayer we make new connections for the ministry!

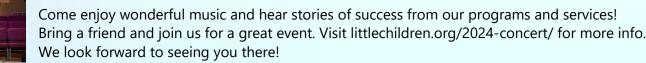


## **Gospel Benefit Concert - October 12**



Central Georgia Supporters: Save the date for our annual concert fundraiser!

On October 12 at 6pm at Mountain View Baptist Church in Thomaston, GA, Ten Mile Creek and The Jordans will be performing a gospel concert for the benefit of Urgent Needs! Incredible local talent performing together to benefit LCW Urgent Needs. Admission is free, but donations are welcome and encouraged.



# **Summer Trips to LCP**

July was a very busy month at LCP! 19 volunteers in several groups came to serve and learn about the Philippines. The groups consisted of Don and Ann Crittenden, John and Kathy Paderson, Erin Brannick, Terry and Lisa Penn, David Abbott, Mary Allen, DeAnn Worth, Robin Zink, Rachel, Annie, Mark, and Ellen Wylie, and Miguel and Joaquim Imperial led by staff members Brittany Foster and Marie Lou Abbott.



They used their talents and skills teaching Bible studies, conducting medical check-ups, doing construction, and more to be able to give back at LCP and have returned home as strong advocates for the ministry in the US and Canada.

We host volunteer groups twice per year to travel to the Philippines. Do you feel like God is calling you to serve at LCP? Would you like to learn about the ministry in a hands-on environment immersed in the Filipino culture? 2025 trips are planned for late May/Early June and November with limited space. If you are interested in receiving more information about either of these trips or have questions about volunteering, please contact Brittany at brittanyfoster@littlchildren.org.



### **Fathers for Jesus**



We believe in the saving power of the Gospel. The Peace and Faith Program is committed to sharing Jesus through every program to every individual who is touched by our ministry. Fathers can often be difficult to reach due to time constraints with work and generally feeling uncomfortable in religious settings that are dominated by women and children. Pastors John Paderson and Don Crittenden saw a need to reach out to the fathers to help build a strong foundation for the families and give the men an opportunity to have a



ministry event in July brought in over 90 fathers. With consistent meetings, we prayerfully expect this to grow. Thank you to all who support the Peace and Faith Program. You are investing in the body of Christ!

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# **Birthdays for a Cause**



Celebrating a birthday can be fun, but sometimes it is more fun to give than receive! Recent volunteers have been using their birthdays to make an impact and meet needs in the Philippines.

Lisa Penn, an advisory council member and long-time sponsor, used Facebook fundraising to make her birthday special. She set out to raise money for just one sewing machine for LCP, but thanks to the generosity of her friends, she raised enough for 4 sewing machines over \$900! What a birthday blessing and a huge help!

Mary Allen, sponsor and volunteer, asked friends, church members, and other LCW supporters to donate on behalf of her birthday, and was able to raise over \$1000 for LCW! You'll be surprised at how many people will give to be a blessing for your birthday! There are many ways to use your birthday or other special occasions in your life to help benefit others. Thank you to all who contributed to Lisa and Mary's fundraisers!

Want to get involved? You can fundraise on Facebook for your birthday and other occasions by:

- 1 Navigate to the "Fundraisers" section of Facebook.
- 2 Click on "Raise Money" and select "Nonprofit".
- 3 Search Little Children of the World and select it.
- 4 Choose a cover photo and write a message about your motivations for raising funds. You can tell us how you want the funds to be applied as a donation to any of our programs!
- 5 Set a target goal amount and an end date for the fundraiser, then hit "Create!"



Thank you for using your birthday for a cause!