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Peace & Faith: College Outreach

Before Jesus ascended, some of his last words were “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27). This purpose of the Peace & Faith Program is to instill the hope of the Gospel in everyone we encounter and give opportunities to build faith that helps to navigate the fears of life.

College is the culmination of our program and the last opportunity we have to instill Biblical truth and wisdom before our students become alumni and take on the world on their own. Currently, we have 157 students in college, most of whom are the first in their family to have the opportunity for education. College is challenging and full of stress for navigating the future for everyone, but these students are also dealing with the pressures of breaking the cycle of poverty. We take every opportunity to encourage these students to hopefully help them find peace in the stress and faith in God who is in control. Join us in praying for our college students.



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Feeding More Children: New Soup Kitchen Location

There is no more practical application of showing Christ’s love than to feed a child who is hungry. The administrators in Cadawinonan Elementary School approached LCP with an opportunity to begin a feeding program for the students in their institution who are struggling with food insecurity impacting their education. On January 22, 2025, they conducted a launching ceremony attended by students and feeding beneficiaries as well as LCP staff and school officials. In his message, the principal, Rogelio B. Abao, Jr. called this partnership “an answered prayer for the hungry children” in his school. We look forward to the opportunity to feed more children for the years to come.



Steven’s Unyielding Spirit of Hope

Steven's early life was marked by struggles. Born out of wedlock, he has never met his father, and tragically, he lost his mother to the dual battles of breast cancer and heart failure. This loss hung heavily on his heart, yet it was the spark that ignited his resilience.

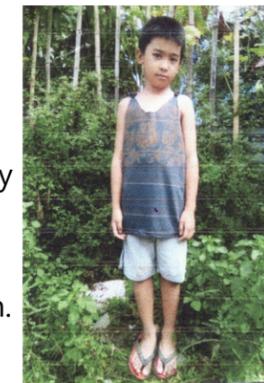
Now a grade 10 student, Steven finds himself navigating the challenges of adolescence without his mother's comforting presence, but he is not entirely alone. He is thankful for his auntie, uncle, and cousins, who treat him like their own and who stepped up to be his guardians. He often reminisces about the countless ways they encourage him, from helping with homework to being there at every school event.

Despite the weight of his circumstances, Steven approaches life with a bright spirit. He thrives academically, pushing himself to excel in his studies. He learned to balance grief with hope, channeling his emotions into perseverance. It wasn't always easy, but with every challenge, he discovered inner strength. It was this resilience and hope that helped him to rise above, especially when the pressures of life and school became overwhelming.

Participating in Bible Studies and Sunday Service at LCP became a turning point for Steven. LCP introduced him to a network of caring individuals who understood his struggles. Through various activities, he became closer to God. These activities offered him opportunities for his spiritual and academic journeys, such as career guidance and personal and professional development. Each session filled him with knowledge and confidence, reminding him that he was not alone in his quest for success.

Thanks to the generous support of his sponsors, Steven can buy the school supplies and materials he needs, alleviating some of his financial burdens. This support allows him to focus on his studies, dream bigger, and believe that his ambitions are attainable. With every book he opens and every lesson he learns, Steven feels gratitude for the hands that have lifted him up during the toughest times.

In one of the Career Guidance sessions, Steven shared, “With every challenge, I realize that I am more than my circumstances. I am the sum of my experiences, and I choose to rise.” Steven understands that while life dealt him challenges, it had also gifted him resilience, love, faith in God, and a community that believes in him. **His journey is just beginning, and with the support of sponsorship, Steven is ready to face whatever the future holds, armed with faith and an unyielding spirit of hope.**





2025 Matching Gift Campaign:

Two Gifts Are Better Than One

Opportunity alert! We know that each of you love the mission of Little Children of the World, and we know you look for ways to maximize your impact. **Matching is fun and two gifts are better than one, so to start 2025 off strong, a generous donor has agreed to match all donations to Urgent Needs up to \$25,000 from now until March 31.** Let's double \$25,000 in 2025!

How does it work? If you contribute \$25 to Urgent Needs before March 31, then a matching donor will give \$25 to Urgent Needs, making the total impact of your contribution \$50! The donor will continue matching until we have reached our goal of \$25,000 for a total contribution of \$50,000 to the Urgent Needs Fund! The Urgent Needs Fund is our most versatile fund to make sure needs are being met as they arise. **A matched gift to Urgent Needs will lend a helping hand where it is truly needed the most!**



Christmas at LCP

The holiday season has come to a close, but the effects of your generosity will be long lasting. **In 2024, we collected and distributed over 5000 Christmas gifts for families in our programs.** Something as simple as a t-shirt, toy, water bottle, or can of SPAM tangibly display Christ's love during the holiday season. Thank you for giving to make the Christmas celebration special at LCP!

It takes 3-4 months to ship boxes to the Philippines and several weeks for all the boxes to be unpacked, sorted, and prepared for distribution by community! We have already begun the Christmas collection for 2025. We are collecting:

- 350 Small Toy Cars**
- 450 Stuffed Animals and Dolls**
- 500 Elementary Children's Books / Activity Books**
- 750 Pairs of Flip-flops / Sandals / Slides**
- 1350 Pieces of Costume Jewelry**
- 300 Watches**
- 2700 Cans of SPAM**

All items must be new or like new. The deadline is July 15 to be sure they are ready for Christmas! We need your help. We welcome support through donation of items or contributions toward shipping cost or purchase of items. Thank you for helping make the holidays special for kids in need!



Hope Village Therapeutic & Training Farm Expansion



Hope Village is where all 5 of our residential shelters are located. It is a tranquil oasis where children and youth who have experienced the unthinkable are given opportunities to learn and grow. It is here they find hope for a future they otherwise would not have.

Late last year, we were given the tremendous opportunity to purchase a small parcel of land adjacent to Hope Village. The 1250m² (0.3 acre) property shares a fence with our existing land. You can even see our building peeking above the fence in the top photo! This purchase presents a chance for expansion of the therapeutic farming and life skills training area within Hope Village.

At the beginning of January, LCP finalized the purchase of the expansion property and have since begun the process of removing the fence and clearing the overgrowth.

We rejoice for this new opportunity and the provision of resources to make this expansion possible!

Message from the President Elect, Brittany Foster

Happy New Year, friends! I hope you are staying warm and well this winter season. 2025 is sure to be a wonderful year full of hope and changing lives with LCW. Thank you so much for your investment in making 2024 so successful to get us started out strong this year. None of our work is possible without you!

While I am not new to LCW, I am certainly new to the role of President, so please allow me to re-introduce myself in this new light. My name is Brittany Foster, and I have formally worked with LCW since 2017 but my relationship with and passion for the ministry began in early childhood. I have undergraduate degrees from Truett McConnell University and Gordon State College in biology and a master's degree in organizational management from Middle Georgia State University. My experience with nonprofits and international service work spans over a decade.

During my early years with LCW as International Liaison and later as Vice President of International Relations, I lived and worked in Dumaguete City for 4 years to understand the tactical side of the organization. My time living at LCP in Dumaguete City were some of the most memorable years making some of my life's dearest friends. I learned a language that helped me connect more with the people we serve each day, and I was involved in helping the organization navigate an unprecedented pandemic all while growing as a leader under Carmenia's dynamic instruction. After moving back to the US, I've spent the last 4 years cultivating relationships with supporters on the US side and helping LCW to maneuver an ever-changing landscape of fundraising and outreach. Today, I am excited to be the next President of LCW, and I am blessed to still have the insatiable urge to lend a helping hand that God placed in my heart so many years ago. My full story is available online.

I invite you to join us on a journey "to the world" where more lives will continue to be changed in Jesus' name. My prayer is you will continue to invest in our programs as we grow for the furtherment of our mission and in obedience to our calling to share love, give help, and bring hope in the Philippines and beyond. Your support certainly brings me hope as I am honored to step into this new role.

With humble gratitude, Brittany Foster



Read more about me at: littlechildren.org/about-brittany



Our Greatest Needs

- Urgent Needs: Matching Gift Campaign through March 31
- Peace & Faith: share the Gospel with children, youth, and adults
- Health / Soup Kitchens: Feed the hungry, heal the sick