



Message from the President

I am so thankful for the ministries of LCW/LCP and for being able to watch them grow over the years. Our mission to develop caring Christian communities has truly come alive for me this year as I've travelled to the Philippines and seen firsthand how our LCP communities are empowering parents to become leaders and take care of their members. As families improve, communities improve and can expand their reach to others who need their assistance. Sponsorship has been a lifeline for many of our families. I can remember when our Advisory Council celebrated 100 sponsored children, and now we are on the verge of 1000 sponsored children! We are blessed with a wonderful sponsorship staff of Marie Lou Abbott at LCW and Melanie Caduco leading our staff at LCP. Read Melanie's story inside. Can you be a source of hope and make a child's dreams come true? Can you help us find more sponsors and give a child the gift of sponsorship for Christmas?

Right now, we are in our campaign for Urgent Needs. From our shelters and soup kitchens to Peace & Faith and everything in between, Urgent Needs impacts all our programs and ensures that our HELPS continue to reach more souls for Jesus. Consider a gift to Urgent Needs in honor of friends, family, or coworkers.

Please pray for the ministry of LCW as we seek to bring glory to God in all that we do. Our HELPS programs can meet needs in other parts of the world to share the gospel. Our Expansion Committee travelled to Central America to explore possible sites for expanding our ministry to another country. Please pray as we follow God's leading.

Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference by sharing the love of Jesus! Blessings, Susan

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JERICHO STREET ECHOES

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Echoes of Mercy,
Whispers of Love
for the World's
Children at Risk



Jenieflor: The Provision of God

One room, no kitchen, dirt floors, crumbling walls made from used plywood scraps, tarps, and bamboo matting—it is not much, but it is what Jenieflor, her two brothers, Jeffrey and Jefferson, and parents, Florejane and Jennifer, call home. They struggle to put food on the table. There are days they cannot even satisfy their hunger at all. Every day is difficult not knowing where the next meal will come from.

Jenieflor's parents never finished elementary school. It's not that they weren't smart enough or willing to go to school, but their parents could not provide for their educational needs, so they left school to work or do things around the house. Her father works as a laborer doing odd jobs when he is needed. If he is called for work, he is paid; when he is not called, there is no income for the family at all. Her mother must stay home and help care for the children, the youngest of whom is just 2 years old. They never know from day to day what the next day's income will be. **Education cannot be a priority when food is uncertain.**

That is until sponsorship changed this family's life! In September, a wonderful person answered God's call to sponsor Jenieflor. Now, food will always be on the table and educational expenses will be met. They will never have to wonder about their basic needs being met, and they will have the support of LCP HELPS programs for so much more.

There are so many families just like Jenieflor's. They are doing the best they can with what they have, but they just need a Hand Up to a better future through sponsorship. It has only been two months, but sponsorship has already made a huge difference and given them hope for tomorrow.

Jenieflor wants to be a teacher someday. Now, she will have an opportunity to get an education all the way through college. By God's provision through sponsorship, the cycle of poverty will end with Jenieflor, and she will invest in more lives through teaching.

You can make a difference in a child's life through contributing to Urgent Needs or getting your friends to sponsor a child like Jenieflor! We need your help to make a difference!



We Need Your Help

Double your gift to Urgent Needs between now and December 10! A gift to Urgent Needs helps wherever the need is greatest! See more info inside this issue.

GREATEST NEEDS

Wee Women Dorm
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CHRISTMAS GIFT REMINDER









All monetary Christmas Gifts need to be submitted by December 10 to be able to make it for the Christmas season!

Double Your Gift to Urgent Needs Until Dec. 10

From now until December 10, a generous donor has agreed to match all gifts to Urgent Needs up to \$20,000!

Help us turn \$20,000 into \$40,000 by giving your best gift to Urgent Needs today. The Urgent Needs Fund can be used to help any program meet its annual budget. Your contribution to Urgent Needs makes a huge difference in meeting needs and changing lives. This is the most critical time of the year for Urgent Needs, and we need your help! **Lend a Helping Hand by giving a (doubled) one-time donation to Urgent Needs. Whether it is \$5 or \$500, it changes lives. Give before December 10 to double your donation to Urgent Needs!**

Sponsors, we are so grateful you have committed to change your sponsored child’s life by giving \$35 per month. Did you know that sponsored families also benefit from all of the HELPS programs well above the cost of sponsorship? Help us keep providing outstanding services by giving a one-time contribution to Urgent Needs for your sponsored family!

 Health \$350/week provides medical care from a doctor/nurse and free prescription medication as well as yearly check-ups for all children	 Shelter Housing \$38/child/week for 60-70 children in 5 shelters from the streets or abusive homes to receive 24/7 care, food, housing, and education	 Preschool \$375/week, \$3/child provides foundational education for 125 students in 7 preschool centers all around the greater Dumaguete area	
 Handclasp \$310/week for over 100 children to receive physical, occupational, and speech therapies as well as medical assistance	 Soup Kitchens \$245/week, \$1.82/child for 135 children 5 days a week in 2 soup kitchens to receive a healthy lunch near school to help them stay in class	 Peace & Faith \$1000/week provides weekly Bible studies in 14 communities and weekly worship including transportation costs for over 2000 people	 Livelihood \$145/week provides skills trainings, like meat processing or sewing, and opportunities for income for parents in our program

Health is Wealth



As the old adage says, “health is wealth.” When you are already struggling financially, the lack of health can be devastating. Or, if you’re born with a disability into a family who cannot afford to support your special needs, then it will be impossible to live a full life. Without access to basic medications like antibiotics or over the counter fever-reducing medications, even easily treatable conditions can become deadly. Our Health Program offers a free health clinic where people can see a healthcare provider and be given medication or assistance seeing another provider. Our Handclasp Program offers medication and therapies to children with disabilities. This can help remove the financial burden of health problems and give families a chance to recover. **The Health and Handclasp Programs are in need of funding to meet budgets for the end of the year. Please consider giving the gift of health, today!**

Annual Required Minimum Distributions

Are you over or nearing the age of 73? Do you have a retirement account like an IRA?

Then you may have heard about the annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement account. According to Charles Schwab, “An RMD is the annual Required Minimum Distribution that you must start taking out of your retirement account after you reach age 73. The amount is determined by the fair market value of your IRAs at the end of the previous year, factored by your age and life expectancy.” A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your retirement account to a charity of your choice, like LCW. This contribution can count toward your RMD, and a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA!

Choosing LCW for your Qualified Charitable Distribution can help you minimize the tax burden of your RMD while helping children—you can even use these funds to pay your sponsorship! Call 770-358-2771 or email info@littlechildren.org to get the process started or to ask any questions you may have. Typically, your retirement account advisor will provide a form that we will complete, and your QCD will be sent directly to LCW. Then, we can distribute it according to your wishes. **Thank you for considering LCW for your Qualified Charitable Distribution!**

Melanie Caducoy: Unfaltering Faith

“As a child, I was timid and shy. I struggled with self-confidence. We didn't have financial stability when I was growing up. Money was tight, and we often had to make sacrifices to make ends meet. However, despite our financial struggles, my parents taught me to be a kind, caring, and resilient person. However, LCP has helped me blossom in ways I never thought possible. My mother and I waited faithfully for five long years to be sponsored. Our prayers were answered when we heard someone had chosen me to sponsor.

“Sponsorship was a tremendous help to us, not just in my studies or financially, but also in my spiritual journey. Through their programs and activities, I have been able to grow in my faith and develop a deeper connection with God. The Parent's Bible Study my mother attended has been especially meaningful to me and my family. It has provided us with a space to come together, learn, and reflect on God's teachings. The Worship Service and Sunday School have also been a great source of spiritual nourishment and inspiration to me especially when faced with challenges in my studies. Through the Youth Bible Study every Saturday, I learned that it was okay to spread my wings and be confident. I was able to connect with other young people, and we encouraged and supported each other. I felt like I had found a community where I belonged. Venture Youth Camp changed my life.

“Other than my parents, my sponsors, Dr. Joseph and Auntie Elizabeth Potaski, are my greatest inspirations in life. I strongly believe that God brought our lives together. Their unconditional love and support have helped me in immeasurable ways, and I would not be where I am today without them. They are Angels sent from above to help me achieve my goal of finishing my education. I finished a degree in Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English in 2019. Now, I am serving as the Sponsorship Coordinator at LCP investing in all the current sponsored children's lives.

“I am filled with gratitude to LCP for recognizing the importance of nurturing the whole person. They have shown me that with determination and hard work, anything is possible. Now, I am able to give back to others in the same way that they have given to me. **I encourage you all—You can be an agent of change! You can be the source of hope that a child greatly needs to make their dreams become a reality!”**

Melanie is a tremendous example of the impact LCW and sponsorship can have! Her dreams came true, and now, she is helping those dreams come true for others as the Sponsorship Coordinator at LCP!

Abused, Abandoned but Not Forgotten



The Wee Women Shelter for Girls is a safe haven for girls all over Negros Island who have been abandoned and left to fend for themselves, sexually and/or physically abused by family members or neighbors, and/or severely neglected. Up to 30 girls ages 5 and above can stay there until it is either safe for them to return to live with their family, or they can move into the Independent Living Dorm for Girls until they have finished their education and have successfully entered the work force.

These girls have experienced horrors that no person should ever have to endure, often perpetrated by the people they consider closest to them. However, the Shelter offers them a place to go where they will be safe and holistically cared for 24/7. Most importantly, these girls are loved! They are smart, talented, strong, and beautiful girls who deserve every chance to be successful. With all their needs met and an opportunity for education, they now have a chance at a brighter future. Jane Rose and Niña (pictured above) came from completely different places, but both their mothers died, and their fathers abandoned them and their siblings. LCP stepped in and gave them a home where they can grow and learn without fear. So many other girls have the same story, but they are not forgotten.

It is our hope that every child will have a safe and nurturing home. The Wee Women Shelter is in need of funding to cover its budgets for this year. Please consider supporting the Wee Women Shelter.

