



*“For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again,
and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.”*

Job 14:7

March 28, 2023

Dear Friends,

Our update letter for this month will focus on finances. You are probably thinking, “you are always focused on finances!”, we get that it appears like a lot of our communications is spent talking about money, how much is needed and how desperately we need it. While we feel compelled to apologize, for such is the case, we can not.

For us to be able to do what we do, we need money, and unfortunately, lots of it. We have anywhere from 20 to 30 children at any given time, ranging in age from 0-18 years old. We need to feed, clothe, house, education, medicate, and provide any other needs, for each and every one of them. For the regular family, you know what that means, a lot of money. But for our non-regular family, that also means, a staff of caregivers, cooks, security, administration, and a myriad of expenses required to process each child for reunification, foster care or adoption.

That being said, all of these needs are met by faith in the promises of God, and we are grateful for each one of you that are willing channels of blessings, as you partner with us in caring for each child that comes to our home.

And since we are talking about finances, we would like to inform you of what we are most in need of at this time, when it comes to meeting the needs of the children here and the running of the home in general. Please pray about each of these areas and consider how you might partner with us in meeting the needs. If you want more details about these needs, there have been videos posted on our Facebook about each of them, or you can send us a message.

1. Regular Monthly Donations: As we have said in the past, we need approximately \$4500 in donations each month in order to meet the basic needs. While there are months that we do receive at least \$4500.00, there are many more months that we receive less, and some month that are much less. So, one of our main needs is to increase our monthly donations, on a consistent regular basis, to at least \$4500 each month.

2. Independent Living Program: In order to get this program started and allow those kids who are turning 18 years old to stay at our home, and under our guidance and care until such time that they are truly ready to live as productive, independent adults. We need to raise about \$80,000 in order to get the building, equipment, furniture, etc that will allow us to get this program established.

3. Professional Counselling: For many years, we have known that most of our kids are in serious need of professional counselling, in order to process the trauma of abuse, neglect and abandonment that they have endured in their young lives. After many years of ‘doing our best’ and searching for those people that can help our kids in a deeper more professional way, we have connected with a faith based counselling NGO here in the Philippines that has agreed to partner with us. They have agreed and are excited about the opportunity to provide what is needed for each one of our kids, at a very minimal expense. We are confident that these services are going to be a major help in guiding our children toward mental, emotional and spiritual health, that will lead them to a successful future in life and in their relationships. For one month of one hour sessions each week, we will pay only \$630 for 17 children, that is only about \$9 per child, per session; we firmly believe that this is a worthwhile expense, as it will impact their lives for the better.

If you are already a partner of Bahay Sibol and consistently helping us to meet these needs, we say Thank you and we are incredibly grateful. We would ask for your help in another way by helping to spread the word, in order to expose Bahay Sibol to more possible partners: share our posts on Facebook, talk to your family or friend groups, your pastor and other churches, civic organizations, businesses, anyone who might be interested in partnering with us as we strive to rescue kids, change their lives, put them in families and prepare them for a hopeful future.

Again, we are incredibly thankful for each and everyone of you and we look forward to providing you with more updates of great things that are happening and going to happen this year.

Sincerely and Gratefully,
Bahay Sibol, Home of Hope