



Where Children Grow in Hope and Forever Families are Established.

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Bahay Sibol, Inc.

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Dear Friends of Bahay Sibol,

It has been several months since our last update, and there is so much to share. We are excited to tell you about our growth, some wonderful steps forward, and also some very real challenges. Through all of it, we remain grateful for the privilege of caring for the children God continues to bring to our doors—and for your partnership, which allows us to do all we can for them.

One of the biggest developments this year has been the opening of Pamana, our Independent Living Program for young people aging out of residential care. For years, we asked the question, *What happens when a child turns 18 but still isn't ready to stand completely on his own?* Pamana is becoming our answer to that question.

The boys are now living in the Pamana house, and our bakery is operating, giving them opportunities to learn not only practical skills, but responsibility, consistency, and a strong work ethic. And yet, there is still much to develop. We had hoped to move more quickly toward opening the café, but for now we believe it is wiser to strengthen what we have already begun before taking the next step. We are excited about the possibilities ahead and will continue moving forward with wisdom—slowly but surely.

At the same time, even with the push toward establishing Pamana, the heart of Sibol remains what it has always been: helping children move toward safe, permanent families whenever possible.

Right now, that work includes some encouraging progress. Yasser was placed with his forever family last month. We are waiting for Gabriella to be matched with her forever family, and Kiel and Axel have been matched with a foster family and are now working through the steps necessary for their placement.

We also currently have six babies being cared for in our nursery, and we are actively working to move their cases forward. As much as we love having babies in the house, our desire is never for Sibol to become their permanent home. We want them growing up in families. Some of their cases are complicated, and progress often depends upon biological family members completing requirements or cooperating with the process. Please pray that the obstacles in these cases can be resolved quickly.

Two of our older boys especially need prayer. Jack is back with us after the disruption of a previous adoption placement, and we are working to get everything in order so that he can once again be considered for a permanent family. Jaymark came to Sibol at an older age, and his case has also presented challenges. We continue to believe that older children deserve the same opportunity for family and belonging as our youngest ones, and we are praying for the right families for both boys.

Sometimes the Need Is Much Deeper

Perhaps the heaviest part of our work right now involves three young girls who recently came into our care after experiencing sexual abuse and exploitation.

Each girl's story is different, but they all have something in common that no child should ever experience: the very people who should have protected them instead betrayed that trust and added to their trauma through sexual abuse and exploitation.

Bringing a child to safety is only the beginning. Trauma follows her into the classroom, into relationships, into her behavior and emotions, and even into the way she understands herself and the adults around her. Our responsibility is not simply to provide a bed and meals. We have to help these girls begin to understand that they are safe, that they are valuable, and that the actions of adults who failed them do not determine their future.

That takes time. It also takes tremendous patience and wisdom from the people caring for them every day. Please especially remember Mommy Mai and Daddy Victor, as well as our counselors and social workers Trina and Jomi, as they walk alongside these girls.

Some Practical Needs

Growth also brings practical challenges. We are currently short-handed in several areas. Tita Terry is dealing with health concerns, and Rojane is recovering from injuries, and we are praying for both of them.

We also need additional people who can help with maintenance, driving, the bakery, and the day-to-day work around the property. Our vision for Sibol includes continuing to develop our rice field, agriculture, animals, bakery, and eventually the café—not simply as projects, but as ways to teach our young people useful skills and help the ministry become increasingly sustainable.

There are always more needs than we can fit into one update, but there is also much for which we are thankful. Children are being cared for. Babies are safe. Foster placements are moving forward. Young adults are learning to live responsibly. Children carrying very painful stories are being given a place where healing can begin.

And you are part of all of that.

Every gift helps us provide the people, food, education, medical care, transportation, facilities, and countless everyday things necessary to care well for the children. Every prayer reminds us that we are not carrying this ministry alone.

Thank you for continuing to stand with Bahay Sibol. Thank you for believing that every child deserves safety, belonging, and hope for the future.

With love and gratitude,

Michelle

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Please Pray With Us

Please pray for the six babies and progress in their cases; for Kiel and Axel as they prepare for foster placement; for Gabriella as she waits to be matched with her forever family; for permanent families for Jack and Jaymark; for healing and security for our three newly admitted girls; for wisdom and strength for Mai, Victor, Trina, Jomi, and our counselors; for healing for Tita Terry and Rojane; and for the additional staff and resources needed as Pamana and the rest of Sibol continue to grow.

Meeting the needs of children with love, compassion and a hope for their future.