



## GOOD NEWS!!

**Hearts and Hands Community Development** support communities who in turn support each other. It is wonderful to hear the happy stories about the children. We are thankful for these communities who in turn rescue children and strive to reunite families. It often proves an impossible task. News came recently of a reunion between an eleven-year-old girl and her family. She has been cared for within the community for over a year since being found. A short while ago, her family was found, and as it was almost her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, a surprise was planned. Her first ever birthday party, complete with cake and surprise guests.

The family had to walk for over four hours to catch a bus to the party and to reunite with their daughter. Pastor Steve said that without others such as *Hearts and Hands* supporting them, they could not continue with what they do, and this would have meant this little girl would not have been rescued and reunited with her family.



## UPDATE: Facebook live concert: Philippines

Held on Facebook- late 2020

Astrid was honoured when she was asked by Kalipay to do a short video to be included in their concert night. Her contribution was heart-felt and conveyed the sincerity of the love and support that we extend to our neighbours and friends across the seas.

(6,004 km from Philippines to Newcastle)

The concert was very well received, participation from around the Philippines and other countries raised much needed funds.



## Making a difference in other lives



Kalipay children are finally in their new home replacing the older dilapidated buildings. Funds for the new building were supplied, prior to Covid, from \*Anna's friends in Spain for this specific purpose.

The children look very smart in the uniforms that we sent. We were lucky to receive donations of brand-new uniforms (still in their packaging). The children love having a uniform, it allows them to play inter-school sport and participate in other opportunities thus improving their self-esteem.

We were excited to send Christmas gifts of colouring book and pencils wrapped in cellophane and ribbon. Kalipay administration decided not to celebrate Christmas as they felt that many people around them were suffering with COVID and lockdowns and it could be seen as frivolous to celebrate with the children. We respect their decision and are pleased that the children received the gifts in January. They had a happy day unwrapping and showing each other their presents.

The little girl who was recently rescued and the subject of a Kalipay Facebook post, was extremely happy with her gift as she had not received one before.

(\*Anna is Kalipay's President of the Board)

## Recent fundraisers

### Two Cruises!!

Fun was had by all onboard the Christmas cruise and the February cocktail cruise. FUNdraising enables us to cover the costs of freight for the donated goods. Also, occasionally we can transfer funds to purchase items within their country, for example: purchasing a sewing table and chair.



**Thank you to our wonderful supporters.**  
We wouldn't be able to support these communities without you.

### Current fundraiser

**Pick-a-Card**



**SEE EMAIL ATTACHMENT**



## Food Drive & Get-together

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 11am-12:30 or 1- 2:30pm or 3 – 4:30pm**

**RSVP: 1<sup>st</sup> August. Email: [heartsandhandscd@gmail.com](mailto:heartsandhandscd@gmail.com)**

**(Nominate the session you'd like to attend & street address will be supplied)**

Due to continuous lockdowns, several of our supported communities in the Philippines have been rationing their food for the past twelve months or more. Restrictions have reduced their ability to earn an income and/or to go to the market.

Most have been having two or less meals per day. We need your help.

Non-perishable foods can be shipped as usual, and they arrive in reasonable time, @ cost of \$160 per box freight.

Foods such as: powdered milk, long life milk, tinned fruits, vegetables, tomatoes, corn, meats, spam/ham/corned meat, muesli bars, tinned fish, pasta sauces, pasta, coffee, Weetbix, etc.

If you can, please bring a contribution of food to the afternoon tea, or drop off beforehand for packing, or help us raise funds for freight. Fortunately, we have already received quite a lot of donated food but need more.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made to: Hearts and Hands Community Development. BSB: 637000. Acc: 719356087

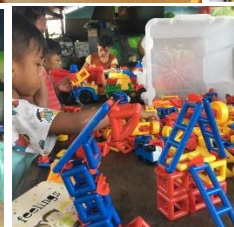
### What's in the box?

**It's always exciting when a box or 2 or 3 arrives!**



#### Boxes have arrived:

Pastor Steve calls them  
"Love Boxes" because they  
receive love and blessings from  
overseas friends.



**Hearts and Hands are currently providing support to Kalipay Children's Home and 16 communities.**

**57** large boxes have been sent since March 2020, with over **\$48,000** value of donated foods and many other items including **30** sewing machines. **Woo-hoo!!!!!!**

**Thank you to our generous donors!**



## Why send funds for a TV?

Due to COVID restrictions, the children have not been able to attend school since March 2020.



The TV is installed in the communal area. While watching, they maintain physical distance from each other. Hearts and Hands Community Development have funded this purchase to allow children to watch educational programs, for everyone to watch the News (to keep up-to-date with COVID restrictions, weather warnings etc) and programs for entertainment. Five communities are receiving a DVD player. This enables them to watch the educational DVDs that we have sent.

## UPDATE ON PROJECTS



### 'Beauty shop' is the newest income-producing venture

"*Marahuyo*" means to be "Enchanted"...

A beauty products small business entrepreneurship of IRC- Cabacungan administered by Pastor Steve Indino partnered by Mr. David Aldeguer San Juan and Mrs. Grace San Juan of Canlaon City has just recently launched at the IRC compound in Barangay Cabacungan.

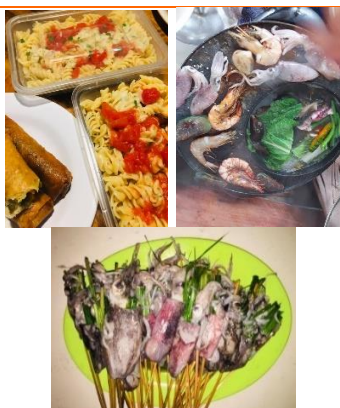
Our lady local chief executive Mayor Mhai-mhai graced the opening, she leads the ribbon cutting and extended her message of support to the newly launched small business of the said institution. **Pictured: Mayor and Pastor Steve**



Another income-producing business, *Yadz' Bakery*

*This gorgeous cake is an example of the standard being made for orders and is delicious.*

**Yadz:** Happy to receive cake mixes. Flour has been unavailable for this baker.



### Cabacungan Restaurant



Always trying to improve the employment opportunities and increase the income of the community, a restaurant to serve residents and people living outside the compound, was launched in early 2020 (pre-COVID). It is popular



when it operates between restrictions. During restrictions, no-one can come into the compound and the lockdown has caused a short supply of ingredients.



### The communal area is an important part of IRC Cabacungan.

The meeting place, kitchen, dining (including the new restaurant), TV viewing, under-cover games and educational activities and over 200 people gather here for church on Sundays.

When Astrid first visited the community, the only protection was torn tarpaulins. Hearts and Hands were able to provide funds to build large steel roofed structure. Now, Hearts and Hands is providing funds for walls. Necessary to provide protection from wind and heavy rain.





The kitchen is used for whole community and was made with hollow blocks after a fire destroyed the previous one three years ago. Unfortunately, the oven fan is not operating correctly and needs replacement. Hearts and Hands are assisting implementation of a much-needed air compressor to enable safe cooking.

#### **Background:**

Hollow block building- duplex  
H & H provided the machine to make blocks



**Foreground:**  
wearing their new jumpers

#### **Hollow-block Making – a growing business**



Hearts and Hands provided the machine and structure. They made small homes for all the families and now make blocks to sell.

They have a government contract to make blocks, but the challenge is transporting blocks to the required location. If anyone has suggestions on how to solve this, please let us know. \$10,000 is needed to purchase second-hand truck. The truck can also be used to transport people to seek medical assistance. Unfortunately, if they do go to the doctor they must pay for consultation plus the cost of PPE for doctor. Hence, they are not seeking medical assistance.



**Men on Machines**

**Sewing** is for everyone, training and practise are still taking place. The sewing machines being used to make masks, but they cannot broaden the product range as they are not able to take items to market due to COVID restrictions.



**Pastor Steve**

**and others receiving new machines.**

#### **Possible items to add to boxes: (ALL IN GOOD ORDER PLEASE)**

- good quality summer clothes for all ages, (though sizes 2 - 14 are most useful)
- new undies (2 - 14)
- sheets – good quality cotton (currently being used to make masks)
- toiletries (such as deodorants, toothpaste and brushes, tissues, wet wipes)
- medical items such as band aids, bandages, children's vitamins, fever medicines, cough/cold medicines, lozenges, moisturising lotions, etc, (OK to use out-dated)
- tinned and packaged food (in date please - things like flour, powdered milk, milo, baby formula, tins - they love tinned ham and spam, etc.),
- craft materials, pencils, children's scissors, glues, educational materials
- blocks, toys, jigsaws
- vegetable seeds, & small gardening equipment
- handyman tools – hammers, screwdrivers, pliers
- working laptops & tablets, with chargers and mobile phones
- DVDs – General & PG, educational programs



**Cherished Child:** His family arrived in this sheltered community one month before he was born. Now they have food, shelter and a community who care—a future.



#### **Boxes may include** **MILO! :**

Usually they're up early to do chores but if there's Milo, they get up half an hour earlier in anticipation— Milo!



#### **Girls having fun together**

