



NEWS FROM CEBU

— MEET ZACARIE, AGE 11 —

In July of 2019, Zacarie and her siblings were referred to CSC. They had been living in a different shelter for five years. Because of

injured her left arm. Upon meeting Zacarie, one of CSC's social workers noticed that her left arm wasn't straight. The caretakers

routines shouldn't be severely hindered; however, she could experience worsening problems in adolescence.

When we met Zacarie and her siblings, we knew that we could help.

difficulties gathering information, their paperwork stalled, and their case stopped moving forward with the Philippines Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). As the three girls were getting older, their previous shelter was limited in what they could provide and eventually sought their placement elsewhere.

At some point during their five-year stay at that facility, Zacarie

told us that she had suffered an injury and was taken to a government hospital in neighboring Talisay City. A physical therapist noted that her movements and daily



When we met Zacarie and her siblings, we knew that we could

continued on page 4

INSIDE *this issue...*

- 2** From the Desk of Kirby Stoll
- 3** Planned Giving Basics
- 4** The Path to Healing (cont.)
- 5** Prayer Requests & Praises
- 6-7** Kid Stories
- 8** Menudo Recipe

FROM THE DESK OF KIRBY STOLL, President



One of my “go-to” authors for a biblical perspective on money is Randy Alcorn. His ministry, Eternal Perspective Ministries (epm.org), is a great resource for those who want to do their best to steward all God has entrusted to them. In Randy’s book *The Treasure Principle*, he says that God owns it all and that we are His money managers. That’s an interesting way to put it,

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:20-21 (NASB)

and for me, it gives new meaning and definition to the resources I oversee, both at CSC and at home.

When you think about it, your investment in CSC is storing up treasures in Heaven. Your gifts make an

eternal difference in the lives of the children we serve and staff who serve them.

God has entrusted you with resources. Have you thought about where these resources will go when you die? Storing up treasures in heaven can look a lot like including your church or CSC or family members as beneficiaries of these resources.

Maybe you would like to consider earmarking a portion of your estate to CSC. We would be honored to receive that gift in the future and will commit to steward it in the best possible way that honors God. ■

Blessings,
Kirby Stoll

Your gifts make an eternal difference in the lives of the children we serve and staff who serve them.



PLANNED GIVING BASICS

What is a planned gift anyway?

Any gift that requires planning is a “planned gift,” technically speaking, but the ones we reference have to do with charitable estate planning. Here are some more familiar examples you might recognize:

- Bequest through a Will or Revocable Trust
- Beneficiary of an IRA or Investment Account
- Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy
- TOD/POD of Real Property (home, land or farm)
- Charitable Gift Annuity

Some planned gifts have income and tax benefits for you today, while others may reduce the amount of taxes your estate or children will pay at the time

of your death. And if you’re planning to leave your estate to your children or other loved ones, there are advantages to leaving certain assets and pitfalls when leaving other assets.

Please go to cebushelter.org/legacy to learn more about charitable estate planning to benefit CSC and ensure a sustainable future for children who have yet to experience the loving home and phenomenal care CSC provides. ■

Children's Shelter of Cebu
(Tax ID# 41-1330241)

A LEGACY WORTH LEAVING

Jesus taught that we should take care of those who are less fortunate. He taught about storing up treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy. What legacy do you plan to leave? How do you want to be remembered? We hope that Jesus is what people remember when they think about CSC. Our mission is to glorify God and demonstrate His love in the best possible way to children in the Philippines without a home. Our hope is that decades from now people will still see Jesus in all we say and do, and that includes how we steward the resources of those who give so generously and sacrificially. We would be so honored if you would consider CSC in your charitable estate planning.

Let us know if you have included CSC in your will!



Buck & Muriel D.

“We visited Cebu several years ago and saw firsthand the amazing work being done for those precious children. Including CSC in our estate plan is just another way we can support the ministry to be sure they have resources in the future for all that God will have for them to do. It’s an honor to support the ministry in this way.”

More information can be found at cebushelter.org/legacy, or call Jill at 651-493-1551.



Large photo: Zacarie and her sisters
Above: Zacarie and her friend

help. For decades, CSC has specialized in helping large sibling groups and has excelled at handling cases with difficult paperwork. We brought Zacarie and her siblings into CSC's family and did our best to set them up for success. This included getting further assessments on Zacarie's left arm.

We took her to a pediatric orthopedic surgeon, who determined that her arm had been previously fractured. The fracture was not set properly and healed incorrectly.

plans were made, and then the unexpected happened. A worldwide pandemic resulted in the Philippines being placed on the world's longest and strictest quarantine. Hospitals reached capacity in a matter of weeks, and non-life-threatening or elective surgeries were put on hold. CSC and Zacarie were told that we would have to wait. Through it all, we continued to pray and continued to plan.

Just this past month, an opportunity presented itself.

It was the beginning of 2020 when Zacarie's surgery plans were made, and then the unexpected happened. A worldwide pandemic resulted in the Philippines being placed on the world's longest and strictest quarantine.

Fortunately, the problem was caught before Zacarie grew too old for it to be easily fixed. We were told that surgery was required to reset the bone, and that without surgery, it would continue to get worse.

It was the beginning of 2020 when Zacarie's surgery

A talented surgeon in Cebu agreed to perform surgery on Zacarie during the quarantine. Eunice Guinanoy, our Child Welfare Services Director, accompanied Zacarie to get a coronavirus swab test to prepare her for surgery at the end of June. The entire process required a lot of



Zacarie healing from her injury, studying

PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Due to some unique needs of the children at the shelter, we need to hire an Occupational Therapist. Please pray with us as we look to find the right person.
- Please pray with us for our leadership team and board members as they work to determine the next steps of strategic planning for the organization.

PRAISES

- We continue to work to improve our Bridge Program, a life skills program for residents ages 11 and older. We recently hired a Social Worker and a Youth Educator to lead this program. We are thankful to have the resources to provide this care to our older residents.
- We highlighted Zacarie in our cover story. We are praising God for the opportunity for surgery during this pandemic, and we are thankful for her successful surgery and her recovery so far.

paperwork, a lot of coordination, and a lot of faith. But difficult situations that require faith and diligence

"Difficult situations that require faith and diligence have never been foreign to us at CSC."

have never been foreign to us at CSC.

We are happy to report that Zacarie had surgery and is presently recovering. Your support has helped to make her physical healing possible. Not only that, but the spiritual and emotional support that we can provide will ensure that Zacarie's healing and growth goes far beyond her arm. She knows the warmth and stability of loving and committed caregivers. She knows that people from all around the world are praying for her. And she will now, and always, know what it is to be valued as a beautifully unique individual with a promising future. ■



KID Stories

Here are just a few of our favorite child stories from the last few months.

Shenly

During the toddler programming at the shelter, in their morning circle activities, the toddlers routinely tap the shoulders of the children near them and greet each other with a "Good morning." Shenly, the bubbly girl that she is, prefers to greet not just the child next to her, but also the babies in the high chairs, her aunties, and other nearby students. Some days she is even brave enough to greet the teacher at the front of the room! She looks like the class friend or the class president who roams around tapping/greeting her friends on their shoulders.



Niñal

When it is time to go home after therapy, Niñal always gets the therapist's slippers and gives them to her before she gets her own to put on. She is a thoughtful little girl who often puts the needs of others before her own.

Jhaycob

Jhaycob is one of the quieter children at the shelter. He only talks to someone or shares his feelings after building a strong rapport with a teacher or caregiver. Recently, he was the toddler assistant for a teacher in a classroom. At the end of the week, while prepping for an activity, he looked at the teacher and randomly started asking questions about the mountains. The teacher was delighted and surprised when this typically quiet boy suddenly wanted to know what it would be like to live there, what you would see there, and if the teacher wanted to go to the mountains.





Samuel

Samuel is a dancing machine. He never fails to bring smiles and laughter to people around him every time he dances to songs during social gatherings such as birthday celebrations or even on random normal days.

Joemar & Wilmar's **BUDDING FRIENDSHIP**

Due to the pandemic, Joemar has not been able to continue his volunteer work at McDonalds. He has adjusted to the changes in his routine gracefully. Joemar continues to thrive at CSC, where he is able to do his chores and play with his friends. Joemar has also taken a "caregiver" role for another resident named Wilmar. Affectionately, he reminds Wilmar to take a bath or gives him other instructions and reminders. He also helps Teacher Cora every morning carry some of her things to her classroom. He helps arrange tables, chairs and other things the teachers need for their classrooms. Joemar is very quick to see the needs of others and help them in any way he can.



Rey Michael

Rey Michael has bonded with one of his caregivers over the past few months. Here is a recent conversation between them:

Rey Michael: Auntie, do you have a husband?

Auntie: No, I don't have a husband.

Rey Michael: I can be your husband.

The auntie was flattered, but she politely explained that it was not possible but that she would continue being a caregiver to him.

NEWS FROM CEBU

Summer 2021 | Volume 43 | Issue 2

NEWS FROM CEBU is published three times annually by Children's Shelter of Cebu, a nonprofit, Christian organization dedicated to providing for the needs of homeless children in Cebu, Philippines.

Cebu Address:
Box 178, Cebu City
6000 Philippines

Cebu Children's Shelter Society of Canada:
P.O. Box 141
Abbotsford, BC V2T 6Z5

RECIPE FOR: MENUDO

Want to change up your summer cooking? **Here is a recipe we often make at the shelter.**

Ingredients

- 2 lbs. pork, cubed
- 4 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 medium size onion, chopped
- 5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 16 ounces tomato sauce
- 2 beef bullion cubes in 4 cups of water
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 bay leaves
- 5 hot dogs, sliced diagonally
- 1 big carrot, cubed
- 2 medium size potatoes, cubed
- 3/4 cups frozen green peas
- Salt and pepper to taste



Instructions

Heat oil in a cooking pot. When the oil is hot, add and sauté onions and garlic until onions are clear. Add pork and cook for 7 minutes on medium heat or until brown. Add raisins, tomato sauce, and beef broth. Bring to a boil. Add bay leaves. Simmer for 30-45 minutes or until pork is tender. Stir in hot dogs and let them cook for a minute or two. Stir in carrots and potatoes. Cook for 8-10 minutes. Add in green peas and cook for another 2 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve warm over rice.