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## India

### Playground Land and Equipment Purchased



This past May, the God's Kids board approved funding to purchase new land next to the orphanage in India. This land allows the children a safe place to play next to the orphanage.

In addition to the land, swings, see-saws and a slide were constructed for the children to use on the play area. These photos show a recent update on the work being done to create the playground equipment.

The playground equipment was completed by the beginning of September for the children to enjoy after school and on the weekend.



### Vacation Bible School

In the beginning of June our orphanage directors also hosted a 10 day vacation Bible school for the children at the orphanage. At the end of the classes, the children were awarded a certificate of completion.



## Liberia



### Bathrooms in Bentol

In Liberia, a lot of new construction was done in the last quarter. At the beginning of the year, the GK board approved the construction of a Pit Latrine system for REAP to use at their facility in Bentol. After successful construction in mid-June, two additional Pit Latrines were funded to allow safer bathroom use for even more members of the Bentol community.



The second pit latrine has been dug and the floor has been pre-cast. The bathroom has been constructed, floor drain installed, plastered and roofed. Ceramic tiles are being placed on the floor. The pre-cast floor slab is scheduled to be placed next Saturday and the walls thereafter erected. The timely completion of this unit has been hampered by incessant rainfall, but should be completed soon.



### Supporting the Future

God's Kids has also recently sponsored the educational efforts of a young teen named Charlie, whom we have known for many years. He has a passion to become a doctor so he can take care of the children in Liberia who need medical help. In May, he took his entrance exams into medical school and passed! He let us know "Prayer was the key to my success. I started my entrance exam with prayer and ended it with prayer." He begins college this October.





## Mexico



### New Feeding Centers in Mazatlán

The God's Kids board approved two new feeding centers to be built in the Mazatlán area during the last board meeting. The site of the two feeding centers have both been selected and were purchased in July. Construction costs are currently being finalized.



When completed, an additional 40-100 community members will be fed at each location daily. Both new feeding centers will be built and running by the end of the year.



### Visit to Casa Hogar

In July, some of the God's Kids team took a trip to visit Casa Hogar on the Mexico border. Julia, our health advisor was able to do health check-ups on the children and taught the directors how to stock their medicine cabinets and first aid kits.



Gabriel, Rebecca, and Kevin also spent time one on one with the children. They also brought plenty of fresh food and new toys for the kids.



## Philippines



### New Wells and Homes

The board approved two new homes to be built at the Village of Hope in Bohol, Philippines. Since the approval in May, the ground had been graded and leveled and the first part of the vertical construction started in September. During this first phase of construction, septic tanks will be installed, water and electric will be brought to the site, and the foundations will be constructed.



At the same time, VOH is currently building two new water wells on the grounds. The first well was completed in August. The second well has been dug about 40' deep, but needs to have its pump installed.



### A Success Story

God's Kids recently funded school fees and uniforms for the children at VOH. One of the children who we've grown up with is Robert. When the first home was built at VOH, his parents moved in and became house parents for it and he became a brother for each child.

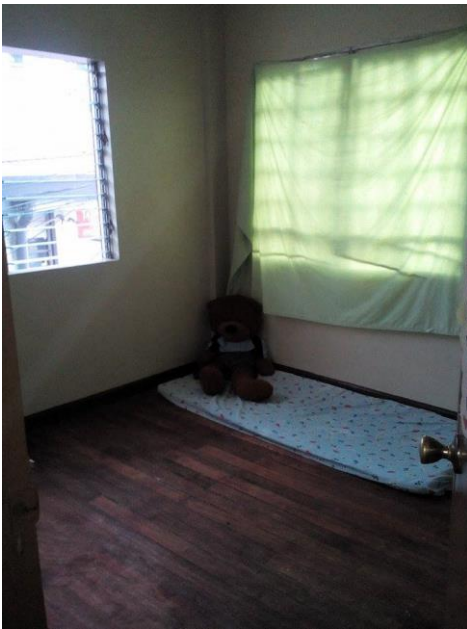
Along with being a great big brother to so many siblings, Robert has been an excellent help in transitioning new children into the family. He's now studying Culinary Arts at a college in Cebu and wants to come back to be the cook for VOH when he finishes his training.





### VOH College / Trade-School Lodging and Training

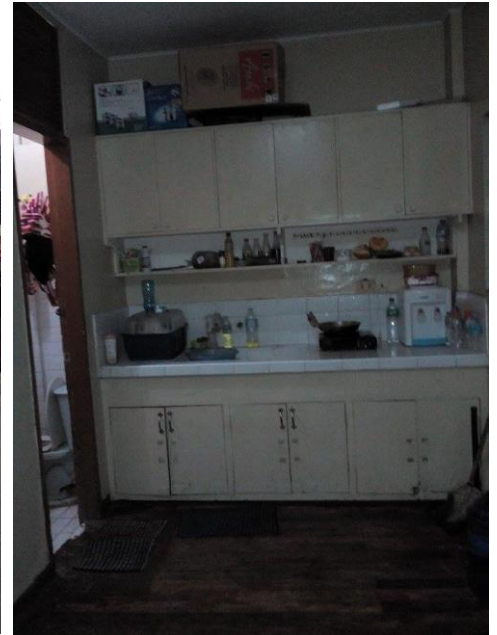
With so many Kids going to school in Cebu we found it cheaper (and safer) to rent an entire house as opposed to placing the Kids in individual boarding houses. This way they're all together still while still being out on their own. We also have two Kids studying in Tagbilaran City, and we've rented them a room in a home, as opposed to a much more public boarding house. Please see the following two pages for photos of housing and expense details on the children in Cebu and Tagbilaran.



*Bedroom in Cebu*



*Home in Cebu*



*Kitchen in Cebu*



*Bedroom in Tagbilaran*



### Julia's Trip Recap

Julia was able to visit the Philippines in August. During her visit she spent most of her time taking care of Roldan, a boy with a heart condition, but was able to also check in on the orphanage and the children.

During her visit, Julia performed medial checks on each child. She discovered there are no immunization cards or medical records for the children. She taught the directors how to keep medical records as well as basic CPR and First Aid Training.

She had a 13 children treated by a dentist for dental care issues. Most of the children have not been brushing their teeth, it may be good to teach them more about oral care.





## Thailand



### Julia's Trip Recap

Julia was able to visit Thailand in the beginning of August. While she was there, medical checkups were performed for each child. The kids are all healthy, excited to go to school, and are really cared for by the adults.

She found all of the children we not immunized and set up a schedule for these to be done. No medical records had been kept, but she taught the directors how to start keeping records. She also taught the adults basic CPR and First Aid training.

Finances are perfect, Julia said they are the best kept receipts of all GK locations. They kept asking her how they could do things better.

### Vaccines

Vaccines in Thailand for HEP B, OPV, JE, MMR, and DTP DT were approved. The first round of shots occurred while Julia was there. The second round was completed on Sep 13, and the final round will be completed in October.

