



MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Greeting from the Sisters Servants of the Visitation, Borongan, Philippines!! Magnificat!

I give thanks to our Lord for giving me a chance to greet you and to reach out to you with the news of our mission home.

**At Ain Karim Children's Home**, our residential facility for the children, we now care for twenty-one orphaned, neglected, abandoned, malnourished children and youth ages newborn to twenty years old. We continue in our mission to embrace them in their weaknesses and crisis conditions, allowing them to feel that whatever their reality may be, they are loved. The children and teens returned to in-person learning in April. As a family, we celebrated Angela's Highschool Graduation in July! I can report to you all our children are well attended, nurtured, nourished and well-dressed because of you my dear friends in the United States. **You are our co-missionaries**, who in so many ways do not hesitate to share your blessings to our little ones. The challenges of these current days are felt everywhere but we go forward always asking God and Our Mother of the Visitation to intercede for us, particularly for our three special children who cannot speak or walk and are so very dependent on our care and protection: **Cristina, Kim, and Arian!**

**Our dear Kim-Kim** has been with us for 12 years. Kim, with her simplicity of mind -smiles and lights up -she feels our presence and makes us truly and deeply feel the great love of Jesus in caring for her. Since birth she cannot eat food because she cannot swallow correctly and relies on formula. This past winter Kim began to lose weight and become listless, and I was so very concerned I took her to the hospital - they changed her formula and now she is thriving – we have our Kim back. Yes, but one of our current issues is the formula costs \$200.00 USD per month in a region where a working adult earns eight to ten dollars a day.

**Our little girl Arian** is unable to sit up. Her father brought her to us, and he was crying to leave his daughter, but he knew she will receive physical therapy and a good diet to help her grow and gain some muscle control. This is a brave and loving father and little Arian is making progress. We send her to a Physical Therapist twice weekly and follow-up with home exercise. We pray you will please help us to continue with the therapy for little Arian so she may walk and play like other children.

**Our Princess Christine** is sixteen and confined to her wheel chair. Her health situation is also complicated by epilepsy which requires she receive a special daily medication to control. We are always in need of a stronger replacement wheelchair for Christine because during epileptic episodes her chair will break. We repair what we can as we go because chairs are very expensive but there is always the day the chair cannot be repaired. We carry her until a solution is found.

**As the "stand-in" mother, father, sister, friend, grandmother, and servant to all the children and to my co-sisters**, I experience the costs of rice, diapers, and medicines for the mission rising weekly and we must give what we have to our neighbors who come to our door experiencing hunger and with problems of health. I see on the horizon very difficult times - the very poorest are and will be impacted most severely in the coming year. God has entrusted these children and all our children, teens, and young adults to our care, but we cannot do this on our own. It is only **TOGETHER, WITH YOU**, we become channels of God's grace to bring health, safety, education, and joy into the lives of these vulnerable children.

I ask you **TO BE ONE WITH US** in expanding the love of God through your generous action of love itself. Let us accompany each other in this mission, for we are all members of one family under the guidance of Holy Spirit and Our Mother of the Visitation. **Thank you for your generous and loving heart. You are the light of God shining across the world to us!**

*May God bless you and your loved ones. Let us pray for each other in Solidarity and Love.*



With Our Prayers,  
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