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**REDISCOVERING THE POTENTIAL OF CHILDREN TO
CREATE A JUST AND LOVING SOCIETY**

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From the lips of the children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies to silence the foe and the avenger

Psalms 8:3

“A Little child will lead them..” Isaiah 11:6

Is it possible for children to be an agent of social transformation? Do children have the power to destroy the works of Satan? Can they be an instrument of creating a brighter world?

Look, for instance, how the Old Testament cast the children into action. Was it not because of Joseph’s dreams that he saved his family from poverty and rescued the starving world during his times? Was it not Moses, the adopted son, who played a key role in having the exploited released from the hands of cruel oppressors?

who initiated political, moral, and religious reform, or an orphaned Esther that saved her countrymen from national annihilation and mass murder? Surely, even our Lord Jesus used the “incarnation” as a way of mission strategy to redeem and heal the broken world.



VLCCMI Mass Children Dedication



VLCCMI Feeding Program

How about the contribution of Samuel through whom alone God revealed his will when adults failed? He was a role model of righteous governance through spirituality and obedience. Was it not a young servant girl, a foreign domestic helper, that ushered Namaan to encounter God’s power and healing? How about the contribution of Josiah, an eight-year-old king,

Filipino social scientists seem right when they warned the present generation that we cannot transform the very fabric of our present society, unless we divert our investments to children—the next generation that will shape the future. This present generation is stealing the future and is failing to shape the values of the next generation, and it will increasingly destroy the moral fabric of society. The political and economic situation today is dim and it is becoming darker because of irresponsible leaders in the past and present, who were engrossed in self-aggrandisement. In the same manner, the Filipino church has not succeeded in producing a righteous generation that somehow will lead the nation to create a just

and loving society. What we hear about is constant political and social turmoil that places the Philippines as one of the most corrupt nations in Asia.

The children will be the moral players in the next generation. If there is a worthwhile investment that Christians will do right now, they have to reconsider the children as top priority in Christian missions.

For this cause, the Verna Linzey Childcare Ministry International is visionary and it has a moral cause. VLCCMI is a value-driven ministry that produces excellent citizenry. It instills within people a vision of creating a just and loving society and instills the values of the Kingdom of God within these little ones. When children learn what it means to fear God and obey his commandments, they become equipped and empowered to make decisions affecting their futures. And yes, when these values are translated into action, the children will become instruments to better and brighten society.

WHAT WE DO?

We Empower: We at VLCCMI are driven by our motto, we are committed to empower children from poverty and usher them into a Spirit-filled life through teaching the values of the kingdom expressed in our worship and spirituality.



VLCCMI Children & Cornfield

We Feed: Since “empty pockets and empty stomachs” (*Laman ng Balsa at Laman ng Tiyan*) go hand in hand (the prime problem of the Filipinos), we provide a weekly program in which we give out food and medicine, especially for children who are sick and unable to buy medicine.

We Educate: We provide a child-friendly Learning Center, where we can instill the values of the Kingdom of God and the great commandments. We do this on a daily basis.

We Train: Through the skills and livelihood training, we empower women, mostly the unemployed parents of our children, to acquire skills and livelihood.

We build life: VLCCMI is a key to community building. We translate our Christian witness in concrete terms. We seek the well being of every individual.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Join as Partners. Have you ever ask yourself why God has given you such a potential gift and resources. He created you because He wants you to be his “workmanship” to do good works. Through your partnership, we can make an impact and transform many poor communities.



Serve as a Volunteer: We welcome prospective sponsors to visit and conduct special workshops, especially those that can impart skills to the unemployed parents in the community. We gladly welcome medical personnel to conduct medical missions to the rural communities.

Adopt-A-Project: Your gift can feed 25-30 children in our feeding site. We can spread the “tent” of VLCCMI to the many depressed areas through your generosity and giving.

VLCCMI PROJECT FOR THE YEAR 2009

*Toward a Self-Supporting
Foundation*

What is it?

We are currently praying to lease a three hectares ricefield wherein we can get a source of income for the foundation. We believe that if the foundation can acquire a ricefield, it could be a source of food for the feeding project and it will sustain other member orphanages in the Philippines and overseas. This vision is a bold attempt for VLCCMI to be a self-reliant and self-supporting foundation. The vision is born from the frugal wisdom of Joseph to till the land and store food for the coming famine and poverty. Since global recession is happening all around the world, we are convinced that the next outcome of the recession will be tremendous famine and poverty. Thus, VLCCMI, like Joseph, will prepare its role to ensure that all the children under her "tent" will have sufficient supply. Poverty and famine is real and thus its witness should be concrete and redemptive.

Objectives: The ricefield will serve as a source of income for the feeding program and other ministries of VLCCMI.



A farm near vlccmi center is for lease

Amount to be raised: P 1 Million

Rationale:

Lease per 1 Hectare: 350 thousand pesos (USD \$7,000) (3 hectares P 1 Million) (USD \$21,000)

1 Hectare can produce 100-120 cavans per cropping (300 cavan for 3 hectares)

2 cropping per year (600 cavan for the whole year)

30% will be used for the expenses per cropping (180 cavan)

Net income for the 3 hectares will be 420 Cavan

420 cavan x 50 kls. per cavan x P. 12.00 per kls. = **P. 252,000 (USD \$5,600)**

Aim: 90% will go toward the operational expenses of all the VLCCMI feeding centers (food, electricity, water, etc) and 10% will be used for administrative expenses (paper, phone, computer equipment, copying, etc).

DONATIONS

Make checks payable to:

Assemblies of God World Mission (AGWM)

Designate donations for:

Linzey CCM-Philippines

Send checks to:

AGWM
1445 Boonville Ave.
Springfield, MO 6580

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VLCCMI WITH THE PARTNERSHIP OF US ASSEMBLIES OF GODWORLD MISSION (AGWM)

Greetings Brother Joel:

I trust you are doing well, and along with the other doctoral students making progress on your project. My project is moving forward slowly, but progressing.



In recent weeks I have had opportunity to talk with Bill Snider and others regarding the child care ministry you have started. Thanks very much for the recent newsletter which was prepared very nicely and provided a good overview of this worthy ministry.

This fall you will be coming to the U.S. to raise some funds among Filipino and possibly other churches, and we trust this will be a productive and enjoyable time for you. We have talked about the work and the priorities within the Philippine General Council. When you come to the states later this year there will be churches who would want to give an offering toward the Linzey Child Care Ministry, and we do want this to be as helpful as possible for those who give.

Earlier I had talked with Chaplain (Major) Jim Linzey regarding the possibility of a project number. In talking with some of our personnel here at AGWM, it will not be necessary to have a project number for churches to receive mission credit for any donations they would send to AGWM.

When you are stateside, you can instruct any donations for this ministry to be sent to the following address with instructions:

Donations for Verna Linzey Child Care Ministry Philippines sent as follows:

Make checks payable to Assemblies of God World Mission (AGWM) designated for Linzey CCM-Philippines

They can send their checks to:

AGWM
1445 Boonville Ave.
Springfield, MO 65802

Attention: Asia Pacific-Philippines

All donations would be sent to the AGMF office in the Philippines, and released to the General Council For this ministry.

It might be helpful, if you would e-mail me when a church is sending a check so we will be aware it has been sent. All checks received before the 25th of each month are processed at the end of that month and disbursed to the field near the middle of the following month. Any checks that are received after the 25th are processed at the conclusion of the following month and disbursed to the field afterward.

Any donations sent through AGWM will give that church mission credit for their giving during that fiscal year. Individual donors would normally make their donations through the local church.

I trust this will be helpful to you in preparing for your coming trip. It will also eliminate the need for the PGCA to request a project number from AGWM through AGMF Philippines. That process does have various hurdles and would not be required for donations to receive World Mission credit.

May the Lord give you good success in this ministry,

Russ Turney

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Pangarap (Dreams)

By: Aira Grace

I

My yoke is the world where I live
Pain and ache is what I always feel
Burden and foul odor I embrace
Keep on clinging to me.

II

The heat of the sun strikes endlessly
The sweat of poverty drops
Pangs of hunger and thirst is my shawl
Persevere to realize my dear dream

III

Dream that I am looking forward to
Be it a failure I will accept
But will keep on pursuing it for my future
With God's help and your help.

IV

With all my best I will keep on
Through participation, my only shield

VLCCMI CALENDAR 2009

January 13-14	District Convention	March 20	Commencement Exercises
February 8	Mass Children Dedication (Sponsored by Tabernacle of Grace Assembly of God and VLCCMI)	April 15-17	Tabernacle of Grace Assembly of God/VLCCMI Kidz Camp
March 7	Commercial Cooking	May 12-14	GENERAL COUNCIL
		May 15-17	Tabernacle of Grace Assembly of God/VLCCM Youth Camp
		June	Mass Wedding (Sponsored by Tabernacle of Grace Assembly of God)
		July	Church Action on Poverty Seminar
		August	Tabernacle of Grace/ Assembly of God/VLCCMI School Retreat
		Sept-Nov	Pastor Joel itinerates in the US for VLCCMI
		October	Film Showing to High School Students
		November	Prayer Conference
		December	Christmas Party

