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**IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE “INVISIBLE” CHILDREN  
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“I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me” (Matthew 18:3, 5).

**“I**nvisible” children are those who are most in need, and who are least likely to receive social services. To the Filipinos, they are the street children, sexually exploited, migrant children from poor provinces, and juvenile delinquents who often work underground just to fill their empty stomachs and pockets. While we tend sometimes to overlook their needs and considered them as “least”, the Scriptures tell us that they are the “greatest” in the Kingdom of God. At Verna Linzey Child Care Ministry International (VLCCMI), it is my deepest concern to share with you the different images of the “invisible” children under our care.

1. Aries’, Jun’s, and Henry’s father just died of cancer. The family lives in a small hut. Sandy, their mother, is a housekeeper for a nearby family. She faithfully attends Tabernacle of Grace Assembly of God, but struggles to meet her family’s needs.



**Sister Sandy and her son Henry**

2. Migrant children from Ifugao like Benito and his siblings brothers find refuge at VLCCMI. Their absent father does not support them. Gina his mother comes to the church with tears because this distressing situation.



**My family and migrant children from Ifugao. Benito is beside my wife**

3. Obama is 8 years old boy who received Jesus Christ through VLCCMI last February. He is malnourished. We invited him to join us for lunch at the church and he ate a lot. At VLCCMI he asked for food five times. Since then, Obama became an object of our prayers. We regularly visit his family to share the Jesus’ love. Could it be that if someone will only help him, he could be a better leader than President Obama? Unfortunately, Obama represents the “yagit” children. His family cannot

afford to feed him three times daily. He and his siblings attend Tabernacle of Grace AG regularly. He is one of the 25 children who were dedicated at the Mass Children Dedication sponsored by VLCCMI on February 9, 2009. Obama represents millions of Filipino children who go to school with only coffee in their stomach.



**Obama at the Mass Children Dedication  
Sponsored by VLCCMI on February 9, 2009**

4. We have working children and young adults like Rene and Jerome Gueta. They are 21 and 15 years old respectively. They ran from Bicol due to the political killings that took place in their village. Their grandmother told me that there was great fear in their village when they discovered that some of their relatives were beheaded. This tragedy forced their grandmother, uncle, and aunts to sublet their small farm in order to migrate to Pangasinan. Rene and Jerome found out about Tabernacle of Grace AG through their family which had been in the church since we founded it in 2004. Now Rene attends our church services. Rene and Jerome were one of the many children in the Philippines who experienced isolation from their family because of the exploitation and harassment caused by godless people in society.



**Rene and Jerome selling RTW in San  
Manuel, Pangasinan**

As a parting word, let us hear what pleases the heart of God: "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

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