

PROJECT
of the WELCOME HOUSE



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Project
Welcome House
For street children

Calbayog City, Samar
PHILIPPINES

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Description: Mary Immaculate House Project



“ The goodness of our actions does not depend on the splendor with which they shine in the eyes of people, but on the will that produces them. ”

(Fr. Gregory Fioravanti)



... If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:15-17)

Description of the area

Calbayog is a city in the Philippines located in the Province of Samar: Eastern Visayas Region. The population lives off agriculture (rice paddies, coconuts, bananas), and fishing. Samar is one of the poorest regions in the Philippines.

The standard of living of those who live in rural areas is difficult. Many people do not have adequate housing and live in temporary or improvised shelters. In some areas they have no drinking water or toilets. The mortality rate is high due to malnutrition and especially the lack of health care.

Families living in these conditions struggle to take care of their children.

While parents go looking for work for daily survival, their children are left alone at home, unattended. Often children are used by their parents to beg or steal. This phenomenon favors the exposure of children to exploitation, violence, prostitution; many children are victims of human trafficking.

Mission

The Congregation of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart has been present in Calbayog City, Samar Island, since 1989.

The Sisters live among the poor and with the poor, dedicating themselves to promoting formation in values and especially the dignity of human life, to protecting marginalized children, to reaching the most needy with assistance especially in the most remote areas of Samar, by virtue of the redemptive love of Jesus.



In these 33 years of mission, the sisters have developed the idea of creating a shelter for street children, a social category most at risk and in need of a protected residential place..



Map of Calbayog City and location where the shelter for street children will be built.

The project is sponsored by the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

The building complex, entitled “Mary Immaculate House” and dedicated to the reception of street children, will be located in the area not far from the outskirts of the city, about 15 minutes away, in the barangay of Guin-on.

OBJECTIVES

The project aims to guarantee every child:

1. the right to live their childhood and psycho-affective growth in a safe and protected environment;
2. comfortable temporary accommodation;
3. a nutritional program suitable for the specific developmental age;
4. adequate recreational and school education;
5. the acquisition of self-esteem and the development of their natural talents.

The total cost of the project

The total cost of the project is approximately Php 16,700,000.00 equivalent to approximately (€293,000.00 today).

Economic resources

The creation of the shelter for street children will depend on:

- Revenue from the sisters' initiatives: (sale of t-shirts, various missionaries, charity dinners, concerts, etc.)
- Donations from private individuals.

