



“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” Rom. 8.37

September 2024

Dear Friends

We are happy to report back to you after the summer break. We hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy the summer and relax. It has been very humid here over the past 3 months and now the tropical storms have set in. It is now raining a lot with strong gusts of wind. But these are not yet typhoons. We are especially grateful for God's protection during this time.

Back to School

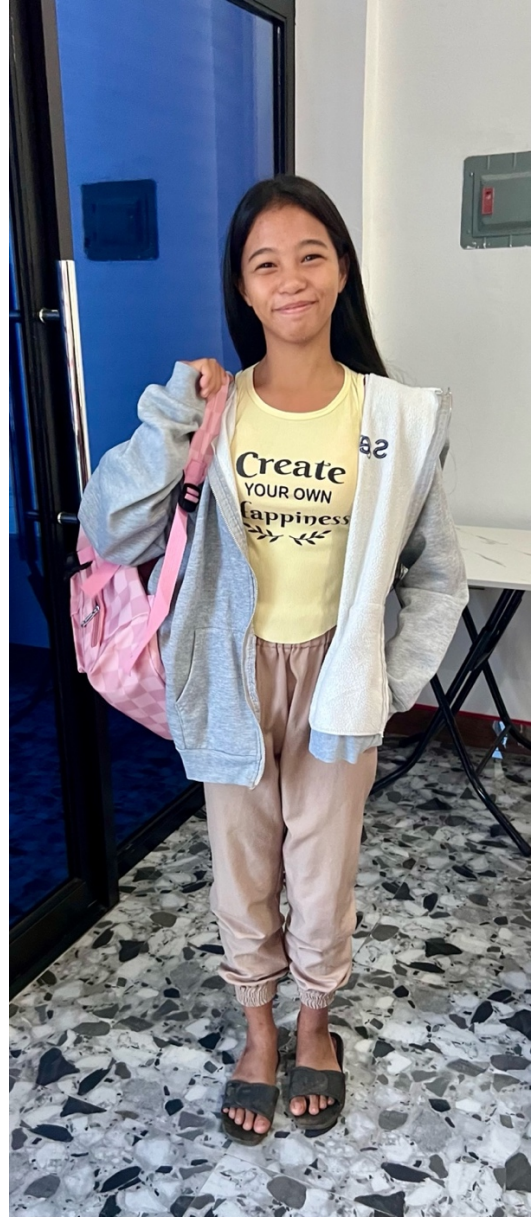
As in Europe, school has started again here, although a few weeks earlier.



Beforehand, we went shopping with the children in our school program to buy their school supplies, uniforms and school bags. This was a **big event** for mothers and children.

For this school year, we were able to provide 19 children (11 in Dumaguete and 8 in Dauin) with a school starter kit. We then handed over the materials at a meeting of mothers and children. We shared an encouraging Bibel message with them and prayed for them.









Many of the children we support are brought to and picked up from school by motorcycle. Some ride on a public tricycle, if they can afford it. But most of them walk to school.

Once they arrive home, they do their homework and then neatly store their exercise books in their school backpacks.

Visit

In August, we had the great pleasure of having visitors from Germany with us. Family Rau visited us to get an idea of the work of Step by Step and also to get practically involved in our different areas of activities.



Together we experienced intense and very blessed days. It was wonderful to see how openly the whole family embraced the tropical climate, the exotic food, the creepy-crawlies and the people of this country.

Both the parents and the children ministered to us with their different gifts. In doing so, they have released many blessings for Torsten and me, for our staff and, of course, for the children and families they have touched with their presence. It was a great privilege for us to have family Rau with us and we hope that we can continue to work together in the future.









Christmas is already here - Christmas campaign

It may only be September, but you can already see how Christmas sales are being boosted everywhere. As a Ministry we naturally don't want to get caught up in this commercial frenzy.

However, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Step by Step will once again be running a **Christmas campaign for needy children and families** this year.



We are already looking forward to putting together an inspiring Christmas program with a clear **Bible message**.

Afterwards there will be a delicious meal and a T-shirt for each child/young person. Each family present will receive **rice and a grocery package** according to the number of family members. Our goal this year is to distribute between **70-100 T-shirts** and provide about **70 families** with Christmas packages.



You can already donate for this campaign by noting “**Christmas 2024**” on your bank transfer. We thank each one of you in advance for your participation.

We are deeply grateful to God that together with friends like you, we can demonstrate the love of God to the people here in the Philippines in word and action. You are an essential support in the ministry of Step by Step. We value you very much as our companions journeying alongside us. Thank you for your faithfulness.

May God, in His goodness and faithfulness, richly bless you and your families!

We remain deeply united in Jesus,

Marie-Th. & Torsten

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