



OUR MISSION

To provide children who are poor, orphaned or neglected with the experience of being loved, cared for, nurtured and brought up with the knowledge of God's promises for them.

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2019!

It is hard to believe that we're already heading into the fourth month of the year! All of us at Shepherd's Arms have embraced 2019 with sheer excitement of what God has in store for us. We're already very blessed! The children are doing very well and we have two successful projects: a medical clinic and an aquaponics garden! Our university student, Christina, also graduated with a Psychology degree! Also, many of our primary and high school kids received academic medals and ribbons as the school year finished. We are very proud!



Around the same time last year, we welcomed three young brothers to the Children's Home – James, Lloyd and Dave. They were sick, broken and in dire need of care. A year on, we're very pleased to see that they are thriving physically, spiritually, emotionally and academically. Our staff's dedication in caring for these children like and turning their lives around is truly remarkable. We are more empowered and inspired to carry-on making a difference to the lives of the children that God has entrusted to us. We look forward to continue partnering with you this year!



Proud moment for Shepherd's Arms Children's Home! One of our kids, Christina, graduated from university this month with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. She's been with us for over 8 years.

We thank God for this success and we are also grateful to our supporters for their help along the way. Well done Christina, all your hard work paid off. We are so proud of you!

cOnGRATULATIONS

You Did It!

Your generosity will enable us to continue our work. Please contact us on how to make a difference by supporting us.

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Shepherd's Arms Medical Clinic

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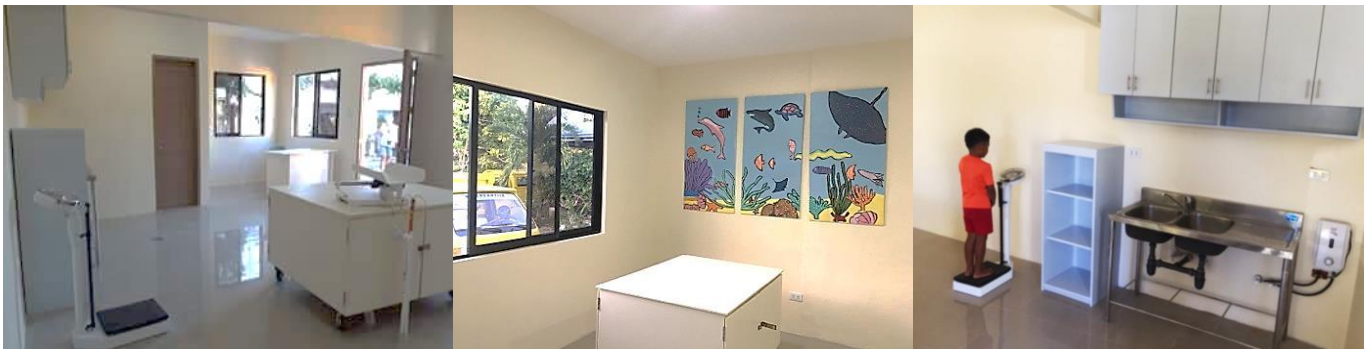
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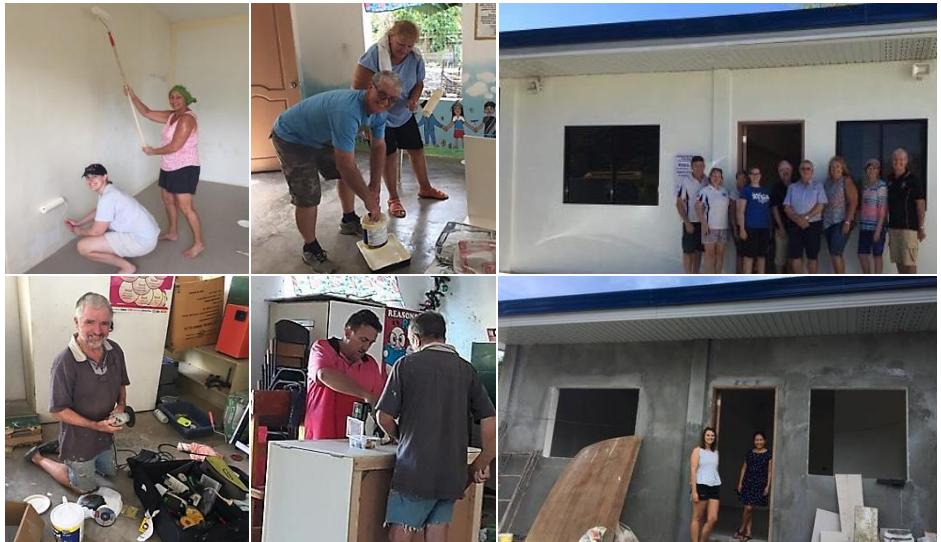
Officially opened by
DR. RIZSA ALBARRACIN
March 2019



The Shepherd's Arms Medical Centre – Following years of holding a mobile medical outreach programs, establishing the clinic became Rizsa's dream. With the blessing of Martin and Amy, and with support of our amazing volunteers and donors, we've built a small medical clinic within the Children's Home grounds. The clinic will provide free basic health services (dental, eye checks, child and maternal health) to residents of the children's home and also to the vulnerable groups (children and the elderly) in the disadvantaged communities of Panglao Island, Bohol, Philippines. Basic health services in the area are out of reach by many poor families; hence, this is a much-needed community initiative. The construction of the medical clinic is completed and we are now in the process of fundraising for basic medical equipment and supplies. It is not too late to be part of this life-saving project. We are looking forward to opening the clinic soon!



Massive thanks to the **Rotary Club of Balwyn** (Victoria, Australia) for the funding, **volunteers** from Gladstone (Christine Jones, Robin Jones, Alexandra Heron, Stephanie Wallace), Melbourne (Chris and Ken Finley), and Brisbane (Jason & Leanne Buchholz, Robyn Herron and Sune Van Zyl) for sharing their time, skills and resources. **SPECIAL THANKS** to **Jason and Leanne** for helping Rizsa in this project. We could not have done it without you all!



SPECIAL VISIT



Rizsa visited the Children's Home in March with her friend from Brisbane, Sune Van Zyl. Meeting the kids for the first time was very special for Sune – she and her husband (Johan) are among our dedicated supporters. They recently helped Rizsa develop the project plan for the clinic, a crucial part in obtaining the funds.



They also supported projects to improve our vegetable gardens.

We thank Sune for her support and for spending time with the children – they loved her company!

NEW AQUAPONICS GARDEN



We're always keen to try new things to improve our garden. Following the success of our fishpond, Dexter started a new project – the aquaponics gardening system. It is a combination of aquaculture (fishpond) and hydroponics, growing fish and vegetables together! This is a very neat system in which the fish waste provides an organic food source for the plants, and the plants naturally filter the water for the fish. We are optimistic that this will increase our gardening capacity and yield, which is a move towards **self-sustainability**. We thank God for a generous donation that enabled us to do this.

FUN TREATS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Melchor & Carl



Special treats from our visitors/volunteers from Queensland. Thank you Alexandra and Leanne (for the shopping trip, swimming and painting); and Sune and Rizsa

Tribute to our friend - George Hayward

We're deeply saddened to hear about passing of George Hayward, a beloved friend of the Shepherd's Arms Children's Home. George was our dedicated supporter/ministry partner from day one – a great blessing to us. He was a great man of faith who touched the lives of so many people, including ours. His legacy lives on.



For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

-Ephesians 2:10-

