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She's a Battle!

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**"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood...." (Phil. 6:12)**

**Dear friends,**

"So Homy, you old hockey puck, how's life in the land of street kids, ugly cockroaches, scrawny dogs and noise? No time for waxing eloquent, so here's the latest:

Two nights ago, I met with our seven kids (newest addition is 13-yr. old Valiente Badi (Toling)). Their disobedience and laziness had reached a high, so I "laid it on the table". One more act of disobedience and they were history.

The next day, Angie happened to be at the Kalalaki High School, "home" to our three eldest. Checking on some records, she found out that the two girls had skipped class again. Last night at our supper table, I told Catrina and Joanne, "After breakfast tomorrow, you're gone!" (I was told later that Cathrena was making faces at me and smirking).

Angie took Cathrena home last night and this morning, Joanne was taken to her aunt's. We are giving them a week to "change" and possibly two, if we are to take them in again. Our 10 year old music conductor (Ogie) performed again after the girls were sentenced. He was grinning as he sang, "Bye bye, Miss American Pie...." Man oh man.

A few weeks ago, the lure of Linda's cell-phone was too much for Ruben and at first chance, it was snatched and hidden. After some intensive grilling that night, he confessed. Angie and I have worked hard with this boy over the years and he has potential.

On a lighter note, Renea Buchen is due to arrive tomorrow at 11:40 AM. Her court case for Lydia's adoption is on the 17th and she will not be able to return to the States until all of the papers have been processed, including Lydia's passport.

As the Spirit leads, we very much appreciate prayer for all of the above and in whatever He rings to your mind... Thanks and also please remember my physical stamina and oh yes, *we need more prayer warriors!*

In Christ,

**Ron**