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"My Joy...Your Joy"

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"...I have spoken...your joy may be full". (John 15:11)

Dear friends,

The above quotation was taken from Oswald Chamber's gem, My Utmost for His Highest. This is not happiness but rather a Spirit-filled gifting of peace that comes only when a Christian has given first place in his life to the King.

This is the goal of all of us here at **Lifehouse Drop-in Center**. (At last Friday's staff mtg., we agreed to change the name to **Lifehouse Center**. This is because we plan to become **Residential** and focus on taking in at least 14 kids in need, under the auspices of **DSWD**.)

Currently, we have only six kids but Angie is looking into taking in a girl from Fidel's church who is slow of speech and hard of hearing. Cathrena visited last week but there was no evident repentance **so please keep praying**.

Praise God for Renea's safe landing and subsequent visit with Lydia's mom (Daisy) in Cavite and for her agreement to come to Olongapo and meet with Girly (DSWD's Social Worker), Renea's lawyer and Renea and Lydia when all can get together. **Please pray for the Lord's timing**.

Renea had arranged a meeting this AM with a former student of hers (he's now a psychologist) in a Cavite hospital but an emergency family crisis derailed this. This is one of the court's prerequisites for adoption. Now its tomorrow at 8:30 so **prayer would also be appreciated for that**.

Pray too for brother Don as he braves his busy schedule of looking after two daughters, working and raising support and missing his missus. Pray also for the Lord to open the hearts and pocketbooks of people who will support the Buchens and both dynamic projects...**Lifehouse Village** which they'll run and the **Lifehouse Center** of which I'll handle.

And please don't be afraid of giving, whether prayerfully or financially. That is if you're not scared of the Lord returning it to you several fold!

Albert, Al and Jude have started to construct a guestroom in our mango tree. There'll be room for at least two...and with a bathroom. You're going to want to come and visit!

Later this month, I'll be writing a prayer letter and listing every member of our staff along with our students and everyone's pictures. Food for prayer.

God bless. Thanks for giving and praying. You're making our projects possible. May your joy also be made full.

Sincerely,

in Christ,

Ron