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A New Home and Family for Michael and Angel

Kids International Ministries is excited to share that we are in the final processes of having two more of our children adopted. Michael, 6 years old, and Angel, 5, have both been at New Faith Family Children's Home since a very young age.

Michael was the very first child to be welcomed into our home, heart and lives. He was just a year old at that time and celebrates his birthday each year very close to the NFFCH's anniversary. He is now in 2nd grade at Cuatro Community School. He enjoys playing basketball at the home with the other boys and is full of life and energy. Michael has been matched with a family in North Carolina. We are currently waiting for the last of the papers to be finalized, including his passport, medical visa and other entry papers. We are hoping everything will be ready by the end of this year.

Angel was just a few days old when she first came into our home, heart and lives. We have been blessed to see her grow from a small baby into a beautiful little girl.

Angel has just started pre-school at Cuatro Community School. She enjoys looking at books and playing with dolls. Angel has been matched with a family in Florida. We are also waiting for her papers to be finalized.

These two children have been such a delight in our home, and we could not be happier that they will be going home to their families soon. It has been amazing to see how the hand of God brings all these things together in His perfect timing.

We continue to pray that the Lord will pour out His blessings on them and that every day Michael and Angel will learn how to know, trust and love Jesus more. We also pray that when the day comes, the transitions will go smoothly and that these two will adjust to their new lives quickly. We are so thankful God has given us the opportunity to be a part of Michael and Angel's lives!

—Daisy Chell, New Faith Family Children's Home



Michael and Angel will transition from the home they've known with New Faith Family Children's Home to their own adoptive families. Please keep them in your prayers that they would easily adjust into their new homes and families.



Transitions

The Leone family (Carmine, Angie, Marco, Luca and Avi) moved to Manila from Salt Lake City, Utah, in early July. Carmine is serving as KIM's construction manager.

This past year has been filled with many changes for our family. We sold our home, added some pink (with the birth of our daughter) to the laundry sort that was full of baseball and soccer uniforms, quit our jobs as a teacher and architect, and saw God move in some miraculous ways to support our family moving to Manila to serve with Kids International Ministries. Each step of the way God confirmed our movement with small signs, words from others and countless answered prayers.

A team of 12 personally hand delivered our family to Manila on July 3. They scrubbed and painted our condo and experienced KIM's ministries first hand by participating in the daily feedings for the poor, playing with the children from the children's home, ministering to people in the community and spending time with the staff. Slowly the team left on different dates to ease us into our new world.

The dust is settling and we can see others in our midst who are transitioning as well. The beautiful young ladies and gwapo (handsome) young men from the children's home that are teenagers are moving into a more independent living environment. They are learning to plan and prepare meals, shop at the market, do their own laundry and other important life skills.

Being a teacher at heart, books are in my blood and my means of connecting and loving others. I get the amazing privilege to do a book club twice a week at my home with Joan, Roseanne, Vanessa, Donna and Maria Fe—all teenagers from the children's home. The girls were so excited to get their own chapter book and pen. I have encouraged them to write in the book and make it their own. The discussions that have generated through the first few chapters have given us a window into each other's hearts. Preparing a snack for club is also a life skill that we are working on together. It was quite a sight to see the girls with knives and carving a pineapple for the first time. Thankfully all fingers stayed connected.



Through many generous donations we were able to send over 14,000 books for a children's library in Cuatro. Carmine, my husband, is working on making this space special and inviting for children to embrace books. It is our hope that they too will find new worlds, comfort, discovery and dreams in the pages of books that will line the shelves in this space created just for them.

Architecture at KIM is no longer squares and rectangles. Carmine's passion is to create a sense of pride for both the builders and the children that will occupy this space. There have been many scenes in which Carmine and the builders stand around trying to communicate building details that the builders are not accustomed to. Think architectural Pictionary with a team racking their brains and guessing content and details. Carmine finally purchased a whiteboard and now every time Carmine picks up a marker to draw a detail the workers cheer in approval, knowing that they share a common language in drawing.

Carmine is also involved in the lives of these men by participating in Bible studies three times a week. The young men from the children's home that are transitioning have also quickly captured our family's hearts. We look forward to growing fast and long-lasting roots in relationships in Manila.

—Angie Leone, Kids International Ministries