

THE BUHAY VISION

Philip and Vanessa Leane with family and supportive friends have partnered with Allan and Cleofe Manzanilla in the Philippines to minister to Filipino children who are neglected, abandoned and living in poverty. Allan is the national director of CRC International Philippines, but he also wants to work with Philip and Vanessa in this project, implementing practical care through the wisdom and knowledge derived from years of experience working within the culture of people impacted by poverty.

Allan is an administrator, preacher, teacher, mentor, and church planter. However, Allan and Cleofe's passion continues to emerge through their sacrificial love to empower the Filipino children. Through frequent visits to Negros Island over the past 12 months, which involved collaboration with social workers and people within the community, Allan and Cleofe have identified 10 children out of 100 as the most needy and who have been 'abandoned' by their natural parents. The youngest is four years of age and the oldest is nine.

Underprivileged children on this island are also at risk of child labour in the sugar plantations, working for 10c a day. Under the guidance and leadership of Allan and Cleofe, a young Filipino couple, Marlon and Gerlie Suarez and local volunteers have committed themselves to provide long term support for these children in Bacolod City who are in desperate need. Ongoing financial support is needed to enable Allan and Cleofe, Marlon and Gerlie to continue to provide these children safe shelter, health care, nutritious food, clothing and educational development.

Because of the passionate concern and actions of Filipino and Australian friends, the initiative called 'Buhay Vision' has been created to provide sustainable empowerment for vulnerable children on this island.

Anyone wishing to know more about this initiative can contact Vanessa at 8 Winton Avenue, Flagstaff Hill SA 5159, Phone: 84707042
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Allan and Cleofe Manzanilla and daughters



Marlon & Gerlie Suarez – the couple caring for the children in the program



These are seven of the ten children considered most at risk.