



# Siloam's Ministry of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:6)

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## *Dear Siloam friends and investors*

My heart is always warmed when Siloam receives a donation from a fellowship in Surrey who support the Rehoboth Sampaloc Ministries in the Philippines, a Baby Rescue Centre, Siloam has been partnering with for more than 15 years.

Siloam first began helping a UK couple rescue abandoned babies many years ago when they felt called to go to the Philippines. Sadly, Shirley and Ernie had to return to the UK due to severe ill-health so Siloam was fortunate to be put in touch with Rehoboth at the beginning of its formation. The home was established by an Australian couple Mr & Mrs Morriss who had been given the vision to set up a Baby Rescue Centre which would be fully staffed and managed by Filipino workers. Over the years the project has grown from looking after 24 children to a facility which is presently licenced with a 48 bed capacity, all fully supervised by the Filipino Social Services (DSWD).

The fellowship to which I refer in Surrey, took it upon themselves to contact Siloam volunteering to help support Filipino abandoned babies. We regularly receive cheques which represent collections made in the church fellowship totalling over £400 each time they write. That really encourages me because it shows me that people do care about these vulnerable youngsters Siloam is privileged to have a hand in rescuing and providing a 'forever family' for.

The Philippines is really outside the UK's orbit of influence concerning missionary work. Traditionally, most support for the Philippines has come from the USA because they had a greater involvement there after the end of World War II by which time any of the Spanish influence going back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century had been somewhat reduced.

Because abortion is illegal in the Philippines there are sadly many unwanted births both from married couples as well as single girls, many of whom get exploited and abused.

Added to this equation, the Roman Catholic teaching about the non-use of contraception and you have the inevitable result of large numbers of children born out of wedlock with an unwanted status!!

This project doesn't require anyone to have a deep theological understanding of the need, it's really very simple to grasp. We know that young children especially were very close to the heart of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We recall in the scriptures where He placed a child on his lap when the mothers of the children wanted to have Jesus bless them, much to the annoyance of the disciples who it seems didn't really value those precious little ones. Jesus went on to say that, "only those who can accept His teaching like a small child does, in the sense of trust, will gain entry into the Kingdom of God."

From this I deduce that the ministry of rescuing, caring and resettling these little ones at Rehoboth into 'forever families' is a practical example of how Jesus would have us look after 'those' most vulnerable.

The Rehoboth Children's Home not only rescues and provides love



What price can we put on the life of a vulnerable child? To Jesus every child was precious in His sight and as we are members of the Body of Christ, we are called to care for these dear ones.



Some of these little girls could even grow up to be Filipino nurses or care home workers in the UK. No one knows their future but we can make it possible to give them a 'leg up' in life, which they surely deserve.





Just think of what Daniella's fate would have been had she not been discovered in that green plastic bag in Tanay market back in February 2017? Now she brings joy to all who behold her, Siloam just feels privileged to be part of her rescue plan.

and care for the children in its two homes, it also boasts a birthing clinic where impoverished mothers can come and safely deliver their precious babies with medical care 'on-hand' and where other outpatient treatments can also be administered.

Added to this, there is an agriculture project onsite which supplies most of the meat, fish, fresh vegetables and fruit which the children enjoy. The balance remaining provides a local income to help support the project as well. Rehoboth Sampaloc Ministries, is however heavily in need of funds from overseas in order to maintain and continue this lifesaving ministry which you can see visually displayed in our four page brochure enclosed.

Over the last 5½ years Siloam friends and investors have contributed almost £68,000 to Rehoboth Sampaloc Ministries in the Philippines which is a testimony to the caring nature of a good number of our concerned supporters who also hold this ministry close to their hearts.

Every year our co-worker Don Foster, who represents Siloam in Southeast Asia, visits Rehoboth and reports back to us after he has spent valuable time with the staff and children in their care. Siloam is privileged to be privy to the minutes of the annual board meetings which keep us informed about the day-to-day running of Rehoboth as well as the many encouragements and challenges they experience.

With the help of other co-funders in the USA, Australia and elsewhere, I believe Siloam is making a significant impact on the lives of vulnerable children who would otherwise not be so

fortunate. Last year in May, we reported about poor Daniella whose little body weighing just over the weight of a bag of sugar, was found in a green polythene bag outside a shop in Tanay market. Today, little Daniella as we named her, is doing very well and hopes to join a 'forever family' as soon as one can be matched. Other children like Sabrina who had an enlarged cranium is now responding well after a shunt to her head was fitted to drain away the fluid. Now her body will grow in proportion to her head and she will look normal as time progresses.

I believe this is a well-run project worthy of the support of our Siloam mission friends and investors like you, as I am sure you will one day share in the joy of knowing how you have empowered a vulnerable youngster in the Philippines to enjoy a higher quality of life.

If you want to know even more about Rehoboth or if you want to volunteer your services to minister to these children, please visit their website [www.rehobothsampalocministries.com](http://www.rehobothsampalocministries.com)

I do hope you will want to share this month so we can help another child like Daniella or Sabrina, have a much brighter future.

Yours sincerely on behalf of these children who really deserve a chance to thrive

*Ave Teresinha Norton*

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Office Manager



Holding two expensive volumes for paediatric study now used by the Rehoboth staff. We are grateful to our UK volunteers Mervyn and Grace Stewart who delivered them safely to Rehoboth in November 2017.

**P.S.** It is possible if you feel motivated, to actually sponsor a youngster until the time they are placed with a 'forever family.' A donation of £30.00 per month would be a welcome and valued sponsorship commitment.

**P.P.S.** Please continue to pray for the funds required for our children's Bible camp programme until 31<sup>st</sup> of August, please share with your friends the postcard enclosed, and pray that others apart from your goodself will help us to reach our budget target for 2019 – thank you.

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# Rehoboth Sampaloc Ministries – Philippines

“... For now the Lord has made room for us ...” Genesis 26:22

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Bonnie's Heart Baby Home currently houses 21 children between the ages of 2 and 4 years old.

In the Morriss House, there are currently 12 older girls awaiting adoption or reunification with their families.



“Every child growing in a loving and caring family”



This is just a reminder of the green polythene bag discovered by the Tanay Social Services in February 2017. Inside the bag a delicate and precious little body of a young child was discovered and reckoned to be just two weeks old and weighing the same as a bag of sugar! Thankfully, someone had the sense to call the Police who later informed the Social Services who in turn entrusted this precious package to Rehoboth Sampaloc Ministries on the 22nd of February 2017.

Now look and see how she looks today after having love and care ministered to her by dedicated Rehoboth care workers. Daniella's future looks more promising now and hopefully she will grow up in an adopted 'forever family' overseas where she will be greatly treasured.

Were it not for the sharp eye of a concerned shopkeeper, little Daniella would have suffocated and her precious life snuffed out



Each one of these precious children deserves the chance to have a 'forever family' and a fresh start in life.



Rehoboth has been caring for young children and babies for 15 years. The home was the inspiration of Australian nationals Mr & Mrs Morriss who had the vision to establish the project which could be run and managed by Filipino staff.



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Since 2014 Siloam has invested over £67,000 in Rehoboth's vulnerable children. Please help us to continue this great work – thank you.



The Rehoboth clinic now sees more than 100 births each year. Vulnerable mothers choose to give birth in this wonderful medical facility which is in great need of more doctors and nurses. A dental wing is also being equipped and we are trying to recruit dentists to serve the local community as well as the Rehoboth children.



One of the administrators who makes the operation run smoothly with careful planning and management of programmes.



The well-equipped Rehoboth clinic which helps many local mothers give birth safely in sterile conditions.



Aylin, the manager (on the left) with Craig Druckenmiller, who together with his wife Jan, head up 'The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach' in Montana U.S.A, the main fundraising and management partner.

Sorting through the laundry with so many children is easy to get garments mixed up.



Plenty of time for active play sessions so that babies and toddlers can get used to each other and grow up in this caring Rehoboth family.



This is Sabrina, who now has a shunt in her head to drain the fluid which causes the huge enlargement. Her body and cranium will now grow appropriately in size.

So many babies are in need of love and care, particularly those with disabilities who require extra attention.



Perhaps you could raise funds locally: could be helped and

**Volunteers are required and applications initially can be made via Siloam for those wishing to work with vulnerable children and babies in the Philippines.**



A great time was had by all by the children who enjoyed supervised fun in the Filipino sunshine. More volunteers are desperately required to help organise such activities.



**Mealtimes are always great fun, there is usually plenty of noise and great excitement about the delicious food they all enjoy.**



**Ten older boys are looked after in the Ruffer's House.**



**Caring for physically challenged youngsters with disabilities and helping them to integrate with their peers makes every child feel valued. Daniella (top right) has thrived in this wonderful caring Rehoboth family environment.**



**One of the care workers collects the children for merriender (afternoon snacks) to keep their energy levels up.**

**Below is Daniella being nurtured and loved by a committed Filipino carer.**



**In the pre-school, Ed the teacher helps the children with their earlier education. Individual attention is also given to children to help them begin their lifelong learning journey.**



**I consider a way of so that more children and young lives saved?**



Please consider how you could even sponsor one of these children in Rehoboth's care until such time as they are matched with a 'forever family', somewhere in the USA, Europe or even the UK.



One project for last summer was to construct a new road up to the Bonnie's Heart Baby Home.



The boys in the Ruffer's House will be brought up to know that they are individually valued by their loving Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ. Any family who adopts one of these youngsters will we know be blessed as they nurture one of these young souls into adulthood.



The home is pretty well self-sufficient in pork from the Rehoboth agricultural project in the grounds. The surplus meat also provides income from the local community,

The farm also grows aubergines which you can see hiding under these leaves as well as tomatoes, lettuces and other vegetables enjoyed by the children with any over production being sold to raise local income.

The home is also self-sufficient in fish and a lot of thought and redesign has gone into the Aquaponics system this past year.

The Tilapia fish provide a nutritious component of the children's diet. Every effort is made to try and make Rehoboth self-sustainable food wise.



Each of these precious lives would not have survived had it not been for the God inspired vision of Mr & Mrs Morriss over 15 years ago.



Thankfully, Daniella was saved from the fate of abandonment and possibly death. Your support for Rehoboth could provide a lifeline, indeed an escape from poverty and despair for a vulnerable child.

