Bukid Kabataan Center

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Holdenried,

Peace! GRATITUDE IS THE MEMORY OF THE HEART!

It is heartening to know that through Missio-Germany, you have decided to support our programs for the healing and recovery of girls who are survivors of gender-baséd violence. Your generosity will definitely continue to empower Bukid Kabataan Center in providing them with holistic and appropriate interventions while taking into consideration their interest and what is best for each one of them.

Be assured that all the resources that we receive are managed well and utilized for the empowerment of each program participant. In every step of their healing and growth, know that you are there with them until they become self-sustainable and active gender advocates in their communities.

As of now, we have 23 girls in the residence, 3 in the Transition Home and 19 girls under our aftercare program who are all studying. Our girls in the Transition Home and some in the aftercare program have part-time jobs to help support themselves. Our joy is to see their gradual transformation from being hopeless, angry and uncooperative to becoming passionate about life. Running towards us after school to show their quizzes or report cards, or confidently joining the Center's singing contest are just some of the things that make us smile.

The process of healing takes time and very demanding, but we have professional partners in psychology, counseling, spiritual formation, life coaches etc, who help us provide them with holistic therapeutic interventions that facilitate healing and recovery from trauma caused by sexual and physical violence and different forms of exploitation. Our goals are to equip them with necessary skills, attitude and knowledge that will lead them to self-sustainability and resiliency. We are hopeful too that through their rich experiences in Bukid kabataan, they will become gender advocates in their respective communities. *See attachments for some details of who we are and what we do.*

Again, our gratitude. You will always be remembered in our daily prayers. God you, your family, community and each MISSIO staff. We look forward to seeing you with MISSIO in their next visit to our Center.

One with you in prayers and mission,

Sr. Minela P. Alvarez, RGS
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