

... And this is the part  
where we get involved  
in the annual  
**Christmas Dinner Project**  
of Metro Philippines!

Last year, our  
collective \$15 us Brought  
Blissful smiles to these  
Metro kids and their families!  
Now, how cool is that? This season,  
Be the Bridge that will help make  
their dreams come true!  
Your child is waiting!



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Life is about  
helping others  
make their dreams  
come true. - **Bill Wilson**

**P**astor Bill Wilson holds that "Life is about helping others make their dreams come true." A few paint larger than life pictures in their hearts. Some dream in pint size quantities. But a greater part of the kids that the Metro Ministries teams reach out to each week started out as not daring to venture into a place where to aspire is acceptable and possible.

And this is one of the reasons why Sunday School has become a resounding phenomenon for the children. When they do come, it stirs in them the desire to discover their potential. It provides a safe place for them to hope. This is why, week after week, Pastor Bill continues to do what he has been doing for the last 30 years -- **"to give these people the opportunity to realize their dreams."**

Enter into the heart of Cassandra, a crippled girl. Early in her childhood, Cassandra broke her leg when she fell from the steep stairs of their shanty at the Manila Garbage Dump. Since then, she had to be carried by her sister to get around. For some kids, Cassandra became the perfect target for ridicule. So, miserable and helpless, she flatly refused to attend school. Even Sunday School.

In one of the visitations we had, she mused, "I dream of being able to walk again so that I can continue my studies and come to Sunday School every week." After praying, I encouraged her that God truly wanted to and that He is absolutely able to heal her. Months passed, and we continued to believe for her dreams to become real even when her face could no longer be seen amongst the sea of faces crowding the tarps at the site.

One day last September, as the team rallied the kids at the garbage dump to attend Sunday School, we saw Cassandra again. Albeit very tiny, she was **STANDING** with a group of youngsters and eagerly asking for a flier! Yehey God! All the mom could say was, "She simply started walking again." Awesome God.

At the site the following day, Cassandra confidently tramped past the children and onto the stage to share about how God made her walk again. It was a powerful time to see how God turned a far-fetched cry of the heart to something real and observable. She hopped and ran as she celebrated the life changing miracle --- her very own amazing thing from God.

Poverty may rob these children of their ability to dream. But when they do come into His presence, the things of God invade their hearts — then dreams and visions are birthed. Through it all, we will continue to believe that the God we serve is bigger than their paralyzing poverty and its brutal effects. All things are possible for those who will believe.

There are many more Cassandras across our nation and all over the world. We, at Metro Philippines, together with all the Metro global teams, stand in unity to forge pathways and build bridges to help these children dream again; with the keen expectation that God, through His incredible grace, can still make fervent dreams come true by faith.



*"... Allow the little children to come to me ..."*

Luke 18:16 AMP