

Dear Richard,

We were so thankful that we were able to visit Rehoboth orphanage while we were over in the Philippines last month, it is in a beautiful tranquil setting, so peaceful with its mountains and winding roads and completely different from where we are based in the big and busy city of Manila.

Firstly, I would like to thank Ailyn and all the staff for a lovely friendly welcome and showing us around the building's, and their surrounding gardens amidst a small farm where many fruits and vegetables are grown for their personal consumption.

Rehoboth have a small Maternity Clinic which is being rented out privately to raise a little income. There is also a beautiful building to accommodate visitors or missionaries who wish to stay, at a small cost per night. Rehoboth also runs a nursery for the young children in the local area. Later we had the privilege of meeting most of the children, and as we talked with them, it moved us greatly to see how happy and content they all were. So polite, grateful and humble these wonderful children really are!

Some had been there many years, from babies, others for just a short time. One child, who was the eldest there at age sixteen, has been at Rehoboth since a baby. It really touched us to see him so full of life and energy. He was so excited to see us and to see how excited he was as a vehicle turned up to take him and a few others to Christian activities and a bible group. He could hear perfectly but has difficulty with his speech, but he is still so happy and thankful! These children could teach us lot too!

It is difficult to hold back tears as you hear of how some of the children arrived at Rehoboth, and how they are now. They are indeed happy, thankful and courteous. To witness them being taught the love and truth of God was beautiful. Ailyn and all the staff at Rehoboth cannot be praised enough for their hard work, love and support for all the children.

We were only there for a short time, but in that short time we quickly realised what a fantastic and dedicated job they do. We could see how much all the children appreciated the love and care they continually receive.

We look forward to our next visit in February 2026, and to see this wonderful ministry again.

Kind regards

Mervyn and Grace