



# Bahay Kalinga News

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### Welcome to "James"

Bahay Kalinga orphanage has the privilege to help families cope during hard times. We assist in caring for their children temporarily while the parents strive to get "back on their feet". James came to BK last month, along with his infant sister, because his mother could not work and care for them properly. She is now working as a domestic helper. She plans to save enough money, so she can send her children to their grandmother in the province. Pray for their health and upbringing now, as well as the time when they will be reunited with the family. **Pray for our caregivers as they share God's love through everyday interactions.**



### Pray for "Susan"

You can see it on her face....Susan is another rambunctious young girl, waiting for adoption. Her papers are in the final few weeks....this has been a long process and we thank God that it is so close. You see, Susan was an abandoned baby and with no papers to start with, the court system takes "forever".



**But with God, nothing is impossible.**

Pray for her future family and God's perfect timing.

### Adoption: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### **What is the required age for the Adoptive Applicants?**

It is a requirement in the Philippine Inter-Country Adoption Law that the adoptive applicants should be at least twenty-seven (27) years old and at least sixteen (16) years older than the child to be adopted at the time of application unless the adoptor is the parent by nature of the child to be adopted or the spouse of such parent.

#### **Are there marital status requirements?**

The applicants must be legally married for at least three (3) years. Single applicants are not refused but effective June 2007, the Board announced a moratorium on the acceptance of single applicants.

**More Philippines adoption information can be found at this website: [www.icab.gov.ph](http://www.icab.gov.ph)**

### Update on Jess

Jess is 11 years old now. He loves to roller blade, play ball, and ride his scooter. Currently, Jess is preparing for an upcoming running competition and he is motivated to win first place! He is often seen playing in the park with his friends from The Father's House; PMA is partnering with this ministry to give Jess the best advantage in these growing years. The staff call him a very nice boy and he is doing especially well in speaking English. Jess is on the "special needs" list with the



Intra-Country Adoption Board because he is an older child. He is developmentally delayed, mostly in stature and learning abilities. At this time, he attends a small Christian school and has a tutor at home. Because Jess has a very short attention span, please pray for his tutor and his daily learning. **And most of all, pray for a family to permanently adopt him.** Can you share his story with your friends?

### Other September Prayer Requests

1. One of our new babies has a severe cleft palate disorder. We are praying for a local doctor to do corrective surgery, free of charge.
2. Please pray for orphanage house parents - a foreign missionary couple willing to stay 1-3 years in a provincial setting.
3. Increased funds for general operations – caregiver salaries, utilities, food, and baby supplies.

*Thank you for your kind support of BK.*

*Sincerely, Mary Cleope PMA-Philippines*