

Small Miracles



Lael and Liav, with their Mom and Dad, visit CCV on their 2nd birthday

Adopted Twins Spend Birthday at CCV

23 October 2017, Silang, Cavite – Exactly two years ago today, a set of newborn identical twin boys was found inside a shoe box (with umbilical cords still intact) in front of a store in a town of a neighboring province. Though the news about their rescue was on national TV no one bothered to claim them. Not even the woman who allegedly abandoned them late in the afternoon of that day. For the next two months after their rescue, the twin boys remained confined in a hospital and fought to stay alive. For purposes of identification, the boys' finder gave them common Filipino names that start with letters (A & N).

Deemed able to thrive, the identical twins were released from the hospital and were referred to CCV at two (2) months old. Admitted at seven (7) days apart to CCV, the frail-looking twins barely tipped the scales weighing less than two (2) kilograms each. They were light as a feather, with clothes looking way too large for their tiny-framed bodies.

However, seemingly determined to survive, the twin boys soon gained weight and were in the pink of their health within a month of staying at CCV. The twins spent almost a year at CCV before they were officially adopted by a childless couple.

Two years after their estimated date of birth, the twins' adoptive parents brought them to CCV for a visit on the 23rd of October. It has been nine (9) months since they left the village. Leaving CCV at 1 year and 2 months, the identical twins were already active and mischievous toddlers, though they manifested entirely different personalities. Nothing has changed much; the twins were both very active and full of mischief as ever. They were now verbal, communicating in phrases to persons around them. Most of all, they were still happy toddlers.

The adoptive parents have given each boy a new name. "A" is now called Liav, a Hebrew word that means "I have a Father." Similarly, "N" has been named Lael, another Hebrew word meaning "Belonging to God." As their names suggest, surely the Heavenly Father must have had a hand in choosing the best parents for the boys.

After adopting the twins, the couple avowed that they "experienced a 90-degree turnaround in their lives and lifestyle." They have particularly set a routine for family activities that involved outdoor recreation and reading books. Before having children, their home was always in order and tidy and they were able to do things they wanted to do anytime they wish to. Now they "would not trade those for peace and quiet, nor for degree and all and could not imagine a life and our home without them anymore."

Filling a void in their 10-year married life, the couple further affirmed that "Liav and Lael are our double happiness. We know we cannot be perfect parents or promise them a perfect life but we can promise a home and a family that will love them unconditionally."

Note:

Only the present given names of the adopted children are mentioned as the adoptive couple requested for anonymity, though they consented to have their photos shown.



Liav, upon admission at CCV



Lael's first day at CCV



the identical twins at 1 year & 1 month old



Liav and Lael, the couple's "double happiness"

TRICK OR TREAT

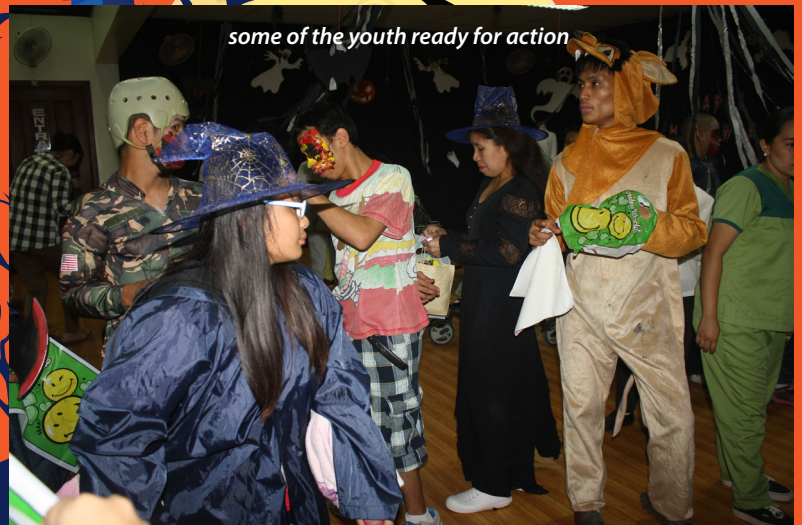
28 October 2017, Silang, Cavite – One of the oldest and most awaited annual traditional events in CCV is the Trick or Treat during Halloween. This was held on the 28th of October, earlier than the usual end-of-the-month event.

Donning all sorts of clothes, from scary to superhero costumes, the children and youth, together with their Papas and Mamas in the village trooped from the school to every cottage in the village asking for treats. After filling their bags and baskets with sweet treats, the children and youth assembled at the dining hall for the final treat of ice cream, everyone's favorite!

Donating yearly for Trick or Treat, CCV would like to thank Mr. Oscar Guerrero for his generous contribution to the event.



the children and youth all set for Trick or Treat



some of the youth ready for action



the children and youth gather at the graveyard at the school



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