

# HFAC Hope House



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CRYSTAL HARDEN

SAMAL ISLAND, PHILIPPINES



*“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth.”* Psalm 127:3-4

## A Decade of Restoration

**On March 31st, we celebrated the 10 year anniversary of when we received our first kids in the Hope House!**

What a wild ride the last ten years have been! I remember the day when we were going to bring our first two girls home. We were excited...the dream was finally happening! And in all honesty, I was also terrified! I didn't know how things would go, how the girls

would do, or what we would experience. It's a good thing I didn't know, because if I had known the difficulties we would face, I might have been too scared to go through with it! Oh, but the breakthroughs...the breakthroughs we walked through with these amazing young ladies would make any price worth going through the difficulties.

**What I didn't know ten years ago is that we would grow to become**

**family in a way that I had never experienced before.** Since opening the Hope House, we have served 23 kids in long term care. I now have 20 daughters, two grandsons, and one granddaughter, all whom I love so deeply. I can't imagine my life without them now, and I'm watching many of them growing into incredible young ladies who love Jesus. I'm so grateful that I've been privileged to have a part in their lives.



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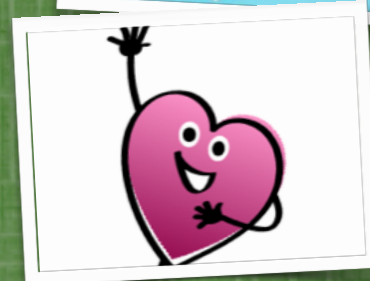


**We had a big celebration for our anniversary this year.** Our family from the north, Pastors Paul and Ahlmira Yadao, came to celebrate with us. Pastor Paul shared an incredible word with us, and they also brought us a really sweet gift from their ministry in the north...a painting that was thoughtfully painted and prayed over with a very encouraging word attached. It's beautiful, and I will cherish it for years to come!

**The girls and staff also really gave a lot to making this celebration special.** They did several dances, we had worship time,

testimonies from staff and girls, and of course we also had a big, wonderful meal together! We were also blessed to have some other guests from afar who had worked with us before or who have been to our place for a ministry trip before. It was a long, but very special day.

**It's really quite hard to believe that we've had girls for ten years already.** At the same time, it's hard to imagine my life in the Philippines without them! I'm so grateful for what I get to do here. Thank you, so much, to all of you who help make it possible! You are a big part of what we do!



*We are still in need of sponsors for all of the Hope House kids! Each of our kids now has a sponsor, but none of our kids are fully covered yet. Would you like to become a sponsor? If so, please contact me at [crystalharden@me.com](mailto:crystalharden@me.com) for more information! We would love to have more of you connecting with and sponsoring our kids!*



*Shortly after our big anniversary celebration, a bunch of us climbed to the top of the tallest mountain in the Philippines! It was a three-day-journey and very difficult, but we had a blast! I'm so grateful we were able to do this together along with all of our older girls!*

## Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

**Thank you so much for your prayers and support!** It means so much to me! As you join with us in prayer, you become a part of the team, and you share in the victories together with us! Here are some of our needs and praise reports...

### Prayer Needs:

- More staff for the Hope House homes!
- I'm still in need of \$1650 to cover cost of flights to US (Harden - Travel)
- Finances
  - Sponsors for 16 of our kids, suggested \$90 monthly (Harden - Hope House)
  - Additional monthly partners for general running costs (Harden - Hope House)

### Praise Reports:

- The Lord is always providing all that we need!
- Our newest girl is still improving daily!
- We had a great time climbing Mt. Apo!
- Celebrating ten years of God's faithfulness at the Hope House!