Update, April 3, 2006

Dear Friends,

Thursday, March 30, 2006 marked the culmination of our dream. It was on this day that 37 Lingap children moved in to their new home! According to several observers, "their excitement was beyond description!!!" It is difficult to remember that less than three years ago, this entire project was just an idea, the result of a chance conversation with Arlene Zambo, mayor of Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines. She asked if I would help her renovate the existing Lingap Center, which was a run-down facility capable of handling perhaps 10 or 12 children. At the time, 26 lived there. After much work, prayer and the encouragement of all of you, this idea became a vision - perhaps we actually could do it?? Then it became a plan and now, thanks to you, it has become a reality!!

As of this writing (April 3, 2006) the 37 children have increased to 52. The plan is to gradually increase to 100 children, all of whom will now be living in a place of safety and security, attending school and church, visiting the doctors and dentists as needed. You are the ones who made this happen. Thank you so much.

The next major milestone will be the official dedication ceremony, which is scheduled for April 21 at 3:00 PM. Traveling with me for this special event are 25 of our supporters. I will send you an additional update soon thereafter and tell you all about it and the website will be updated.

To see photos taken on the actual move-in day, please visit the website at http://www.lingapcenter.org. (Jeff updated it just today). On the homepage, you will find a section entitled "Move-In Day" where you will find a link to the photo album. (you may need to refresh your browser, which can be done by clicking on "view" and then "refresh").

On this day, I am reminded of a quote from Galatians 6:19, which says, *"Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* Today, we are certainly reaping that harvest. We did it!! Thank you all so much.

John Drake