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Safeguarding the Future with Hope



These are the stories.

These are the souls.

These are the portraits of the lives we're changing.

We like to think life is easier for kids. Adults often cherish memories of a simpler time, like when the most important thing was enjoying lazy summer days or getting a role in the school play. Our early years should be fun—and safe. But sadly, this isn't the case for a lot of children. Come with us to a busy town in the Philippines and see how your support is giving Kyle his childhood back.

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KYLE'S COURAGE

Kyle is a 14-year-old boy who resides in a bustling community of Quezon City. He's the oldest in a family of six. He has three younger siblings, and his parents are committed to providing them a safe, stable environment as best they can.

Poverty is extremely prevalent in the Philippines, with more than 13 million Filipino children living below the poverty line.¹ Parents face many challenges while raising their kids. They sometimes struggle to find consistent work, and the area is usually not safe.

Kyle's mother suffered from a severe accident, resulting in third-degree burns on her arm. This meant that Kyle's father was now the family's sole breadwinner. Kyle even took it upon himself to contribute by selling santol, also known as cotton fruit, around his neighborhood. This little bit of extra income was critical, especially since Kyle really needed to make enough for a pair of shoes. However, there are often reports of rape, killings, exploitation, drug-related cases, and kidnappings in the area. Every time Kyle ventured out to sell fruit, he was placing himself at risk. But he was determined to help his family.

According to the International Justice Mission (IJM), "over half the children abused in identified cases were 12 years old or younger, with the youngest being just a few months old. Children experienced both mental and physical trauma from this abuse. In the Philippines, victims were abused on average for two years prior to safeguarding."²



Kyle's journey shows the power of education and how it can positively shape the future.

SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION

At Orphan's Promise, we are dedicated to helping with anti-trafficking in vulnerable communities. One of the best ways to stop trafficking is to prevent it before it happens. Educating parents is key, but it's also important to equip kids with the tools they need to recognize danger.

Our local team heard about Kyle's situation and stepped in to help. Kyle began to learn about child rights and ways to protect himself and others from abuse through our Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (CSAP) program.

Another finding from IJM reveals that "in 2022 alone, nearly half a million Filipino children, or roughly 1 in 100 children, were trafficked to produce child sexual exploitation material (CSEM) for profit."³

The program didn't just educate Kyle—it empowered him. He became an advocate for abuse prevention, using a comic book titled *No Secrets* to spread awareness among his peers. The book explains different scenarios that predators may use to try to exploit children. Kyle also volunteers in small groups during CSAP events, making a difference by teaching other children how to protect themselves.

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HOPE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The impact caring friends like you have made on Kyle and his family is profound. His mother found solace in knowing that Kyle was equipped to protect his younger siblings and himself. Orphan's Promise not only provided support, but also offered opportunities for spiritual growth. Through the program, Kyle and his family embraced their faith in Jesus. They are actively participating in church activities and sharing the Gospel with others!

As frequent customers of Kyle's cotton fruit business, our team members helped get him new clothes and new shoes. Instead of working on the streets, Kyle can now focus on his studies again.



INCREASE YOUR *generosity*

The most effective way to give and maximize your gift is to give a recurring monthly gift. If you'd like to become a monthly partner with Orphan's Promise, please check out the information below. We'll count on you to ensure our commitment to these children is fulfilled!

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Thanks for your generosity.

We look forward to making a difference together.

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Kyle is a remarkable boy with infectious energy. He enrolled in music lessons at the local church and is excited to be pursuing his passion for drumming. Like his sunny disposition, his favorite color is bright orange, and Kyle loves spending time with friends at church. You can always find him in a front-row seat during Sunday services.

Driven by his own experiences in navigating a dangerous area and equipped with his newfound knowledge, Kyle shared with us that he wants to become a police officer so he can serve and protect others on a broader scale when he is older. His dedication to his studies and commitment to advocating for other children's safety are showing a promising future!

BECAUSE OF YOU

"I would like to thank Orphan's Promise and the donors for supporting the CSAP outreach. Because of your support, I [learned] the importance of [living in] a safe environment," Kyle shared.

Without Orphan's Promise, Kyle's path could have looked very different. He could have ended up as one of the millions of children in the Philippines who are trafficked every year. Instead, through intentional intervention, he's become a beacon of hope and resilience in his community—a testament to the transformative impact of support, education, and faith.


Kyle's journey shows the power of education and how it can positively shape the future. Because of compassionate partners like you, kids have the resources they need to stay safe. Thank you for making that possible!

1. "Social Policy and Governance," UNICEF Philippines, accessed January 25, 2024, <https://www.unicef.org/philippines/social-policy-and-governance#:~:text=This%20prevents%20children%20from%20enjoying,live%20below%20the%20poverty%20line.>
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3. Ibid.



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