

My experience in the feeding program with the children from upper Nawasa, most of the time I am happy to be among these children, because they bring joy and there is always a smile on their faces. They are very open to learn something from us. Most of the time I learned from them because the children are very innocent and sensitive to learn something and they taught me to always remember to never promise someone or anything and at the end you forget to fulfill that promise because they always remember what you promised.

Sometimes they come here not only to eat the food that we give to them but also they need someone to talk, to listen and to love them. These children come from different backgrounds of families, with different problems, some of them are abandoned by their parents, some have solo parents, some the parents are divorced, and some of them are really in need of food to be nourish because at home they don't have enough food.

My challenges are: Not everyone is open to the poverty or difficulties of others. Many times, people don't want these poor children to come to our Center and so they create some difficulties for us.... Another challenge for me is to understand the background of these children, what their "wounds" are. Some of them fight with others, create problems, hurt each other and in the end the parents get involved and no longer allow their children to come to the Centre.

My hope for the center is that in the future there will be more activities to help the children to grow, not only feeding them but also helping them to achieve their dreams in life and help them to change their way of living as all of them are coming from the squatter Area.

And my hope for the children is that as they come to our Center, they may continue to experience the providential care of God and the motherly care from us, and whatever they have received they may also live it in their lives, and they may experience that we are supporting them to achieve their dreams in life.

Thank you.

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