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Surprise Visit by Pope Francis

On January 16, 2015, Pope Francis paid a surprise visit to Rev. Fr. Matthew Dauchez and the children from the Tulay ng Kabataan orphanages in Manila.





We first introduced you to Fr. Matthew back in 2011, when we featured RSM's collaboration with him to feed the orphaned children making charcoal in the "Smoky Mountain" area of Manila. RSM has been maintaining interfaith feeding sites in this area for over five years, and we have also been providing clothing, meds, vitamins, shoes, personal care items, school supplies, and toys for the orphans.

Glyzelle Iris Palomar is a 12-year-old orphan living in Fr. Matthew's orphanage. She lives with children who have been neglected by their parents, who have fallen prey to begging and prostitution to survive. Glyzelle was given the rare opportunity to address Pope Francis. She tearfully asked the Holy Father these heart-rending questions: "Why is God allowing such things, even if the children did nothing wrong? And why are there only very few people helping us?"





Pope Francis hugged the girl and brushed the tears from her face, calling the world's attention to the plight of the poor. He said the only answer was that we need to listen to the poor.

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Fr. Matthew told the Pope, "These children, poorest among the poor, are the treasure of our church." He went on to say, "Those children are for sure the most vulnerable victims of our society, but they remain masters of joy, as one can see on their smiling faces."

RSM is so thankful for our great partner, Fr. Matthew. What he has done for God and all these orphaned Filipino children is amazing! His work with the thousands of street children at his 15 drop-in centers continues to inspire RSM's efforts to keep striving toward more food shipments for his precious kids.

And with the Pope taking time to visit with 300 orphans, we rejoice in the attention brought to the plight of these suffering,





starving children that need our help and support. The Pope demonstrated so much love and care for these abandoned innocent children. What a great example for all of us to imitate!

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