



Rona-Lynn's mother earns about \$10 a week for 12-hour days of strenuous laundry work. That depends on whether she can find enough people to hire her to wash clothes. Rona-Lynn's father earns \$10-12 a week scavenging for plastic bottles. He sells them to a recycling company for one cent per pound. It takes 80 pounds of salvageable plastic to provide enough food to feed one person for one day. That means that despite his hard work, members of his family often have to get through the day with no food.



Chance Encounter

In the city of Pasay in Metro Manila we unveiled an amazing story. It's a story about overcoming incredible adversity in the fight for survival.

At 8 years old and 42 pounds, Rona-Lynn is the oldest of six children. She lives with her siblings, parents, and grandma in a four-foot tall shanty covered by a tarp in Pasay. There are over 400,000 people living in Pasay, and the unemployment level is extremely high.



There are no soup kitchens, food stamps, or government aid programs for the poor in the Philippines. When a family cannot find work, they starve.

Even so, Rona-Lynn considers herself one of the lucky ones. She gets to go to school. On a typical day, Rona-Lynn attends school and then goes out to beg for money or food on behalf of her little brothers and sisters. Then she joins her father in searching for discarded plastic until the early morning hours, and tries to catch a few hours of sleep before school starts again.

We caught up with her at school. The Principal commented that she is very good at reading and math, but often sleeps on her desk due to sheer exhaustion. Rona-Lynn was quite shy at first, but RSM Missionaries Sister Marivic and Sister Alma

helped us learn about her and make her smile. Her dream is to one day be a manager of a

fast food restaurant. Thirty minutes into our visit, Rona-Lynn jumped up and ran out of the classroom. We thought she was leaving to begin begging for money. We were so surprised when she returned. Rona-Lynn took the little money she had for food that day and bought each of the Sisters a rose.

Her loving generosity was overwhelming. In the midst of extreme poverty, Rona-Lynn chose to serve us instead of herself. We need to make her a priority, too. She captured our hearts with happy smile and her beautiful soul. Please help us lift her out of malnutrition. Help her achieve her dream!



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Risen Savior Missions has already begun the work at Rona-Lynn's school, Apelo Cruz Elementary School. We have a feeding program established for 45 of the first and second graders. They were extremely malnourished, and now they have recovered their health. Praise God!

By the grace of God we are making progress, but Rona-Lynn is slipping though the cracks. If we could only expand our program to include her grade, she would also become healthy again and pursue her

dreams. For only two cents, RSM can ship a vitamin-packed meal to her. A \$10 donation will feed her for the whole year!

Imagine Rona-Lynn's delight at receiving a warm bowl of nutritious food at school. It's possible for her and other children at her school who are physically wasting away due to malnutrition. It's possible with your help. We can respond to her thoughtful gift of a rose with the gift of life and a future!







James, a 2nd grade boy at Apelo Cruz Elementary School, enjoys his life-saving meal.

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