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Homeless and Parentless ... The Nightly Horror of Street Children in Manila

Our RSM missionary partners in Manila, such as TNK, report that the number of orphaned children living on the streets of Metro Manila is on the rise. Life on the streets for anyone is extremely difficult and dangerous, let alone for a young child in an area like Metro Manila, with a population of 11.5 million people and another 10 million people in the Greater Manila area. Every day brings the challenges of food, clothing and shelter, and every night is a constant battle for survival.



Starving children search everywhere, combing through garbage on the street for something to eat. Often they resort to licking clean the insides of discarded wrappers and containers, because their hunger is so great.



Sleeping brings its own set of problems. Many children have great difficulty finding a secure place to rest. They tend to congregate together for safety, sleeping between office buildings or near a busy intersection.




There are many children like Fred and his friend, trying to sleep on makeshift cardboard mats in the entryway of a business. At nine years old, he chooses to sleep here where it is very polluted and noisy from traffic, just for safety. In another part of Metro Manila, many sleep on the curb of a busy city intersection. Even though the vehicle traffic presents a terrible danger to her, it is the safest place she can find to rest her weary head. (story continued on page 2)

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Other children choose to sleep in the cemeteries. These two boys are trying to get some sleep tonight on the above ground graves. They seek refuge in the cemetery in order to hide from street gangs and other predators. Orphaned children are easy prey to street gangs and human traffickers. They enslave the kids by injecting them with drugs and then force them into their "business" of prostitution. Other orphans, like the four little children pictured below, sell themselves in a well-known prostitution area of Manila just for a bowl of rice.



The terror of physical abuse and the pain of intense starvation and loneliness can be overwhelming for these children. In order to escape the horrors, some kids will soak a rag in chemicals and hold it to their face or spray a substance in a plastic or paper bag and inhale the vapors. These boys are trying to forget their pain by sniffing vapors from a nearby empty glue can found in a nearby city garbage dump.




What can be done?

RSM food distribution partners are combing the streets at night to aid these forgotten and neglected children. They work to find the orphaned street kids, apply first aid to their wounds and infections, and encourage them to come to one of our feeding program sites. Once we have gained their trust and they come for a good meal, we can get them the help they gravely need and work to place them in a loving home or in a safe orphanage. Your prayers and donations enable us to continue this great work and save these homeless and parentless children living on the edge of darkness! Help us be the hope for thousands of these street children and end their suffering. They so desperately need us, and we heartily thank you on their behalf. May our work together be blessed!

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