

*“The LORD Himself will give you a sign... Emmanuel!”*

*(God is with us!)*

*Isaiah 7:14*

## A Child of God...

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*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”*

Rainbow Village Ministries was born in the prayers of a group of Christian women who saw a need to shelter abandoned babies and find families for them, so that every child would know how much they were loved by God, and that they had a Father in heaven who would never leave them or forsake them. One of those women was Clarita Singh, or “Ate Clar” as she was affectionately known by all. When God made those prayers a reality, Ate Clar became one of the incorporating members of the RVM Board. She brought compassion, common sense, and comfort to all she touched, and served Rainbow’s children faithfully until the Lord called her home.

We will miss Ate Clar’s calm and gracious manner; her firm and unwavering vision; her direct and purposeful approach to life; always speaking the truth in love; faithful to exhort or rebuke each of us as needed, but always with a twinkle in her eye that let us know that she loved us and believed in us.

In spite of her battle with cancer, Ate Clar continued to serve, and pour her life into others with her every breath. She took one of Rainbow’s Agape Girl’s, Ellen Joy, under her wing as her care giver, and they walked together through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, demonstrating to Ellen Joy, and all of us, that indeed, He will never leave or forsake us. Indeed, when ever we were with Ate Clar we knew Jesus was with us too — Emmanuel!

In Ate Clar we witnessed Jesus’ words and ways come to life: *“If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all. Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me, but Him who sent Me.”*

Like Jesus, Ate Clar welcomed all of us into her heart; both children and adults alike. Yet even more, her life testifies to each of us of the eternal security, peace, and joy of living in the lap of the Lord!

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**March Miracles** March in the Philippines begins the summer season, and it also brings the march of school graduates. Caps and gowns abound as students achieve academic milestones. We are kept very busy at Rainbow Village as we help our School Sponsorship Scholars finish up their work for the school year; prepare for, and attend, their various graduation ceremonies; host their End of the Year party; and prepare them for enrollment for the upcoming year.

There is great joy in sharing in the success of these students, from the very youngest promoting to the next grade, on up to those who have completed college and are beginning their careers. We would like to especially acknowledge their sponsors. Your love and prayers, sacrifices of financial support, birthday cards and personal letters of encouragement helped these dreams to come true.

Like all proud parents, guardians, and sponsors, we like to boast on the achievements of our children... but, “March Miracles?” — Yes! Some of these students have been Rainbow Children their whole lives! All have been redeemed in circumstance and in soul, and have been given a future and a hope by God’s mercy and grace! While we believe all children deserve an opportunity to learn, the Rainbow School Sponsorship Program specifically ministers to those whom God brought to us through adversity; the abandoned, abused, orphaned, or lost.

The heart of our ministry is the heart of Christ. That is why mentoring and discipleship, church attendance, peer fellowships, and Christian camps are all requirements of our program. We endeavor to “Train up a child in the way that they should go,” - in body, mind and soul - allowing God’s love and Holy Spirit to mend the broken hearted, to heal the holes in their lives— emotionally, physically, intellectually, and spiritually — in order that they would fully realize whole, prayerful, purposeful, productive, and praise worthy lives!

*“We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, children loved by God, that He has chosen you!”* 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 **Hats off to our Rainbow Scholars!**

**Three RVM college graduates.**



**Emmanuel** *“God is with us!”* This has become our theme at Rainbow Village Ministries for 2011. We entered into this year marveling at all the Lord had done in 2010. We had been overwhelmed by the new requirements for accreditation, the changing welfare, adoptions, and employment laws, shrinking financial support, and serious medical issues with children and staff. We purposed in our hearts, to take our eyes off of our trials, and to “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” and to allow the Lord’s will to be done... and it is!

The past few months continue to be a blur of activity as we watch in awe as God sustains and uses Rainbow. RVM’s Founder’s, Trip and Susan Kimball, visited for three weeks, holding an Annual RVM Board Meeting and electing a long time supporter of Rainbow, Antonietta “Bee-eng” Vicher, to fill Clarita Singh’s vacancy. While here they also worked towards upgrading our office computers.



We have a number of new admissions, including abandoned, foundling, and surrendered infants, and temporary sheltering of young children. We’ve also done some reunifications as we were able to assist or locate biological families. And most notably, after three years in our care we saw the unification of our quadruplet siblings with their adoptive parents! We have had quite a number of illnesses during this rainy season, requiring lots of doctor’s visits, medicines, and hospitalizations for pneumonia. When healthy, we have enjoyed taking the kids on fun outings to places, such as the park or the store, where they learn more about the world around them. Rainbow’s nurse Karen has been on furlough, so nurse Katrina and Alvin Butler from Wisconsin came and pitched in. As of this writing the kids are pretty healthy and we are focusing on new strategies to help our baby with Cerebral Palsy thrive.

School vacation time means we now have a few more hands available to do a garden make-over and tackle some maintenance projects. We had hoped to fix the badly leaking palm thatch roofs on three of our buildings during what is supposed to be our dry season (?), but so far we have no funds and it has rained every day! The regular storms have caused frequent power and communications outages, so we have to rely more on our gasoline generator to keep the well pump going and provide a little bit of light in the nursery and kitchen at night. On the bright side, everything is beautiful and green and we haven’t had to water our garden!

God continues to bless our outreaches into neighboring schools and communities. Key to many of these efforts is Ate Mila Carreon (pictured below in pink.) In addition to spearheading numerous Bible Studies, health, and feeding programs to the most needy, she also donates her time to Rainbow helping with student mentoring,

giving haircuts, and sewing clothes. Thanks, Ate Mila!  
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**Praise & Prayer**

- A new family for the quadruplets!
- Reunification for temporary shelter kids!
- No more pneumonia, fevers, and coughs.
- Provision for medicine and hospital bills.
- Funds and dry weather to fix palm thatch roofs.
- A successful rummage fund raiser for the School Sponsor Students Christian Youth Camp.
- Many visitors, gifts, & care packages received!

*“The miracles I do in My Father’s name speak for Me”*

*-Jesus -*

*Thank you for your prayers and support.  
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