

Dreams Do Come True

Mrs. Zenaida D. Aquino is a beneficiary of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program since 2012 (Set 5A). She has three kids, her eldest Jozen Rose has her own family and also a beneficiary of Pantawid Pamilya Set 7E, then the middle child Lanzien Josh is currently a grade 5 student, and Zshiene Bert, the youngest, is in Grade 4. They are both enrolled in Casupanan Elementary School, Palihan, Hermosa, Bataan. Zenaida's husband Lamberto is a permanent foreman who is assigned almost everywhere in Luzon.

Their family faced a problem when Lanzien Josh suffers from a heart disease. He underwent a heart surgery last summer of 2014. The surgery went very well. After Lanzien has fully recovered, he then came back to school. As of today, Lanzien is now going to a series of check-up and laboratories because his doctor is suspecting that his heart ailment is coming back.

Mrs. Aquino currently owns a Sari-Sari Store in front of their house. Her small business helps a lot in their everyday expenses especially Lanzien is on medication for his heart ailment and Mrs. Aquino is in maintenance medication for her Diabetes and High Blood Pressure. She earns around 300-400 pesos daily. Then her husband earns around 5000 to 6000 every two weeks. He sent allowance for her through money remittance center whenever he is assigned far from home, for practicality's sake.

Their house is located in an agaw lupa (disputed land)—a flood prone area. Last 2013, they experienced heavy flooding caused by Typhoon Habagat. The flood reached the roof of their house. After the horrifying experienced, she promise to herself to renovate their house and make a second floor. Now her promise has come true. The couple save up for the construction of the second floor of their house; from bahay kubo, their new home

is now concrete and solid. Really, Dreams do come true. ###