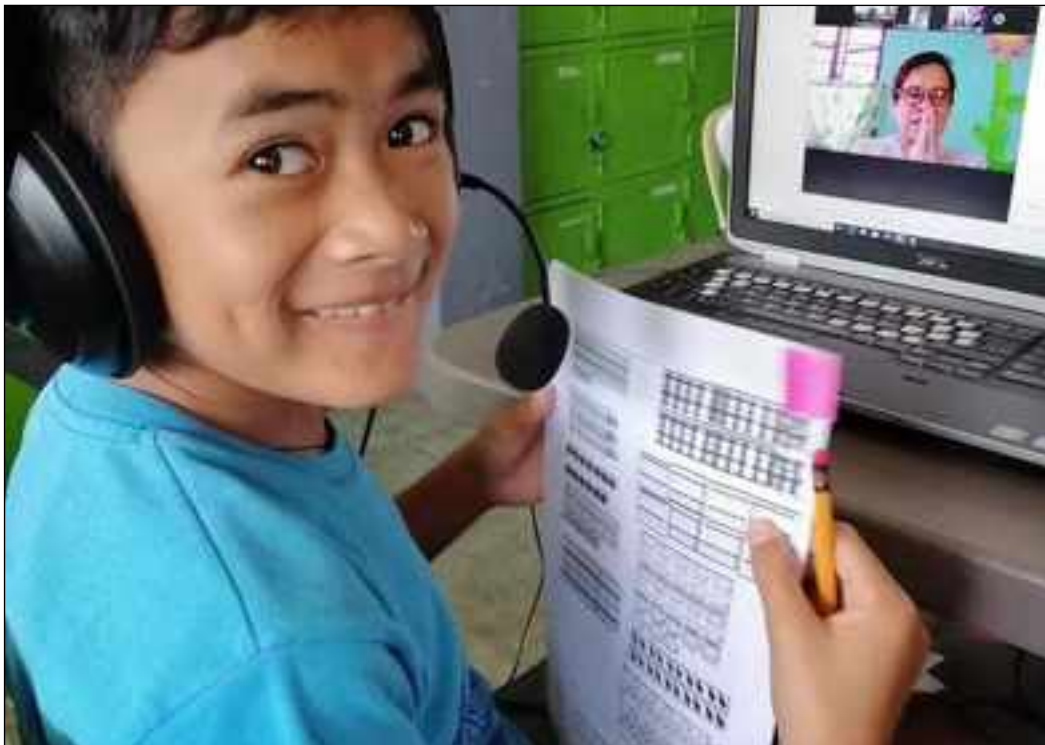

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A Shelter for Homeless Street Boys

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The pandemic has resulted to a time of uncertainty and challenges not just in the people's livelihood, business, and health but also in the field of education. Hence, to respond to the challenges of the delivery of basic education in the new normal for School Year 2020 – 2021, the Department of Education has officially commenced its full implementation of education system under the “New Normal” last October 5, 2020. This new education system made use of the two modes of learning: The Online Distance Learning and Modular Distance Learning. In these methods, the children will be able to continue their studies and learn their lessons without attending the face to face regular classes.

The Philippine government has strictly prohibited gatherings for which the traditional face to face classes are a part of. Following health protocols imposed and this new education system will surely prevent the children from close contact with other people and will be safe from acquiring the deadly Corona Virus.



Since this is new to all of us, we had encountered some major problems after a month of its implementation. One of which was the slowing down of the internet connections. Since the internet connection is the most vital element that we need in this new learning process, we experienced dilemmas along the way. Fortunately, we were able to address this problem in the soonest possible time. We also encountered concerns in the distribution and retrieval of learning modules in the respective schools of the children. We also received some modules that were not properly photocopied that resulted to difficulties on the part of the boys reading and studying the modules as well as the staff who were helping them in their lessons. Fortunately, the Local Government Unit (LGU) is already addressing this problem.

In spite of all the hindrances we were experiencing, we were able to cope up, adapt and engage in the new normal education system. With the support and help of all the FBPI staff, the boys were able to finish their modules on time. Most of the staff were assisting the boys and they are teaching the boys with sincerity and full

enthusiasm. They are all devoting half of their working time in assisting the boys in their studies wholeheartedly.

In this time of crisis, we had observed and noticed the resiliency of the most of the boys of FBPI. In a song that has the lyrics “If picture paint a thousand words then why can’t I paint you” (Bread), indeed, in the pictures you can’t really paint the eagerness of the boys to learn. The pictures below speak of their being resilient in this time of crisis. The enthusiasm of the boys is so irresistible and inspiring and this may have encouraged the staff of FBPI to keep on assisting the boys without hesitations.



This only shows that no pandemic or crisis can stop the flow of progress for the boys of FBPI. All of the staff are here to help and assist them in any way they can so that the boys can achieve the good future that lies ahead of them.

Again, we are very thankful to all of you during this difficult time and want to say thank you for your great support and generosity during our nation’s pandemic crisis.

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