



October 28, 2024

Parishioners  
Transfiguration Catholic Church  
1815 Blackwell Rd. NE  
Marietta, GA 30066-2911

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you all so much once again! Today, I am thanking you for your very generous 10/17/24 donation of \$7,407.80 to The Lingap Children's Foundation. I understand that this represents the 2<sup>nd</sup> collections through 9/20/24. This is a huge gift for us that will go a very long way towards improving the lives of a lot of really great kids, who just needed a chance at life.

You might be interested to note that school got out for the year on June 1. (*See the enclosed photo of our elementary grads – going on to grade 7*). It began again on July 29. During their summer break, we had put in place a program called "READucate" which is an intensive English program for young kids. All of the kids speak the local dialect (*Cebuano*) and maybe half can also speak English. But English is the business language of the world and ALL of the college board exams are given exclusively in English. Therefore, it is imperative that they learn to speak and read it. So, this is a new program that we are implementing. I was VERY hopeful. When I was at the Center last week, we did a program evaluation and the results were extremely impressive.

Again, I want to thank you all for your continuing and unwavering support of the kids. I truly appreciate it – but for the Lingap kids, your help means the world to them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Drake".

John Drake

