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Purim Trust meeting with children



Esther with her husband, Francisco



Esther with her father, David

GIVING A FUTURE TO CHILDREN IN THE PHILIPPINES

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From pastoring churches to running orphanages, from starting homeless shelters to helping pregnancy centres, when Charis Bible College students get a revelation of God’s love, they can’t help but find unique ways to share it with others—even when it puts their own lives at risk.

Esther Branco Dias attended Charis Walsall in England, not to become a missionary or a ministry leader, but to plant the simple truth of God’s grace deep within her heart. Having experienced rape as a child, the emotional scars of shame told her that, instead of love, God barely tolerated her, a lie Charis thoroughly dispelled.

Esther recalls, “Hearing the grace message every day was like having open-heart surgery. My life and my thinking about myself took a complete U-turn.” This led Esther to an epiphany: God could use her life for His glory.

The Calling to the Philippines

As God’s love dissolved the limitations Esther had placed on herself, she joined her classmates on a missions trip to the Philippines. Instead of visiting the beautiful beaches and resorts favoured by tourists, the group went to one of the poorest slums of Manila, a place infamously known as Happyland.



Esther with Andrew

Esther remembers, “The pastor, who has a church there, said, ‘When we’re there, you keep walking. You might see people being murdered. You might see people being raped. But you just keep walking. I’ll be in the front leading the way, and my other pastor will be behind with a gun.’”

“He said, ‘You guys are from Charis Bible College, and you’ve studied under Andrew Wommack. I love Andrew. So I want you guys to come to this place because I know that your prayers will be effectual, that you will lay hands on the sick, that you will see them recover.’”

Walking through Happyland, Esther felt the women’s screams and the children’s cries as they echoed through the slums. She recognised the brokenness in the eyes of the raped and the hopelessness of the starved. For her, one missions trip would not be enough.

Esther reflects, “I knew that God had put this place on my heart. I would dream about it back home in England. I would wake up hearing children crying, and I knew that there was something that I had to do.”

Starting a Nonprofit from Scratch

Esther began researching the nuts and bolts of running a nonprofit. By recruiting her father and classmates and networking with local pastors in the Philippines, she devised

a plan to get these children off the streets and into a safe harbour.

Thus, the Purim Trust was born.

Esther remarks, “It started small, and we thought maybe we could support 1 or 2 with friends and family. And then when we had 10 children sponsored, it was incredible!” As of this writing, the Purim Trust has more than 150 children sponsored and has no plans of slowing down!

Alongside free food, shelter, and an education, the Purim Trust gives children the same hopeful message that Charis taught Esther years ago: the simple truth of God’s love.

“They get told every day that they’re loved. They get encouraged in the Word of God, and they have a sponsor who comes alongside, even from the other side of the world, to support them and write letters to them,” says Esther.

If you’d like to learn more about Esther’s ministry, please visit **ThePurimTrust.org** today!

To our friends and partners of Charis World Outreach, we want to say thank you. Through your support, our locations around the world have continued to raise up students in the unshakable foundation of God’s Word.

As more students like Esther become rooted and grounded in love, we know this: they cannot help but share it with others!

Quotations have been edited for length and clarity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Charis Open House - Hybrid School
awme.net/events • 18 November

Charis Open House - Day School
awme.net/events • 21 November

Healing is Here - Charis Exeter
awme.net/events • 19 - 20 January

Healing is Here - Charis Walsall
awme.net/events • 25 - 27 January