

Elias' Christmas Project

HAMPERS *for* HOPE

Dear friends and family,

In November of this year, a series of super typhoons struck the Philippines, causing widespread damage and flooding, as well as the displacement of thousands of people. Two of these typhoons struck The Center for Hope, a charity which our family has helped support for over two decades.

Both Elias and his grandmother had visited the centre in the past. When Elias saw videos of the flooding, he was deeply affected and wanted to help his friends, whom he had met on his visit. The couple who run the Center, Jun and Lina Velasco, are close friends of ours. In fact, Lina generously serves as the Executive Director for our scholarship foundation.

It has been a challenging year for all of us, but we were inspired by Elias' fervent desire to do something to help. After speaking with Lina and Jun, we found that gift baskets of food were especially needed and decided to focus on raising money to purchase them. During this holiday season, we would like to ask for your help in joining us to provide holiday hampers for the 200 children and families served by the Center for Hope. These hampers will give the children's families a holiday meal and food for the period of Dec 24- Jan 3, when the Center for Hope kitchens are closed.

Donate \$15 Directly to The Center for Hope

1. Visit hopeworldwideph.org/give
2. Click 'Donate in US Dollar Currency'
3. Write "HAMPER" in the special instructions.

Our goal is to provide a hamper for all of the 200 children in the program. When you donate \$15, you provide a hamper to one family. Along with our personal thanks, The Center for Hope will provide us names, pictures and reports of beneficiaries to share with you — check Kristen's Facebook page for updates. We wish you health and happiness in the New Year.

*With our gratitude,
Elias Bechara and family*

Happy Holidays

<http://hopeworldwideph.org/give>

**Your \$15 donation will
give a family a gift
basket filled with:**

5 kilos rice
1/2 kilo ham
3 cans corned beef
Spaghetti sets
Cooking oil



It's Elias!