

# THE ABOUNDING JOURNEY



Find children who need help.

Bring children & parents to the city for surgery.



Make sure the children are healthy for surgery.

Put children & parents up in a hotel (we also cover their other expenses).



After children receive surgery, we continue to enrich their lives by providing physical, financial, and educational support.

## EVERY SMILE IS WORTH SAVING



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“Filling the Gap”  
for Filipino Children with  
Cleft Lip



## HARDE'S STORY

### FULFILLING THE NEED

There are roughly 30,000 people in the Philippines with cleft lip and palate. This condition detracts from their quality of life in several ways, the most critical being social and emotional development. Unfortunately, children with cleft are often stigmatized and shunned by others due to misconceptions and superstitious beliefs.

Abounding in Love believes that every child is a blessing, NOT a curse. Every life matters and every smile is worth saving. Our mission goes beyond cleft repair—we want to reshape lives with an abundance of hope and love.

### OUR BEGINNING

In 2011, our founder was touched by an image of a Filipino woman holding a baby boy with cleft lip. The child's family couldn't afford surgery. Our founder contacted an organization that performs cleft surgeries and arranged to bring the baby and his mother to Cebu City where he received a life-changing operation at no cost to his family.

That was just the beginning. Over the past decade, Abounding in Love has helped over 1,000 disadvantaged children and families in the Philippines.

We first met Harde in 2016. He was born with a cleft lip and palate, but his family couldn't afford the surgery. He was also malnourished, which would have made him ineligible for the procedure. Abounding in Love provided food and vitamins to improve his health, and then helped him get free cleft repair surgery.



But his story doesn't end there...

**Harde's house burned down on the morning of January 1st, 2021. No one was hurt, but his family lost everything.**



As soon as we heard the news, we brought them food, clothes, and money to keep them on their feet. We also began planning the construction of their new home.

Thanks to generous donations and hard work, the project was completed 6 weeks later.

Harde's story embodies the full scope of our mission: to enrich these children's lives before, during, and after surgery.

