



Age 5 in an orphanage in the Philippines



Age 9 at home with her own family.

“You will pray to Him and He will hear you.”

Job 22:27

Almost four years ago we asked you as our friends and prayer partners to pray for a five year old blind girl. She was severely malnourished and possibly had other handicaps.

Three years ago we asked you to pray for the possibility of us adopting her. On September 9, 2004 that prayer was answered. Bethany adoption agency called to say we had been approved. On January 28, 2005 she arrived in the USA.

We thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

There are many challenges ahead for Maria and “mommy” and “papa Dick. Maria is blind, in a new culture, speaks kunti lang (little) English and possibly has some mental disabilities. She was love deprived for the first six year of her life and has had no education.

We know God has a plan and a purpose for this precious life.

Isaiah 41: 10 tells us “I will strengthen you and help you” God not only has given us a task but a great blessing. Our prayer is that we can bring her to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

