

## CSR Activity for 2015

In cooperation with the City Government of Valenzuela, Jesus is Our Life Ministries, Inc. (JOLMI) and other affiliated publicly listed companies, a gift giving and feeding program entitled **“Practice the Privilege of Giving”** was conducted to the chosen beneficiary of the company, **Bahay Kalinga ng Valenzuela**, last January 31, 2015.

### **Bahay Kalinga ng Valenzuela**

Bahay Kalinga, located at R. Jacinto St., Canumay West, Valenzuela City, is a temporary shelter for street wanderers, foundling children and those recovering from any form of abuse, as determined by the city social workers.

Former Mayor Sherwin Gatchalian regarded the facility as “the symbol of the City Government’s commitment to social justice and protection. With a better home, the Bahay Kalinga clients shall be able to pursue a better road to recovery to regain their self-worth and confidence.”

Supervised by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), the facility is in pursuance to a number of several national and international laws, among them the Article 3, Section 2 of the Presidential Decree No. 603, known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code, which states that “every child has the right to a wholesome family life that will provide him with love, care and understanding, guidance and counseling, and moral and material security. The dependent or abandoned child shall be provided with the nearest substitute for a home.”

The shelter which was formerly located at an old single-storey facility in Veinte Reales now boasts with a school-like building complete with amenities, including a cafeteria, an isolation room, a gardening area and sex-segregated sleeping quarters with a total holding capacity of about 30 people.

Psychological and physical check-up are being given to residents of the shelter to determine their physical and mental health. They are allowed to stay in the shelter for a certain period of time, depending on the nature of their individual cases.

Below are some of the pictures during the event:





*Officers and employees posed for photo opportunity after the event*



*Ms. Elvira A. Ting, Vice President, is also a Pastor. She opened the program with the word of God.*



*Residents of Bahay Kalinga listening to Ms. Elvira A. Ting*



*Children are talking about the gifts they have received*



*Children lined up for food after the games*