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Filipino Family Customs

Filipino's are very respectful people, especially to older family members.

Because of this, younger generations often address older family members or peers with titles.

For example older males will be referred to as 'kuya' and older females will be referred to as 'ate'. Whilst the terms 'nanay' and 'tatay' will be used when referring to mothers and fathers.

During your time as a volunteer, it will also be respectful for you to refer to your homestay family members by using the respective titles.

Note: Joy prefers to be called Ate Joy rather than Nanay Joy – being called nanay makes her feel old!



The Elogario family are a small friendly family who live in barangay 64, approximately thirty seconds from the VFV Community Center.

The small family live in a semi-concrete house complete with running water and electricity. The family has one bathroom, which is shared with the family.

Mosquito net, electric fan, bottled water, utensils, blankets, bedding and toilet paper are all provided by the family.

It takes approximately 10-15 minutes to travel to the downtown area from the Elogario homestay.

Family Composition

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Relation</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Nickname</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Gerry | Homestay Father | 34 | Gerry |
| Teresita | Homestay Mother | 36 | Tess |

- Family members with * can speak English