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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.



The Hidalgo family is a small family who live in the heart of Barangay Bliss. Their house is situated around the central plaza and is just thirty seconds walking distance from the Volunteer for the Visayans Community Center.

The family live in a semi-concrete, 2 storey building, complete with running water and electricity. The family has one bathroom which is shared with volunteers. The family also has a small store at the front of the house selling groceries and confectionary.

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 Hidalgo homestay.

Family Composition

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nickname</u>
Claudia	Homestay Mother	62	Codyang
Joaquin	Homestay Father	53	
Helbert	Son of Claudia/Joaquin	29	Embet
Heldelita	Daughter of Claudia/Joaquin	23	Ikay
Helen Mae	Daughter of Claudia/Joaquin	22	Ibap

