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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 Llanto family is a traditionally large Filipino family who live in the heart of Barangay Bliss. Their house is situated approximately thirty seconds 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 the family.

Mosquito net, electric fan, bottled war, 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> |
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| Marilyn* | Homestay Mother | 55 | Marlyn |
| John* | Homestay Father | 58 | Jan |
| Errol* | Son of Marilyn/John | 30 | Eloy |
| Nilda* | Wife of Errol | 22 | Nida |
| John Wayne | Son of Errol/Nilda | 4 | Loy-Loy |
| Ferdinand* | Son of Marilyn/John | 27 | Imbong |
| Precilla* | Wife of Ferdinand | 27 | Precy |

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|--------------|-------------------------------|----|---------|
| Faith* | Marilyn/John | | |
| Salva Marie* | Daughter of Marilyn/John | 13 | Salvie |
| Czarina Emy* | Granddaughter of Marilyn/John | 12 | Shy-Shy |
| Nelson | House Boy | 22 | Mesong |

- Family members with a * can speak English

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| Gwenyth | Daughter of Ferdinand/Precy | 1 | Gwen |
| Shannie | Granddaughter of | 15 | Twinkle |