



## JEROME'S STORY: PHILIPPINES

Jerome, now 12, attended City Gates Academy from the age of 4-6 years. He was provided with access to quality teaching which gave him a head start with his academics and enabled him to excel with his education as he entered into public school. Currently in senior school, Jerome is continuing to outperform his classmates and his dream is to be a civil engineer when he finishes in education.

The wonderful thing about the work of City Gates is that it does not merely provide children with education but it seeks to enrich the lives of the parents intellectually, physically and spiritually. As well as providing Jerome with an education, City Gates has also brought job security and stability to his whole family. Jerome's mother is one of the full time members of staff at City Gates assisting with the housekeeping on site. Now she no longer has to worry about unemployment and can provide income for her family ensuring that they have enough to eat.

The school works alongside City Gates Christian Centre in order to meet the ever growing physical and spiritual needs of the community. It provides a wide range of activities that children, teens and adults can get involved in. From feeding programmes to bible studies, dancing and worship services, there is something for all! Jerome's whole family, as a result of City Gates, have committed their lives to Jesus and are now active members in the church, attending every Sunday and involved in many of the ministries of the church. Jerome's mother recently became an active deacon in the church and faithfully serves in the feeding ministry on Saturdays.

Jerome's story is just one among hundreds of children who have benefitted from the dedication of Pastor Glenn Isaguirre, who heads up the project in the Philippines and the faithful commitment of Pastor Stephen Derbyshire and City Gates Ilford, London to help finance the project.

