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LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN

AS TOLD BY JOVELYN, 17

My name is Jovelyn and I live in Payatas. I go to school in Commonwealth by 5 am and get dismissed by 1 pm. I often spend time with schoolmates after school to work on projects before going home. Although sometimes, we drop by a mall to entertain ourselves. I like reading storybooks, pocketbooks, or Wattpad if there's not much to do.

There used to be a lot of traffic and smoke due to vehicles. But you could go anywhere you want, anytime you want, and do anything you want. My older

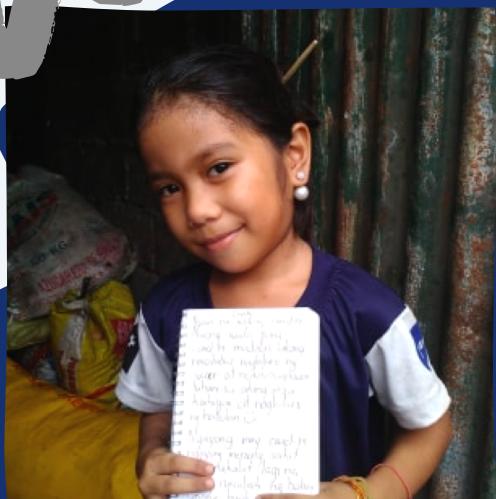
brothers would always be hanging out at their friends' houses so even if we all live together, we rarely see each other.

With the lockdown, classes have been suspended so I'd been waking up much later than usual. From sunrise to sundown, we're all stuck at home and turn to our cellphones to pass time.

Not everyone can go outside and mass transportation has also been suspended. But because of the absence of vehicles, the air feels fresher and pollution has gone down. People go inside their houses

much earlier, nobody is loitering on the streets, and the community is noticeably quieter.

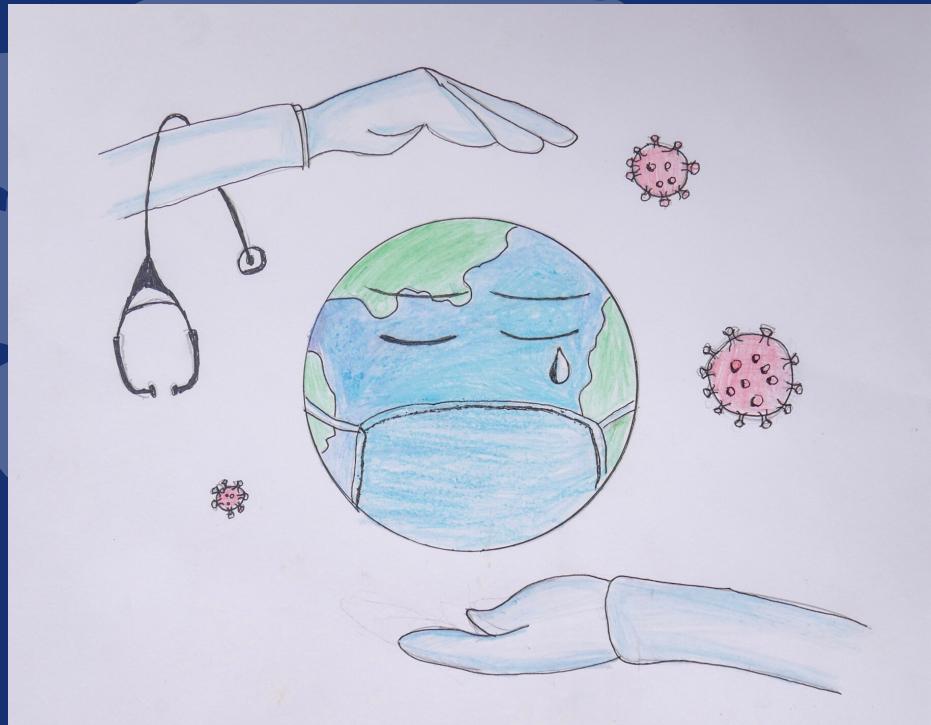
Since all are inside their houses now, our family has finally been eating together and sleeping at the same time. We have also had more chances to bond with each other. But there are still many struggling families. So many are unable to put food on the table because most workers in Payatas are affected by a "no work, no pay" policy. We are therefore extremely grateful for all people who support those in need, especially the ones here in our community.



I HOPE THAT ONE DAY THE CRISIS OUR COUNTRY IS CURRENTLY FACING WILL COME TO AN END AND THAT ALL THE SICK EMERGE HEALTHY. I HOPE THE LOCKDOWN ENDS SOON SO EVERYONE CAN LIVE A NORMAL LIFE AGAIN.

-CRYSTAL, 6

ARTISTS' CORNER



BY FRANK DOMINIC, 14

N-COV

BY PIA, 20

Akala mo normal lang ang lahat
Gigising sa umaga
Makikita ang mga tao sa kalsada
Naglalakad, bumibili,
nagkwekwentuhan, nagtitinda,
naglalaro, at kung anu-anong pa.

Parang normal lang ang araw na
iyon sa aking pag-gising
Isang ordinaryong araw na
kailangan nating lampasan

Mga panibagong pagsubok at
adventure sa ating buhay na
kailangang harapin.

Ngunit bakit tila kakaiba ang araw
na iyon?
Mga taong aking nadaraanan ay
nababalutan ng kapirasong tela
Tela na kung tawagin ay 'mask'.

Nagkukubli na masilayan ang
magagandang ngiti at saya sa
kanilang mga mukha.

Ano ang nangyayari sa aking
paligid? Nagtatanong sa aking
isipan

Bakit tila may takot sa kanilang mga
mata?

Mga matang nagsusumamo na sana
matapos na ang kalbaryong ito.
Kalbaryong ito na dinaranas ng
buong mundo

Buong mundo na nahihirapan at
nangangamba na lalo pang dumami
at kumalat ang virus na iniiwasan
Iniiwasan ng lahat upang hindi
magkahawaan

Social distancing pinatupad upang
COVID-19 virus ay hindi kumalat at
makapinsala pa ng iba.

PAYATAS RELIEF OPERATIONS



WORD SEARCH

R V I K E Y A P R C V D E G R
K O E W W I M H E K B S U S A
R Q T N T Q U A I M V A Q R E
O K W I D Z V R D W R B O X V
V W J I N O X M L D R T C O Y
S R B J U A R A O M C P L H S
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T S Q T D I O S S T D V R T J
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F C B L O R R I T Z M J R F D
Q J A I O K L J I N H T A H J

1. DOCTOR
2. NURSE
3. SOLDIER
4. VOLUNTEER
5. DRIVER
6. CASHIER
7. JANITOR
8. PHARMACIST
9. GUARD
10. VENDOR