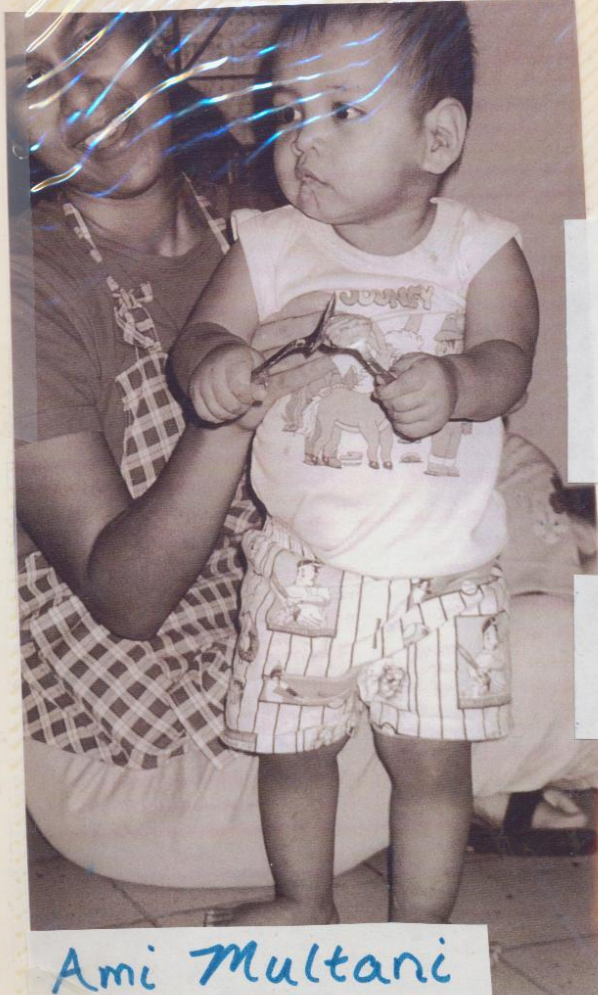


Manila, Phillippines



Ami Multani

Jen McNamara, Melissa Moore, and I spent 6 weeks in Tondo, an underprivileged section of Manila, with the Missionaries of Charity at "The Home of Joy for the Sick Children". We cared for handicapped children and abandoned babies with a wide range of health problems.

Romano was just learning how to walk. He was the Sisters' miracle baby because he was brought to them as an extremely ill infant and they did not know if he would survive.

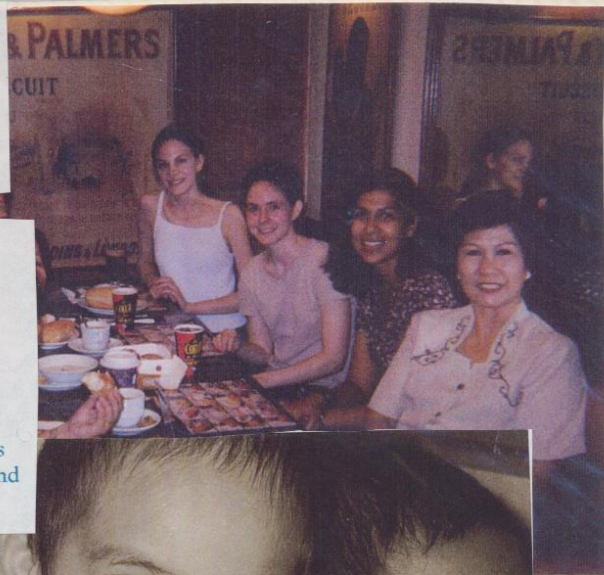
Here I am giving Darwin a bath.





We spent most days feeding, bathing, clothing, changing, and playing with the children. Roanne and I are preparing the dinner bowls for the older children.

We met some amazing and wonderful friends on our trip. "Aunt Bekki" (sitting next to me) and her family adopted us and brought us to church on the weekends. They introduced us to Filipino food and culture.



Despite possessing few of what we consider to be the essentials in life, there was never an insufficient amount of service or love. The children greeted us every morning bursting with stories, chatting away in Tagalog. The children always possessed smiles despite the challenges they were faced with, all they wanted was affection. It was those smiles that helped us overcome our hardships and kept us going through the entire trip.

