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CONGRATULATIONS TO KINDERGARTEN AND SCHOOL OF DACHSBERG !



On your significant day today, Batang Pit-os and Batang Pinangga wish you much happiness.

Congratulations to the parents, the school administration and its teaching force for giving an example of love, kindness and understanding to your children.

Batang Pit-os is entering its 8th school year, and produced over 120 preschoolers. Batang Pinangga just celebrated its seventh year, and has helped 50 abused, abandoned and neglected children.

The numbers may not be significant, yet together with you, we have already made a big difference to the lives of these children.

We would like to share with you a touching story of a child named Bernard. He is especially grateful for the change in his life. Bernard and his sister used to sleep in the *cariton* (push cart), and remembers how cold it was to have tin cans under their backs. They carried sacks over their shoulder to collect garbage, empty bottles and cans for a living. Now he carries a bag to school and sleep, finally, in a bed. He is happy now, and recalls his past with tears.

That is the real thing of being poor.

Today, celebrate the kindness and understanding you have given to Bernard and the poor children like him.

Batang Pit-os and Batang Pinangga always say their deepest gratitude to Helga and Jochen Range for making this noble connection between us.

It is our hope that the same kindness would inspire others to do the same so that many more children live in peace, happiness and dignity.

Congratulations for taking the challenge here and now.

In behalf of Batang Pit-os and Batang Pinangga, best regards.

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