

From Manila to New Zealand

"Manel, our daughter, and I arrived in New Zealand 15 years ago. We quickly fell in love with this country. We were stunned by the beauty of the place, the nature, and its peace" - Rey

"We came from Manila in the Philippines, and it is a total world apart." - Manel

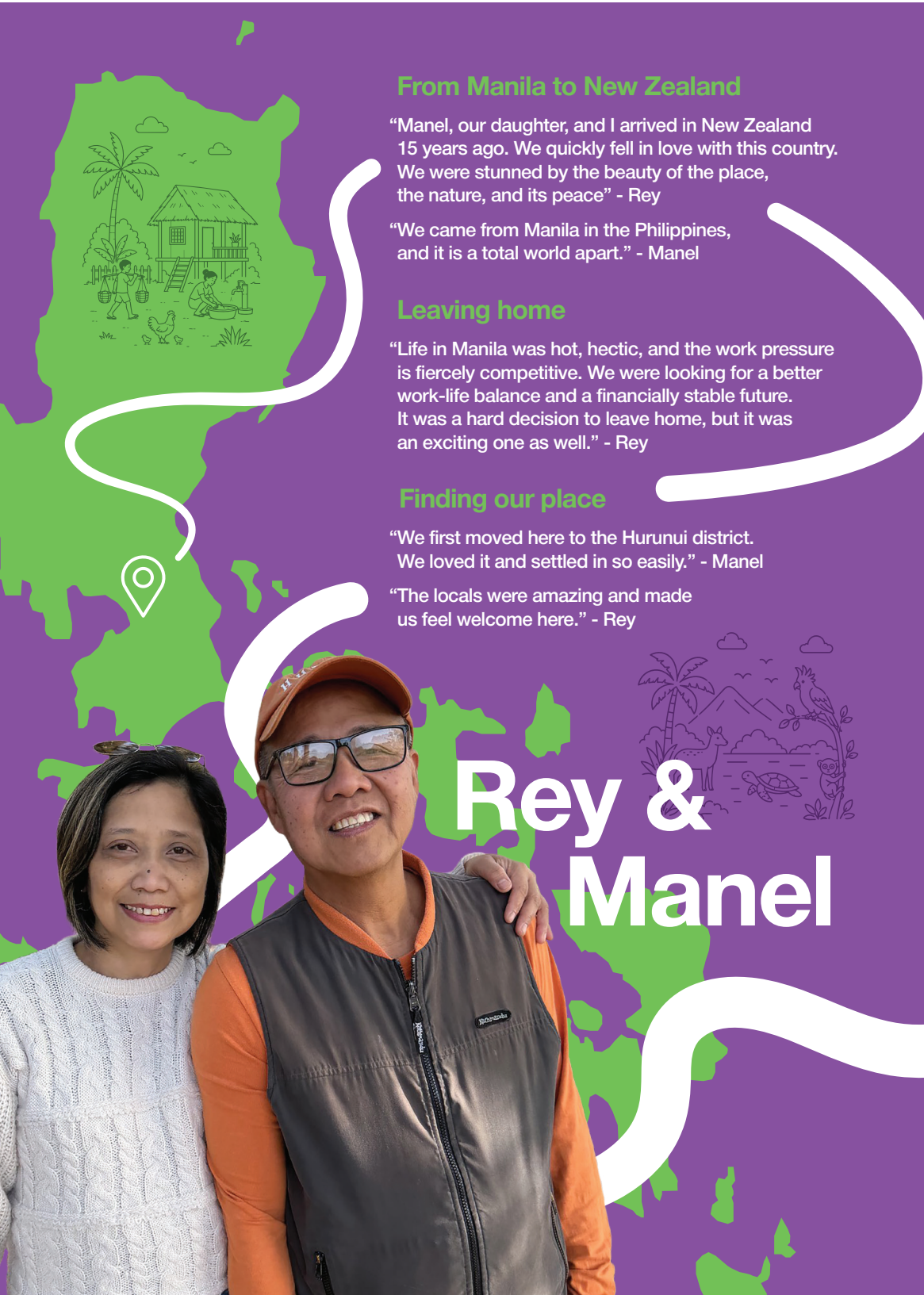
Leaving home

"Life in Manila was hot, hectic, and the work pressure is fiercely competitive. We were looking for a better work-life balance and a financially stable future. It was a hard decision to leave home, but it was an exciting one as well." - Rey

Finding our place

"We first moved here to the Hurunui district. We loved it and settled in so easily." - Manel

"The locals were amazing and made us feel welcome here." - Rey



Rey & Manel

“Truly, being here has been a blessing to our lives.

Learning together

“The two biggest challenges we faced were the weather, we weren't used to it at all, and the language. Integrating into the community was really important, and it really helped us settle into this community perfectly.” - Manel

Community connection

“Eventually, we became part of the church community in Culverden. It is wonderful because through that, we connected not only with other Filipino families but also with the wider community. We could help one another for the success and betterment of every migrant here in the community.” - Manel

Stronger together

“No man is an island. Being part of a community means helping others and accepting help when you need it. We all benefit from supporting each other.” - Rey



Giving Back

“We always wanted to give back. The support we received when we first arrived in New Zealand was something we wanted other migrants to experience too.

That's why we help migrants with things like getting their New Zealand driver's licence, understanding the health system, and establishing themselves well in this wonderful country.” - Manel

A life we dreamed of

“Living here in New Zealand is the life we wanted. We've experienced peace, serenity and love among one another here. It is really great to be here in this wonderful country.” - Manel

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