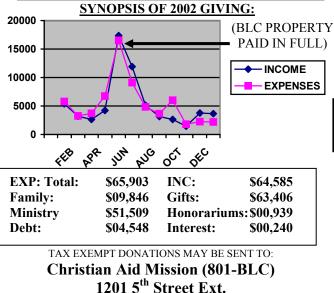
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# International BLC Sponsorships (801-BLC)

The BLC (*Barner Learning Center*) International Kinderschool Sponsorship Program is an opportunity for Filipino children who otherwise might not be able to afford a quality Christian education to obtain schooling at no cost to their families through the "adoption" of their financial schooling obligations by international supporters. For support of those at ages 2 through 13, the fee is \$20 (P1000) per month.

Each Sponsorship covers the following: tuition, enrollment, books, uniform, registration, dental checkup, insurance, medical checkup, ID card/jacket, instructional materials, PTA & library & campus fees, school publications, graduation fee & gown, yearbook, field trip transportation costs, boy/girl scout membership & uniforms, gym fee, and basic school supplies (notebooks, pencils, etc.)



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#### PLEASE PRAY:

- FOR ELVIE TO FIND A NEW, QUALIFIED PRINCIPAL OR OIC FOR THE SCHOOL BEFORE WE LEAVE FOR FURLOUGH, FEB '03.
- PTL! ELVIE'S USA RE-ENTRY PERMIT IS HERE!



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# A KIDS' CHRISTMAS QUARTET DURING OUR 60-PUPIL CHURCH PRESENTATION.

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Support Address: Christian Aid Mission (801-BLC) 1201 5th Street Ext. Charlottesville, VA 22902-6494 USA ELVIE GIVES VITAMINS & FOOD TO TRIBAL KIDS & "THE OLDS" AT A MOUNTAIN CHAPEL. FOR SOME, THESE WERE THE FIRST VITAMINS THEY HAD EVER TASTED.



## ON THE ROAD AGAIN... BARNER FURLOUGH, 2003

#### **Training Time, Tour Time**

Dec & Jan are extra-busy this school year, as we train the staff at our church plant & school to "hold the fort" while we are on our 9-month furlough.

Most of February our family will be in the land of double-decker busses, streets of cars driving on the left side of the road, & 8-digit phone numbers. Hong Kong. Land of mile-long escalators and a landscape resembling a pin cushion, with hundreds of skinny sky scrapers, all setup like dominoes.

Then, on to travel across the USA in March. Why? Because we want to see YOU and thank YOU for lifting us daily before the throne of God in prayer. Praise God for you! Can't wait to see you!

#### WHEN A LITTLE MEANS A LOT

Every time I go to the Post Office to pick up my mail, the same old peppered-hair beggar woman is sitting there. And every time I place into her withered, callused hand a peso (2 cents).

Every time the wrinkles that mark her years and line her face disappear as she breaks into a smile of thankfulness. She carries her little great-granddaughter, in her lap, and on this particular day as my back was turned to her, I heard a "thump-scrape, thump-scrape."

Turning around, I saw the tiny girl, in rags, dragging her useless palsied feet behind her, as a normal child might drag a ragdoll. She carried her plastic cup in one hand and pulled herself forward on her knees with the other, as she made her way toward me.

Now, when I go to the post office, I make sure that I have not one, but two shiny peso coins in my hand. For those who have nothing, a little means a whole lot.

# **Equipping the Saints** { Davao Strategic Outreach Horses }

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news..."-Is. 52:7 "They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." -Ps 91:12

"Stop sliding!" Elvie kept reminding me. But I really couldn't help sliding down the long slippery vinyl seat of the motorcycle. The rocky mountain path of boulders was rutted and steep. For three hours I kept sliding down, pushing Elvie into the driver, who in turn was pushed into the handlebars.

We were on our way to deliver the last of three horses that we had raised money for, to give to some church planters in the Matigsalog mountain area of the Ata tribesmen. They are an unreached people group (UPG), which has not yet heard the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Elvie had gone on the first two trips alone, since if I were to go, I'd be kidnapped by communist rebels. Since Elvie is an "IP" (Indigenous Person), she blended in well with the mountain people.

A special thanks from all the sponsored kids at BLC to their supporters for their Christmas watches and toys!

<u>YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF...</u> You can run as fast in sandals or thongs as a foreigner can in sneakers.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW YEAR'S PROJECT? HERE ARE A FEW NEEDS THAT WE HAVE AT BLC:



 FLAGPOLE:
 \$400

 CABINETS (6):
 \$17 EACH

 SCH. STORE:
 \$500

 4<sup>TH</sup> GD WINDOWS \$518

 GYM ROOF
 \$3,500

 FILE CBNT(3):
 \$20 EACH

 SIDEWALK
 SECTIONS (33):\$20 EACH

#### THE SWORD AND THE TROWEL THE CHRISTIAN'S 5 DIRECTIVES

When Nehemiah rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem, he was attacked constantly. He therefore instructed the workers to hold a sword (for protection) in one hand and a trowel in the other (for the work).

Likewise, we have the sword of evangelism in one hand, and the trowel of social assistance in the other. To keep balance in these responsibilities, we practice five Christian directives, (directions): up, down, in, out, and around.

UP: lives focussed upward in prayer to God.

{BLC Discipleship groups, prayer mtgs.} **DOWN:** *reach down to help others in need.* 

{BLC free child sponsorship, medical fund, clinics} **IN:** *get imput from God by Bible reading & study.* 

{home Bible Study cell groups} OUT: share with others the plan of salvation. {give church planters tracts, horses, pigs & bikes}

AROUND: worship with believers at church.

{BLC Laverna Church, BLC kids' events}



**BAPTISM IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN** 

## "LIVELIHOOD" SEMINARS

We have many poor unemployed families here at Barner Learning Center. So our BLC church provided a free seminar, where a guest professional came in & trained the poor to make an income to squeeze lemons, make soy sauce, arrange flowers, make sausages & other crafts at home. This will soon become a monthly thing, not just for the poor, but for the whole community. Better to teach how to fish, than give a fish, right?

> *QUOTABLE QUOTES:* "102 PERCENT!"

Response by Ryan, a teen who I baptized recently, when I asked him, "Will you give your all to Jesus?"

"Little faith will bring your soul to heaven. Great faith will bring heaven to your soul." *-Charles Spurgeon*