

# SEP Thank You! Fiscal Report

EXP: \$05,192	INC: \$05,174
Family: \$01,125	
Ministry \$03,949	
Debt: \$00,118	

YTD STATUS: 99% (-\$956)



## Special Projects

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library:  
LABOR/LAND: \$11,000  
RAISED: \$4825



PICKUP: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Libr.  
GOAL: \$9,000 MAT'L'S:\$11,000  
RAISED\$5000 RAISED:\$2,605



## BLC CHILDREN'S EMER- GENCY MEDICAL FUND:

*"He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him."*

-Luke 10:34

**BLC'S MEDICAL FUND IS AN ANSWER TO PRAYER FOR MANY FILIPINOS**

## International BLC Sponsorships

### (801-BLC)

The BLC (Barner Learning Center) International Student 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 15, 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, field trip transportation costs, boy/girl scout membership & uniforms, gym fee, and basic school supplies (notebooks, pencils, etc.).

Please send to Christian Aid Mission (address below)

**PLEASE PRAY: FOR GOD TO SUPPLY THE \$20,000 NEEDED BY NOVEMBER 30 TO PAY OFF BLC'S MORTGAGE.**

**PRAISE GOD!: FOR YOUR PRAYERS, GIFTS, CONDOLENCES AT ELVIE'S LOSS OF HER DAD & BROTHER THIS MONTH.**

### THE MODERN-DAY PRODIGAL

*"Dahlia, God still loves you!"*

One of the parents in our school removed her children from class, trying to erase any trace of God in her life. She felt that following God was a sign of weakness. The mother, a single mom, liked to gamble and get drunk. She even made fun of those who attended church. But a few months ago her riotous living took its toll on her. The abuses she did to her body caused cancer. Now she is dying. The message in our first worship service today was on the Prodigal Son. After church we visited Dahlia. No longer the proud and argumentative woman, she is now meek and tired. Her arms are like skeletons and her stomach is very distended. Her feet are swollen and her face is puckered up like a very old woman. "May we pray for you?" asked Elvie. Dahlia nodded yes. Not chatising, but comforting, Elvie prayed for God to either heal our friend or take her home. For it was through this last illness that Dahlia, like the prodigal son, returned to Jesus for forgiveness. And like the loving father in Christ's parable, even though Dahlia made a mess of her life, God forgave her.

# Pepper\*

\*PEPPER=Paul and Elvie's Prayer & Praise newsletter

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**TEACHER LESTER EXPLAINS BIBLICAL CREATION TO THE SCIENCE CLASS OF BLC'S THIRD GRADERS.**

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Charlottesville, VA 22906 USA**



## UNDERCOVER CHRISTIAN

*"I work for the FBI!"*

In the Philippines, acrostics (phrases identified by their first letters) are very common. While in the USA "FBI" stands for "Federal Bureau of Investigation", I learned this week another meaning for the term. Over the past ten years, our Christian school, Barner Learning Ceter (BLC) has grown in both numbers and recognition in Davao City. When two friends from the USA came to begin ministries in Davao, BLC was seen to be the heart of both of these new ministries.

Mark came from California to help establish a juvenile detention center called "Father's House for CICL" (Children in Conflict with the Law). On the campus of the detention center will be a BLC, so the detainees can get a quality Christian, values-based education.

Doug came from New York to help start a much-needed orphanage. This too will have a BLC. Both of these schools will be much smaller than our "mother school", some of them only a single, one-room gradeschool. The beauty of the project is that we will not build an additional school building, but classroom construction will be the responsibility of the Father's House and orphanage.

Yet there is a lot of work on my part. Being a member of the boards of these four organizations (church, school, orphanage and kids' jail), I'm the one attending the government seminars, conferences, meeting with mayor, councilors, social welfare reps, etc., and also processing the miles of red tape for permits.

At one meeting with a lawyer for the mayor, he'd mentioned that we are an NGO (Non-Government Organization). The Philippines practices a separation of church and state, due to the need to give equal opportunity to Muslims and tribal animists.

So a new term has been developed to distinguish the partnership of the government with church groups like ours. We are a "Faith-Based Initiative" (FBI). "Rev. Barner," the lawyer told me, "In short, you are an American agent of the FBI!" Hmmm, I guess that is okay...a spy for Jesus!

AT ONE OF OUR  
FAITH  
FELLOWSHIP  
CHURCH PLANTS,  
PRAISE  
CHORUSES ARE  
WRITTEN OUT  
ON MANILA  
PAPER FOR ALL  
TO SEE & SING.

## BE READY IN SEASON AND OUT

*"You're the Speaker!"*

The SK Induction Ceremony is a special time at BLC. The hundreds of parents of BLC's Sponsored Kids (SK) choose among themselves a dozen representatives to let us, the administration, know when things are going great in the school, or when some item needs revision. Since the SK program is the heart of our ministry, we invited a government representative to attend and lead in the oathtaking ceremony.

The emcee announced each person involved in the program as they sang, prayed and spoke. "And now," Gemma said, "for our school president, Rev. Paul Barner." On my way to the stage I whispered to Elvie, "What am I to do?" She responded, "You are the speaker!"

While in seminary, decades ago, we'd been taught to always be ready to preach, teach or pray. So with Bible in hand, my mind went a mile a minute as I reached for the microphone. "Who was one of the greatest leaders in the Old Testament?" I asked. Inside, I was thinking, "Ok, now where am I going with this? Help me, Lord." Aloud, "Moses, of course" Silently, "Remember, we are here for the kids." Aloud, "Yet Moses, that great leader, was once a child."

Silently, "Now these kids at BLC come from poor families. They many times are threatened with hunger and disease." Aloud, "Zephorah was Moses' mom. Her son was to be killed by Pharoah." Silently, "OK Lord. Thanks for the message. I can see where you are going with this." Going into detail of how Moses was placed into a basket and floated on the Nile river, I focused on how these parents must entrust their children into the hands of God. The best way to do that is to enroll their kids in a Christian school, such as BLC.

Whew! Thanks again for the message, Lord!

**YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF...**  
***...you call a female doctor a "doctora",  
and a female pastor a "pastora".***

**DO YOU HAVE A FALL PROJECT?  
THESE ARE SOME NEEDS THAT WE HAVE NOW**



AT BLC:  
37 FL Bulb sets: \$4 each  
37 Desks: \$11 each  
Jeepney-bus: \$9,412  
Tools for I.Arts: \$169  
Tables for I.Arts: \$650  
Tchrs Mailboxes: \$360  
Wood gym pillars: \$1,000  
20 Wall fans: \$45 each



TOP VIEW OF  
BLC H.E. BLD./  
NEW SHELVES  
FOR SCIENCE  
EQUIPMENT  
(LEFT)

**GOOD STEWARDSHIP:  
WHEN OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**  
***"We'll save BLC a quarter-million dollars!"***

Five years ago, BLC was overcrowded. We wanted to add additional grades, but there was just no space. A neighbor approached Elvie. "My house is for sale. Wanna buy it?" Praise God that He supplied it at just the right time. After the purchase, we immediately started to build. Today the two-story building we built on that property has a large stage and five classrooms, with a garden and chickens growing on the roof. Of course we were not able to buy the property outright. Instead, we transferred the previous owner's mortgage to BLC, and pay the monthly installments. The same thing happened a year later with where our home economics building is.

Recently the company which holds our mortgage was bought out. Due to Philippine law, the new company had to offer a massive discount if we were to pay off the principle within three months.

Considering the interest, penalties and insurance we would save, if we come up with \$20,000 by November 30, we will save over \$250,000 from what we would be paying over the next 20 years (interest rates are extremely high in the Philippines).

After much prayer I am convinced that God would consider this good stewardship to pay off all the debt at this 90% discount. Please pray with me for God's provision. I am sacrificing a few birthday and Christmas plans to also help come up with these funds. No motorcycle this year! But the best birthday gift will be to burn up that mortgage!