

JAN **Thank You!** Fiscal Report

EXP: \$12,191	INC: \$12,431
Family: \$01,207	Gifts: \$12,240
Ministry \$10,947	Hon: \$00,171
Debt: \$00,037	Interest: \$00,020

YTD STATUS: 102% (+240) YAY!!



Special Projects

3rd Floor Library:
LABOR/LAND: \$11,000
RAISED: \$5010



PICKUP: 3rd Floor Libr.
GOAL: \$10000 MAT'LS:\$11,000
RAISED \$5600 RAISED:\$2,620



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

*"Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
 Psalm 82:4*

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

PLEASE PRAY: FOR US TO FIND INEXPENSIVE LAND FOR *HABITAT FOR HUMANITY* TO BUILD HOMES FOR OUR 40 TEACHERS AND STAFF IN MID-2008.

ON BLC'S 9TH FOUNDATION DAY, THE STUDENTS COMPETE IN GYMNASTICS COMPETITIONS. WE'LL SEND YOU A FREE CD OF THE EVENT IF YOU ASK!



SINCE FOUNDATION DAY IS ALSO ABBY'S BIRTHDAY, SHE GIVES GIFTS TO ALL THE STUDENTS!



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FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH'S TAMBOURINE WORSHIP TEAM WINS THIRD PLACE AT THE CITYWIDE LADIES COMPETITION!

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ONE OF FIVE CHURCH CHOIRS WHICH COMPETED IN THE BLC GYM DURING THE SPONSORED KIDS' PARENTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

ANGELIC VOICES

"We wish you a merry Christmas...!"

All in red shirts and elf caps, 25 poor parents of BLC kids from our Purok Ocho church plant sang Christmas carols. Their excitement was due partially to a promise from the president of the SK (Sponsored Kids) parents.

He (Felix) said that 2 local government representatives had promised 3 weeks' pay (\$60) would be given to be divided by the choirs who sang the best. After Purok Ocho, next up was our Emily Homes church. Wearing homemade red crepe paper bibs, they sang "Silent Night".

Third up in matching white t-shirts was the Panantongan church, singing "Gloria in Exelcis Deo". Then the Laverna "mother church" choir came to the stage, with Christmas tree ornaments hanging from their hair and from their ears. While they were singing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (in Cebuano).

I wasn't sure whether they looked more like angels...or puppy dogs! The fifth choir, in borrowed blue robes from a local large church, was our Asuncion Church. With guitar accompaniment, they treated us to "Because of Christmas Day".

Their angelic appearance came mostly from the yellow crepe paper "wreaths" around their necks to cover the logo of the choir robes' owners! When Asuncion won first place, they used the funds for paperback hymnals for their church worship services.

STREET WALKERS

"Did you know him? Was he your friend?"

After our Saturday night worship service at one of our church plants, we were invited to the birthday party of one of our parishioners. Many of the family members in the home of the birthday celebrant practice a homosexual lifestyle.

Since I'd been previously informed of the murder of one of the "gay streetwalkers," I considered this as a point of contact for the Gospel. "We were all shook up," he confessed. "This man was abusing children, so we hated him. But we never thought that he'd be exterminated by the police death squad."

Although the weird makeup and way of talking that gays use disgust me, I realize they are sinners just as all of us are. They too need Jesus. "Suppose it were you? If you had been shot instead, would you be in heaven now? You know that Jesus died to take away your sin. What about you?"

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF...
...you often place the possessive "s" from the noun to adjoining words: "Teacher's Mel book"

DO YOU HAVE A WINTER PROJECT?

THESE ARE SOME NEEDS THAT WE HAVE NOW AT BLC:

27 Fl lightbulb sets:	\$4 /per
H2O pump/compressor	\$489
Jeepney-bus:	\$9,412
Welding Machine	\$445
Tables for I.Arts:	\$650
Tchrs' Mailboxes:	\$360
Metal gym pillars:	\$1,000
20 Wall fans:	\$45/per

COMPETING IN A HALF MARATHON, THEN A FULL MARATHON IN DAVAO CITY.



WITNESSING IN PAIN

"This...huh, huh...gives...huh, huh...a new meaning...huh, huh...to the verse, I beat my body...huh, huh...into submission!"

While running my fourth 42 km marathon, I had the joy of being accompanied by a few other missionaries. They were both faster than me, one coming in an hour before me, and the other 1/2 an hour before me. In fact, when I was alone lagging behind the pack, I occupied my time praying for my family and relatives, and also for the staff at BLC.

After all were prayed for, I sang (not out loud), Christian songs through the letters of the alphabet (twice). I prayed as well that God would take the pain away and give me strength. But instead, He reminded me of the verse, "When you are weak, I am strong." Still, friends of my fellow missionaries followed to give me some of their water to drink along the way. Although 5:25:01 is my slowest marathon time, it was good to witness God's love, even in my pain.

SPECIAL NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE: Starting April, 2008, on the tenth anniversary of BLC, international student sponsorships will experience their very first increase, from \$20 per month to \$25 per month. This is due mainly to cost increases and devaluation of the dollar to the peso. We plan to not raise the rates again for at least another decade. Some sponsors have already started giving the new amount. Thank you, and thanks for understanding!