

MAY **Thank You!** Report on Finances:

EXP:	\$80,178	INC:	\$06,022
Family:	\$00,950	Gifts:	\$05,784
Ministry:	\$04,834	Hon'ium:	\$00,218
2008 Debt:	\$74,394	Interest:	\$00,020

BLC 2009 STATUS (Not Incl. Sponsorships):
2009 INCOME:\$53,312/EXPENSES:\$133,490
(-\$74,394) {TOTAL OUTSTANDING} 40%

Special Projects

THREE
NEW BLC JEEPNEYS:
NEED: \$30,000
RAISED: \$2,200



PICKUP: **GOAL:\$13000**
RAISED\$8600



BLC CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND:

“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed”. –Proverbs 11:25

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 \$25 (P1250) per month.

Each Sponsorship covers the following: *tuition, enrollment, books, uniform, registration, dental checkup, insurance, medical checkup, ID card, 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 Paul M Barner Ministries, Inc. (address below)

PLEASE PRAY: AS ELVIE INTERVIEWS 5 TEACHERS TO REPLACE THOSE WHO'VE LEFT FOR HIGHER PAYING GOV'T JOBS.

PRAISE GOD!: THREE GROWN SISTERS AND THEIR MOM IN NEW JERSEY HAND-MADE 100 BOOK BAGS AND FILLED THEM WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES, MAILING THEM FOR BLC KIDS!

NOTICE:
As of May 1, 2009, Christian Aid Mission has begun charging BLC a service fee of 10% for all donations passed through their agency for Barner Learning Center's ministries.

For those who prefer 100% of their gifts (instead of 90%) to go to BLC, any donations below \$5,000 may be sent to our own tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity, “Paul M. Barner Ministries, Inc.” at 18 Eileen Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

Whether you decide to continue using Christian Aid Mission, or to send directly to Paul M. Barner Ministries, the price of child sponsorships will not be increased, but will remain at \$25 per month, until the year 2018.

-2009- Pepper*

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SOME OF THE 110 BLC GRADUATES. IF WE START A HIGH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR, WE WILL HAVE 3 GRADUATIONS: PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL.

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IN GOD'S TIME

“Pastor, my daughter just graduated from grade 6 at BLC. Will BLC have a high school next year?”

This has been the question on the minds of parents, staff and sponsors for the past month.

During BLC's February annual inspection by the Philippine Department of Education, the inspector stated, "This institution is high school caliber!" Yet once we submitted the paperwork for a high school, there were two drawbacks:

- 1) We have reached full capacity in our classrooms
- 2) The paperwork for a high school should have been submitted last September.

I came up with a plan to solve challenge #1, if the government will waive challenge #2. If we move the preschool and pre-4th grade elementary school an hour earlier, then we'd have dual sessions.

Session #1 would be 6:30am-12:30 noon, and session #2 would be 1:30 pm- 7:30 pm. Since there is no Junior High School in the Philippines, high school begins in 7th grade.

There are both pros and cons for this approach. Cons include a longer day for our bus

drivers, as well as increased electrical usage. No new teachers would need to be employed though, since some of the elementary grades are now so greatly populated that they have 2 teachers, occupying 2 classrooms. By decreasing the population of these grades and adding high school, we would transfer those "extra" teachers to teach high school classes. But the pros far outweigh the cons. Positive factors of my proposal include:

A) Alleviation of the overcrowded classrooms and vehicles: by decreasing the number of pre-4th graders and opening high school, we would maintain the same size student body, at 500 children.

B) The families who have proven their ability to abide by BLC's guidelines are those who have made it through 6th grade, and thus have a lower dropout rate. This keeps the integrity of BLC favorable in the records of the government, as well as for the sponsors and parents.

C) With less students per session, the space on the BLC campus can be fully utilized by each class. Instead of being cramped in one

classroom for half a day, the teachers can freely bring their classes to different rooms for different subjects.

D) the most obvious advantage is that these poor families, who cannot afford to pay for their children to attend school, can continue their kids' education.

However, if the government determines that we must wait one more year before opening high school, then the parents will either have to keep their children out of school for one year, or else borrow money from friends and family to pay for public high school this year only, and then when we open the first two grades of high school in 2010, they'll enroll their kids in the 2nd year of high school. All will be done in God's perfect timing.

How does this fit into the "Big Picture" of our overall plan? In 1996, God gave me a vision for His plan here in Davao. Part of that plan was to build a teacher training college and also to train high school graduates to become church planters.

By training these children from preschool through elementary, high school and college, we then can ensure placement for their lifetime occupations, planting churches, converting the lost, and also building a high-quality, Christian staff for the bright future of BLC.



CHEERFUL BLC GRADS AND THEIR PARENTS!

MISSIONS

**DO YOU HAVE A SUMMER PROJECT?
THESE ARE SOME NEEDS
THAT WE HAVE NOW AT BLC:**

- 27 Fl Bulb sets: \$4 each----Metal gym pillars: \$1,000
- 3 Jeepney-buses:\$30,000-----Tables forI.Arts: \$650
- Welding machine: \$445-----20 Wall fans: \$45 each
- H2O compressor:\$8000--Teachers' mailboxes: \$360
- Library computer/printer \$1350

**YOU KNOW
YOU ARE A
FILIPINO
IF...**

...you wear the cut-off sleeve of a shirt on your arm to keep from getting sunburn while driving.

