

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

EXP:	\$77,715	INC:	\$06,985
Family:	\$01,450	Gifts:	\$06,760
Ministry:	\$04,351	Hon'ium:	\$00,205
2008 Debt:	\$71,914	Interest:	\$00,020

BLC 2009 STATUS (Not Incl. Sponsorships):
2009 INCOME:\$66,398/EXPENSES:\$138,312
48% {- \$71,914: TOTAL OUTSTANDING}
PAID DEBT PRINCIPLE LAST MONTH: \$1184

Special Projects

THREE
NEW BLC JEEPNEYS:
NEED: \$30,000
RAISED: \$2,275



PICKUP: **GOAL: \$13000**
 RAISED \$9400



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, 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: THAT OUR BLC ADMINISTRATOR, DR. AYOC, WILL BE HEALED FROM HIS COLON CANCER.

PRAISE GOD!: THAT WE HAVE ALREADY DECREASED BLC'S 2008 DEBT BY 25%! THE \$100,000 DEBT WAS INCURRED BY THE TYPHOON, MORTGAGE & CONSTRUCTION.

THE PMBMI STORY:

“Jesus Brings Us Together” was the theme of our 1996 wedding, for God had called both Elvie & me from childhood to be future missionaries. Once married, we planted a church and then reached out to the community through a much-needed kinderschool. The church now averages 1000 each Sunday & the school teaches (thru grade 6) 500 each day. Paul M. Barner Ministries, Inc (PMBMI) is a federally-recognized American 501.c (3) charitable organization which we established, designed to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through planting and strengthening churches around the globe.

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**OOOHHH
YEAH!
THICK,
JUICY
AMERICAN
STEAK! YUP,
IT'S WORTH
THE TRIP
HALFWAY
AROUND
THE
WORLD!**

GROWTH FOR GOD'S GLORY

"It started in a mango tree!"

Sunday was a celebration at Faith Fellowship church: the 4th anniversary of our Panantongan church plant.

This rural church of sixty members is reached by a long, muddy path. Each year this small congregation of sixty members saves up all year long so they can do minor renovations. In '06, all they had was a roof and also a pulpit (made of a single, wide plank, cut creatively and nailed together). The next year they added walls (woven from coconut leaves), a table and electricity (through a very long extension cord to a nearby residence) for a fan and a light bulb.

The third year they added a small foot-high stage, homemade benches, and curtains to cover the woven walls, keeping the bright morning sun out of our eyes. They also put an outhouse alongside the structure.

Dogs wandered inside the building during the church's Christmas presentation last year, to eat scraps of food that fell into the small holes in the soft dirt floor, caused by Elvie's high heels.

One of our guests was concerned that his shoes would get muddy, so the worship leader, as she led the singing, gave him her flip-flops and continued singing in bare feet!

Yet this year, we had a pleasant surprise. All year the congregation had been faithful in weekly putting peso coins into the can-bank on the church table. It was a dry milk can with a slit in the top. The renovation this year was a cement floor!

Recollecting the past, we were reminded of when we'd first entered Panantongan and considered starting a church there. A little boy had fallen from a mango tree, and after we prayed, God had healed him.



**SEE? IF
YOU
HANDLE
TOO
MANY
STUFFED
ANIMALS
...YOU
START TO
LOOK
LIKE
THEM!**

GOD'S LITTLE AMBASSADOR

"Your boy is an inspiration!"

When we were picked up from the Davao City airport, we were exhausted from our 31-hour succession of flights and layovers, flying from the USA to the Philippines. But there was not time for a shower or shave, since Prayer Meeting started less than an hour later.

During testimony time, I stepped up to the microphone. The worship leader was the mom of one of our BLC kids. Her son is nicknamed "Owam" and has cerebral palsy.

"Your boy was an inspiration to many Americans," I told the mom, in front of the congregation, "These past 2 months, as we have traveled thousands of miles, hundreds of people were challenged by the example of your boy Owam!"

Owam's mother was in tears of joy as I told of the dozens who had heard how Owam, a severely handicapped child, was serving God by singing in church. Those we spoke with Stateside were challenged to also say, "Here am I Lord, send me!"

MISSIONS

DO YOU HAVE A FALL 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 for I.Arts: \$650**
- 435 desk-chairs: \$14 each----20 Wall fans: \$45 each**
- H2O compressor:\$800-----Teachers' mailboxes: \$360**
- Library computer/printer \$1350**



**PJ AND
ABIGAIL
CHOOSE
CREATIVE
PLACES TO
PERFORM
THEIR
PUPPET
SHOWS
FOR BIBLE
STUDIES IN
THE USA!**

**DISAPPOINTMENTS ARE HIS
APPOINTMENTS**

"Walking in my Father's footsteps."

On Sunday at church, Elvie and I challenged our congregation to grow through their trials, and not to allow situations to get the better of us.

I mentioned how, at the beginning of our 7-wk furlough in the USA, we had 25 speaking engagements before us. When we landed at JFK airport in New York City, we rented a car and started driving. Two days later we returned the rental car, and I left my Sunday shoes in the car. A few days (and a thousand miles) later, when we were dressing to speak in a church, my shoes were gone.

My brother Phil is pastor of the church, and he said, "Paul, why don't you just preach in bare feet? After all, you ARE a missionary!" Though dressed in a formal Philippine barong, I ended up wearing my sneakers as I spoke to his congregation.

Now, two months later, the furlough is behind us. Yet standing there in the pulpit, I reached down and took off a shoe. "My Dad gave me his shoes, and I used them for the rest of our trip. When things fall apart, follow in your Heavenly Father's footsteps!"

**YOU KNOW
YOU ARE A
FILIPINO**

**IF...
...you call tire
repair**

**"neumatic
vulcanizing"
and paint the
words on the
side of a tire.**



**FURLOUGH
WORK AND
PLAY:
TRAMPOLINE
BOUNCING**



**MOWING,
RAKING &
HAULING
HAY ON THE
FAMILY
FARM**