

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 Christian Aid Mission (address below)

PLEASE PRAY: THAT BLC'S 99 GRADUATES WILL FIND FUNDS TO AFFORD TO CONTINUE THEIR SCHOOLING ELSEWHERE.

PRAISE GOD!: THAT BOTH KIWANIS AND LIONS CLUBS HAVE MAILED BOXES OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR BLC'S 500 STUDENTS.



NOW ARE THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL **ELECTIONS. A NEW** PRESIDENT WILL **BE CHOSEN. ALONG** ALL ROADS ARE MILLIONS OF **POSTERS WITH**

CANDIDATES.

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*PEPPER=Paul and Elvie's Prayer & Praise newslettER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO BLC'S **GRADUATING CLASS OF 2010!**

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BLC'S 2010 GRADUATING THEME: "IMITATING GOD'S MERCY"



ANGELS AND FLAGS FOR GRAD DAY.



99 GRADUATES FROM PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY GRADES, WITH ONE CRIPPLED GRADUATE.



THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR MISSION

"To love the Lord our God is the heartbeat of our mission..."

A dozen of BLC's fourth graders stood in a circle before hundreds of their schoolmates and parents. All dressed in white, the 2 students in the center of their circle wore angels' wings. The scene represented heaven.

BLC's end-of-year celebration was divided into four sections. Tuesday morning featured the recognition of awards from preschool through second grade.

Tuesday afternoon was 3-5 grades. Graduation of the sixth grade elementary students and the Kinder-2 preschoolers was Wednesday afternoon, preceded by the baccalaureate service in the morning.

"Lack of education is the root of all social problems," claimed our guest speaker, a congressional political candidate for the upcoming national elections.

"Here at BLC," she continued, "I can see that you are creating the future good and godly leaders that we so desperately need for the Philippines!"

As the "purpose of our mission" presentation came to a close, the "non-angelic" fourth graders dressed in white each held up flags.

Our emcee, BLC's librarian, stepped up to the microphone and explained, "Each of these flags represents a country where sponsors of our BLC students come from!"

Glancing at each flag, I was reminded of the faces of the people we'd spoken with about BLC in Scotland, Wales, Malaysia, Australia, America and various other places worldwide.

Why did we do it? Why all this busy traveling, diving, and flying hundreds of thousands of miles? Was it for the children?

Yes, but that is only part of it, for the true reason is that, "To love the Lord our God is the heartbeat of our mission!"

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

"We need a French horn player!"

PJ is the drum player in Faith Academy's youth orchestra. When his conductor asked the students if any of them knew of a French horn player, PJ raised his hand. "My dad plays the French horn!" So, every Tuesday night before I head off to Bible Study, I am now playing in the youth orchestra!

"Now, for the past few moths, due to the Philippine energy crisis, the power company has scheduled daily blackouts throughout the city of Davao in 2-hour increments, unpredictably varying in schedule from day to day and from place to place.

Event though the blackouts vary in time and schedule from day to day, they seem to always occur during orchestra practice. Some kids strap flashlights to their heads. Others prop their lights on their music stands. One time we tried practicing outside, with a car's headlights shining on us from behind, but we kept blocking each other with shadows. Nothing really seemed to work very well. Last moth I was "in the dark" since I had not brought a flashlight. So a sixth grade Korean trumpet player gave me his extra light. "Let there be light!": I joked, "Thanks for saving me!"

This week I found a sale on a very bright light, so I brought it with me to orchestra practice. When the lights went out, my Korean friend said, "Oh no! I forgot my flashlight!" Yet when I switched on my \$3 light, it was bright enough for four musicians to read their music scores. "Let there be light!" my trumpet buddy replied, copying my exclamation from a month earlier...my savior!"

It is true that our Savior Jesus Christ shines the light of hope into our dark and confusing world.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE... PREACHING AT 4AM!



YLLEMAR, BLC'S TALL VALEDICTORIAN.



THE SALUTATORIAN IS HALF HER HEIGHT.

<u>YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF...</u> Instead of advertising "We OFFER (plumbing services, etc.)", businesses post signs that say, "We ACCEPT...(plumbing, etc.)" <u>MISSIONS PROJECTS:</u>

Metal gym pillars: \$1,000 3 Jeepney-buses: \$30,000 Tables for Ind. Arts: \$650 435 desk-chairs: \$14 each 17 Wall fans: \$45 each H2O compressor:\$800 Teachers' mailboxes: \$360 Library computer/printer \$479 FAQ: (Frequently Asked Question): O: When will be the next scheduled furlough for the Barner family? A: Tentatively, we plan to visit the USA East Coast, Southeast/Plains states from Oct 2011-Feb 2012, plus Mexico & Utah. We'll begin the trip by competing in the Hawaii Ironman Triathlon.