

### 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: FOR KIMKIM AND WILSON, THE FIRST TWO "SIDEWALK BOYS" ACCEPTED IN OUR DROP-OFF CENTER FOR STREET KIDS. THEY WILL ENROLL AT BLC.

PRAISE GOD!: THAT OUR SON PJ WAS ELECTED TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL AT FAITH ACADEMY MINDANAO!



#### ALTHOUGH BUSY WITH

SCHOOL, BLC KIDS ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR YOU: YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM HOPE.



# -2010-Pepper\*

\*PEPPER=Paul and Elvie's Prayer & Praise newslett<u>ER</u> Paul M. Barner Ministries Philippine Church Planters Vol 22 No 9



## PJ'S ARTWORK ASKS THE QUESTION, & GOD IS PROVIDING THE ANSWER THROUGH YOU!

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#### **BLC KIDS LEARN APPRECIATION**



MAY GOD SMILE **ON YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.** 

#### SERVANTS OF CHRIST "Be an under-rower for Jesus!"

Our DCL (Davao Christian Leaders Foundation) speaker Friday morning was a guest from Idaho, USA. He explained that one of the translations of the word "servant" used in First Corinthians 4 describes believers as those who should be willing to be the lowest of slaves for Jesus, as well as the highest of privileged ones...however God decides is always the best.

The example was of the hard-working slaves in the lowest tier of smelly, dingy holds of Roman Ships. His focus was on how we should be willing to do anything God tells us, whether we receive praises as a result, or not.

After DCL, I did my three hours of exercises, in prep for the 8/22 triathlon. Then on to the Post Office to mail some packages. While most of these mailings were our annual diary, another package held letters from BLC kids.

Often we have visitors at BLC. They typically provide some desperately needed skill for assistance with our student body. Some give medical care. Others share their expertise in music or drama. Yet others stay in the USA, but mail school supplies, etc. to needy BLC kids.

Since 500 kids are receiving these supplies, 500 letters and cards are hand-drawn and colored to send to the donors.

When I returned to BLC, one of the secretaries handed me a large folder filled with more cards. "Hmmm," I thought, "Who could be the one the kids have made these cards for?"

When I opened the folder out of curiosity, 500 brightly-colored, hand-drawn cards looked back at me. And right on the top of each card was my name! "Thank you, Pastor Paul, for building this school!"

My eyes became moist as I read on, "Thanks for traveling around the world to find a sponsor for me!" Another one, "Thanks for smiling at me when you visited our 3rd-grade class today." Wow. Being an under-rower for Jesus does have its rewards, doesn't it?

#### **GOD CAN DEFEAT DENGUE FEVER** "Dear Lord, please heal Jig-Jig."

Ben, one of BLC's 6 bus drivers, has only one hild, a 4<sup>th</sup>-grade boy. His son Jig-Jig has been in the hospital for a week with dengue fever. We visited him n the hospital.

Stopping at the grocery store first, as is Filipino custom, we bought some fruit for the parents, who stay with him as "watchers" on alternating rounds, around the clock.

By the time Elvie, PJ, Abby and I arrived at his bedside: half a dozen of our BLC staff were already there. The pediatrics dengue recovery room is called semi-private, as there are 6 patients in the room instead of as in the general ward, which typically has up to 70 patients in beds that are side-by-side.

After the nurse came in with Jig's medicine, I was asked to pray for the little guy. How could I restrict my prayer to just one of the many sick kids sharing that room? Our God is much bigger than any sickness, no matter how many are afflicted.

As I opened my Bible to James 5, where we are commanded to pray for God to heal the sick, a hush fell over the room. The little infant in the daddy's arms to Jig's right, stopped crying. The boy two beds down kept pointing our way without mouthing a word. Side-by-side a mother and daughter lay on a YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF ...

bed at the opposite end of the room.

"Lord, please heal Jig, and all the precious children in this room. Bless the nurses and the doctors. Bring up these kids' blood platelet counts, and eliminate this epidemic! Thank you Lord!"

The day before, I finished running a half-marathon and was given a wristband at the finish line. Taking off the band in the hospital room, I placed it around Jig's wrist. "Here, little guy. Just as I have endured my long, painful race, you too can be victorious over this race through your illness. Cross the finish line when you come home from the hospital, Jig!

#### **MISSIONS PROJECTS:**

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



**500 BLC KIDS LEARN TEAM-**WORK FROM STAFF & YOU.





You don't own a mailbox, and your bills are rubber-banded to your gate.



#### FAQ: (Frequently Asked Question):

Q: How does BLC compensate for there being no Junior High in the **Philippines?** 

A: BLC provides 3 years of preschool instead of just one. When kids graduate from elementary school, they've had 9 years of education.

BECAUSE GOD HAS BLESSED **BLC'S 500** POOR **STUDENTS** WITH **SPONSORS** WHO ARE **COVERING** THEIR **EDUICA-**TION, THEY HAVE LEARNED NOT ONLY **TO READ** AND WRITE, **BUT ALSO** TO SHOW THEIR APPRECI-ATION TO YOU!