

Thank You! Fiscal Report

EXP: \$05,113	INC: \$04,580
Family: \$01,076	Gifts: \$04,429
Ministry: \$03,924	Hon: \$00,131
Debt: \$00,113	Interest: \$00,020

YTD STATUS: 99% (-\$717)



Special Projects

3rd Floor Library:
LABOR/LAND: \$11,000
RAISED: \$4130



PICKUP: 3rd Floor Libr.
GOAL: \$9,000 MAT'LS: \$11,000
RAISED \$4600 RAISED: \$2,580



BLC

**CHILDREN'S
EMERGENCY
MEDICAL
FUND:**

"If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother." -Deuteronomy 15:7
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 \$20 (P1000) per month.

Each Sponsorship covers the following: *tuition, enrollment, books, uniform, registration, dental checkup, insurance, medical checkup, ID card/jacket, 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 BLC TO RECEIVE GOVERNMENT PERMITS TO OPEN A HIGH SCHOOL IN 2008.

PRAISE GOD!: FOR THE SAFE ARRIVAL OF MARK, OUR NEW MISSIONARY FROM CALIFORNIA.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP: "ADOPT" A CHILD:

"What else can I do for my "adopted" child?"

So glad you asked...

A-Always display your child sponsorship card (be available, in case somebody asks you how they can sponsor a child too!

D-Daily pray for your sponsored child (by name).

O-Organize your payments (monthly, bimonthly, annually, etc.). BLC's sponsors went in debt over \$7,000 last year, (which has now been recouped) due to payments being "forgotten" by sponsors.

P-Pray weekly for email requests of BLC (when it comes). If you are not receiving these, please request them at BLCKIDS@YAHOO.COM

T-Today send a letter to your child (twice a year).

Pepper*

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

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GETTING TO OUR BAMBOO PANANTUNGAN CHURCH PLANT EACH SUNDAY MORNING GETS PRETTY MUDDY!

Email Address:

BLCKIDS@YAHOO.COM
www.barner.org

Field Address:

**Rev. Paul, Elvie, PJ & Abigail Barner
Barner Learning Center
PO Box 82,224, Davao City 8000
PHILIPPINES**

Support Address:

**Christian Aid Mission (801-BLC)
PO Box 9037
Charlottesville, VA 22906 USA**



PREACHING IN A BAMBOO CHURCH WITH DIRT FLOOR IS A CHALLENGE, BUT THE HEARTS AND SOULS OF THE MEMBERS ARE STILL STIRRED.



FATHER'S DAY GIFTS FROM ELVIE: A FANCY FILIPINO BARONG FOR ME AND MY ASSOCIATE, PASTOR CALLEM. HE SAID IT IS THE FIRST DRESS BARONG THAT HE HAS EVER OWNED! ELVIE REALIZED HE NEEDED ONE WHEN HE PERFORMED A WEDDING IN A SHORT-SLEEVED POLO SHIRT.



LEFT: SARA AND HER MOM VISIT BLC FROM NY, USA. RIGHT: RICH LEADS SINGING AT CHURCH



PLANTING CHURCHES: IT'S WHY WE DO, WHAT WE DO!

Barner Learning Center was started in 1998 to feed unbelievers into church. Praise God that our total average Sunday attendance at church is approaching 700! Since we don't have space anywhere for that many worshippers, we have planted daughter churches. One of our first daughter churches is in Emily Homes. The pastor we installed there has already planted two offshoot churches in Cabantian and Park Villa. We also have five other churches, two of which are combined (Purok Ocho and Communal) until they are able to save up enough to build separate facilities. Here is a closer look at four of our church plants:

1. PUROK OCHO (Sat. 5pm. Attd. 90):

Our Pastoral team is Pastor Callem and myself, with our wives, Inday and Elvie. Since Callem plays the guitar extremely well, he leads in music. Worship at this church is in a home on a muddy dirt road. We can't drive there due to the precarious two-foot deep ruts in the road. So we park on a hill nearby, far enough from the tethered goats that they don't ram holes into the car fenders with their sharp horns. The children worship behind the house and their singing can be heard in the background throughout our worship. Since the walls of our worship location are just chicken wire, all who walk down the road look in to see as they pass by. Naked little boys run back and forth, fresh from their evening baths. Their buddies press their faces up against the wire mesh to watch our worship.

2. PANANTONGAN (Sun. 7am. Attd. 70):

On Sunday morning, bright and early, we four on the ministry team drive 20 minutes until the dirt road gets too muddy. Then we don our knee-length rubber boots and carry our Sunday shoes to our rural Panantongan church plant. Praise God that the worshippers have put up a curtain against the front wall, which is made of woven coconut leaves. Previously, we'd been blinded during worship by the rising sun. An oxcart passes by the church as we turn around on the hard wooden benches to watch. With no back rests on the benches, we can't slouch! Our hymns and choruses are written with magic marker on the back of an old wall calendar.

3. LAVERNA HILLS (Sun. 10am. Attd. 375):

By ten o'clock, we trudge back to the car to get back to the mother church, which is already halfway through with adult Sunday School. Since Laverna Hills' worship is in the BLC gym, we have a big stage, which Elvie has decorated with lots of her flowers and plants. Our family lives in an apartment on campus, so I rush in to grab a bite to eat and change my sweaty shirt. Back in church, PJ and Abby rush out of Sunday School to ask for offering. Elvie and I are always in the front row, being senior pastor.

The present sermon themes at these four churches of Faith Fellowship are:

JUNE-Stewardship; JULY-Family; AUGUST-Prayer; SEPTEMBER-Parables; OCTOBER-Missions; NOVEMBER-Bible; DECEMBER-Advent.

4. DONA ASUNCION (Sun. 2pm. Attend. 75):

After church we treat lots of friends to a lunch of rice, noodles, and some kind of meat (called "viand" in the Philippines), in our apartment. Changing my sweaty shirt for the second time, we leave for our fourth church, Asuncion, at 2pm. At each church, after preaching, I announce the attendance and offering totals. Here at Asuncion, one of our most avid attendees and singers is a scraggly old rooster, who "sings" to us outside the open door of our rented one-room building. Like a good "scraggly old" friend I used to have when I was a pastor in the USA, the rooster adds many comments, and even comes to the door, but as yet, is still afraid of the crowd and hasn't come into the church! After finishing church #4, we go back home to rest. Monday is our day of rest, our Family Day.

***YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF...
...A little mayonaise between two slices of
bread make a sandwich.***

DO YOU HAVE A SUMMER PROJECT? THESE ARE SOME NEEDS THAT WE HAVE NOW



AT BLC:

37 Fl Bulb sets: \$4 each
37 Desks: \$11 each
Jeepney-bus: \$9,412
Tools for LArts: \$169
Tables for LArts: \$650
Music Shelves: \$204
Wood pillars: \$1,000
20 Wall fans: \$45 each

POST OFFICE REQUEST

Hello friends,

So many ministries have been hit hard by the May 14 elimination of the Intl Surface M-Bag, including those involved in Bible distribution and other religious materials overseas.

I encourage you and your ministry to sign an online petition at <http://www.petitiononline.com/zikomo/petition.html> to protest this change. This petition and its signatures will be provided to many in Congress who oversee Post Office operations.

Please encourage others within your ministry as well as other ministries to sign this petition. Together, we can make a change.

We thank you,

Shannon Brown, Friends of Malawi