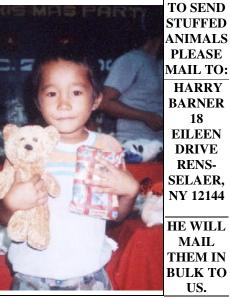


TALLY FOR CHRISTMAS 2008 STUFFED ANIMAL CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY: 500 NEEDED/ 3 RECEIVED



A BLC BOY CUDDLES HIS "NEW" TOY.

IMAGINE, GETTING A **PONY FOR CHRISTMAS!** -----**HE DOESN'T** HAVE TO BE FED EITHER, SINCE HE IS **ALWAYS FULL OF STUFFING!**



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STUFFED ANIMALS TO MY FATHER FOR BLC, PLEASE **INCLUDE A CHECK** FOR 50 CENTS FOR EACH TOY, FOR POSTAGE. **THANKS!**



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"PICK OF THE LITTER!"WHEN PJ AND ABIGAIL PICKED FELIZ FROM AMONG HER **BROTHERS AND** SISTERS, THEY KNEW SHE'D **BECOME THE NEW** SCHOOL MASCOT!

BLESSINGS FROM ABOVE

"Dad, we are eight feet off the ground!"

Our ten yr-old PJ was amazed that the tiny, 2room hut we were in, made of split bamboo and sheet metal, was teetering like a tree-house. Attending the birthday party of a three-yr-old, we first had to locate their residence.

Since the road is on a steep hillside, in order for the family to enter at road level, the back of the house was virtually airborne, held up by stilts. The split bamboo slats that made up the flooring allowed light to pass through the quarter-inch wide gaps. The walls were made of criss-crossed woven 4-foot long coconut leaves (similar in shape to the palm fronds you get on Palm Sunday).

Although the family is poor, culture requires a party when there is a birthday. So with plates of chicken, rice, noodles and fish, a dozen of us church friends shared the mini-feast, from a common pot. But before eating, we all took a nap.

After that, I led in a prayer for the health and Christian growth of this cute little girl. After eating, our own 7-yr-old Abigail asked me, "Daddy, where do I put the chicken bones?" Pointing downward, I lifted the corner of a loose bamboo slat, and the bones were dropped to become food for the hungry animals below us! Blessings from above!

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IFyou call all toothpaste "Colgate". Ex: "What brand Colgate do you use?"



OUALIFICATION NUMBER ONE FOR THE MASCOT OF A **CHRISTIAN** SCHOOL: THE **NEW PUPPY** MUST BE TAUGHT HOW TO PRAY!

JESUS DIED FOR YOU, TOO! "All Christians are hypocrites!"

While on our way to a Christian Leaders Meeting, Mark and I had the disadvantage of having the engine die in the send somebody to come and pick it up, while we took a taxi the rest of the way to our meeting. After our meeting, we decided to walk the first few miles of our trip home. could see about renting one for his wedding in April.

emptied on us his reasons for shunning religion. When he such wretches as those, can He also save hypocrites? The to us like mud, Jesus is our hiding place! van rental man responded, "I like your answer. Yes, I do think God will save repentant hypocrites...like me!"

Do you have a 2008 project?

THESE ARE SOME NEEDS THAT WE HAVE NOW AT BLC:

\$9.412

\$445

\$650

\$360

\$45/per





BUT ABOVE ALL, THE NEW BLC MASCOT MUST BE LOVABLE, CUDDLY, **OUIET, IN GOOD** SHAPE, GOOD WITH KIDS, AND FIT WELL ON THE CORNER OF P.J'S PILLOW WHEN **HE SLEEPS!**

JESUS: OUR HIDING PLACE! "There is so much mud on my boots, I feel I am carrying the road with me!"

The rain had made our path quite muddy, so we parked BLC multicab that I was driving. So we called BLC to the BLC multicab and donned our boots. Carrying our shoes, karaoke speaker, guitar, amplifier, Bibles and hymnals, we walked the last few hundred yards to our rural church plant. Since the assistant pastor Callem's wife is 6 Passing by a store that rents vans, we stopped in so Mark months pregnant, she chose her footing carefully. 3 adults and a child were already singing praise choruses when we When the owner realized we were missionaries, he arrived at the church made of coconut leaves, with tin roof.

Filipino style, the members trickled in over the next half paused to take a breath, Mark caught my sideways glance hour, until all the wooden benches were full. Due to a and handed me the Bible from his pocket. "Yes, all "brown-out", there was no electricity. So we set down into Christians are hypocrites. In fact, every human being is a the corner the equipment that we'd carried. A 2-vr old hypocrite. Hypocrisy is saying one thing, yet doing pressed my hand to his forehead, which is a Filipino sign of another. God calls this sin. There is nobody, believer nor respect. Being Callem's turn to preach, he stood behind the unbeliever, who does not sin. But let me ask you a rough wooden pulpit (made of 3 rough wooden planks question. Did Jesus die to save sinners?" In response, our nailed together lengthwise, with a lid). Suddenly the pulpit new friend replied, "Yes." What about prostitutes? Did began to shake. A little face peered around the corner. My God die for the sins of the prostitutes? "Yes." What about little 2-yr old friend ran out from his hiding place inside of homosexuals who repent? "Yes." Now if God can save the pulpit! There is a spiritual lesson here: though sin sticks

SPECIAL NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE: Starting April, 2008, on the tenth anniversary of BLC, international student sponsorships will experience their very first increase, from \$20 per month to \$25 per month. This is due mainly to cost increases and devaluation of the dollar to the peso. We plan to not raise the rates again for at least another decade. Some sponsors have already started giving the new amount. Thank you, and thanks for understanding!