

DEC Thank You! Report on Finances:

EXP: \$13,049	INC: \$10,419
Family: \$01,200	Gifts: \$10,181
Ministry: \$11,329	Hon: \$00,218
Debt: \$00,520	Interest: \$00,020

YTD STATUS (Not Incl. Sponsorships):
2008 INCOME:\$140,073/**EXPENSES:**\$196,128
 (-\$56,055) 71% {YEAR-TO-DATE}

Special Projects

THREE
NEW BLC JEEPNEYS:
NEED: \$30,000
RAISED: \$2075



PICKUP: GOAL:\$12000
RAISED:\$7600



BLC CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND:

*"Blessed are the merciful,
 for they will be shown mercy."
 -Matthew 5:7*

**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 \$25 (P1250) per month.

Each Sponsorship covers the following: *tuition, enrollment, books, uniform, 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 THE CIVIC CLUB THAT IS CONSIDERING LENDING US THEIR FIRE TRUCK FOR US TO WASH OUT THE CANAL.

PRAISE GOD!: ALMOST HALF OF THE 80 LARGE BOXES WE SHIPPED TO BLC WITH GIFTS FOR POOR KIDS ARRIVED!



BLC FOUNDATION DAY STARTS EARLY IN THE MORNING WITH A ROAD RACE. ELVIE PULLS INTO THE FINISH LINE WITH OUR JANITOR BEBING IN THE 3 KILOMETER RACE.

WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A TALENT SHOW. THE MAIN RULE IN ANY PRESENTATION AT BLC IS THAT ALL MUSIC MUST BE CHRISTIAN.



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Pepper*

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

Paul M. Barner Ministries Philippine Church Planters



BLC CELEBRATES ITS TENTH FOUNDATION DAY!

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PLAYING BASKETBALL, THE BLC BOYS DIVIDED INTO THREE TEAMS AND COMPETED TO SEE WHO WERE THE BEST PLAYERS. IT WAS NOT JUST HEIGHT, BUT SKILL THAT WON!

POWERED BY THE SPIRIT!

“But Daddy, for ten years I have never missed the BLC Foundation Day Parade, except while away on furlough!”

PJ pleaded with us to be in the annual BLC parade, so we borrowed a trumpet and flute from the school music room for our 2 kids to play. Elvie and I carried the school banner at the head of the parade while the 500 BLC students and staff marched in their colorful uniforms behind us, complete with majorettes, drums and lyres, for the one-mile trek around the neighborhood of the school. Followed by BLC's 7 blue buses, neighborhood children cheered from their homes as we passed by with colorful balloons. Arriving at the outdoor basketball court, I prayed for and challenged the kids for their two days of sports competitions. “Who was the strongest man in the Bible, besides Jesus?” A girl from the blue team cried out, “Samson!” Now his strength did not come from his muscles, nor from his money, and not even from his good looks. His strength came from God.

The second day of our competitions, in oppressive tropical humidity and sweat, we ran in three races. PJ and Abby ran in the children's 1 km race, Elvie ran in the 3 km ladies' race, and I ran with the men in the 5 km. As the miles passed by, I remembered the cheer of the BLC kids, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts!” I once again challenged the kids assembled in the gym that afternoon, “Repeat after me. Give me an 'S'!” 500 kids misunderstood and shouted, “Give me an 'S'!” Then I corrected, “No, just 'S'!” Catching on, 500 kids shouted, “S!” Spelling the word “SPIRIT” letter by letter, the kids reminded us of where our real strength lies: in the Spirit of God!

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF...
...you always add an “s” to the end of the word “seafood”. (“seafoods”)



ABBY AND DADDY SING A DUET ON THEIR JOINT BIRTHDAY, 11/9.

<-- BLC YOUTH CHOIR.



BE A HERO TO YOUR KIDS!

“Hey, I know you. you're Superman!”

While at a meeting recently, one of the attendees recognized me from a Christmas party last year when I gave a speech dressed up as Superman. Early the next morning at 5am I skipped my morning run as a dozen friends from church came over to harana (sing) to Abby and me for our joint birthday. “You are our hero!” exclaimed one of the singers, “For because of you, sponsors around the world have a school in which they can sponsor our children to attend!” After the morning worship service later on that day (it was a Sunday), the power went off while parents were giving birthday presents for Abby and me. Suddenly there was a crash and a woman crying. Her church is one of our newest plants, and they'd made me two special mugs with the names of all the families in their church on them. Knowing they were sad the mugs had been broken, I opened the gift anyway. Hundreds of eyes looked on expectantly. Since one of the mugs was still ok, I pulled out the good one.

Oohs and aahs filled the air for this little miracle, but I responded, “No, you are the real heroes. Every parent who helps his son or daughter with their homework is seeing God do a miracle in the life of his child. Watch God do a miracle in the life of your kids, and in their eyes you too will be a super hero!”

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 forI.Arts: \$650**
- Welding machine: \$445-----20 Wall fans: \$45 each**
- H2O compressor:\$8000--Teachers' mailboxes: \$360**
- Library computer/printer \$1350**



FILIPINO KIDS LEAP UP TO GRAB GOODIES THAT HANG ON A COLORED “GRID” WHICH DROPS UP AND DOWN BY A PULLEY, OVER THEIR HEADS!

WOMEN USED BY GOD

“You are a part of God's perfect eternal plan!”

Elvie challenged over 300 ladies twice each day during their three-day conference here in Davao. On the last night she asked them, “What is God doing in your life? What are you holding back from Him? Give it all to Jesus!” One by one, the ladies started coming forward to the stage to dedicate themselves anew for God's service. The ladies were dressed in their tribal outfits, and I thought how, just a century ago, the parents and grandparents of many of these ladies were at war with each other, and worshiping plants, animals and trees. But now all of the women in the auditorium were making their way forward to the altar. In my closing prayer, I pressed forward into the future.

“Dear God, may a mighty revival fire go out from Davao through your Holy Spirit's flame planted afresh in these committed women. Shine Jesus! Shine through these ladies!”



EVEN THE BLC KIDS SHARE IN THE FUN BIRTHDAY TIMES AS GAMES AND SINGING LIFT GLORY TO GOD FOR GRANTING US ANOTHER YEAR TO SERVE HIM!

SINCE ABBY AND DADDY SHARE A BIRTHDAY, THEY HAVE DOUBLE CAKES! ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN BLOW OUT 47 CANDLES, DAD?

