

JAN **Thank You!** Report on Finances:

EXP: \$21,588	INC: \$10,533
Family: \$01,200	Gifts: \$10,295
Ministry: \$19,868	Hon: \$00,218
'07 Debt: \$00,520	Interest: \$00,020

BLC STATUS (Not Incl. Sponsorships):
2008 INCOME:\$150,606/EXPENSES:\$217,716
(-\$67,110) {TOTAL OUTSTANDING} 71%

Special Projects

THREE
NEW BLC JEEPNEYS:
NEED: \$30,000
RAISED: \$2095



PICKUP:
GOAL:\$12000



BLC CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND:

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans & widows in their distress & to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”
-James 1:27

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 RICA, A BLC KINDER PUPIL. OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND HELPED WITH HER LEUKEMIA & DENGUE.

PRAISE GOD!: SO MANY FRIENDS GAVE GIFTS THIS YEAR THAT EACH BLC CHILD HAS RECEIVED A STUFFED ANIMAL, SCHOOL SUPPLIES. AND CLOTHES FOR CHRISTMAS!



BLC'S OLDEST JEEPNEY IS STILL GOING STRONG. BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS REQUIRING THAT WE PAY EXTRA “CHILD CARRYING” FEES TO KEEP ALL OUR BUSES ON THE ROAD.

THE CITY HEALTH DEPT. GIVES ORAL IMMUNIZATIONS TO THE BLC STUDENT BODY FOR FREE. SOME OF THESE KIDS HAVE NO WRITTEN MEDICAL HISTORY, UNTIL THEY ATTEND BLC.



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BLC KIDS COMPETE IN A 1 KILOMETER KIDS' RACE

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FIVE HUNDRED BLC KIDS CHEERFULLY PARADE FOR A MILE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE SCHOOL, MARCHING, SINGING, PLAYING DRUMS, TRUMPETS, FLUTE AND LYRES.

GOD PROVIDES!

“Paul, We wish to send you a donation. Is there a particular designated activity you would prefer to mark the gift toward?”

RESPONSE: Hi from Davao! How awesome that you are willing to help God's ministry here at BLC!

A dozen BLC projects are on hold until we become debt-free. Some debts are interest-free loans, and some not. Most of our debts have arisen from the June flood here in Davao.

Three specific "high priority" items right now are:

1. The still unrecovered flood debt of June, 2008 Typhoon Fen Seng "Frank": textbooks, bus repairs, flood reduction construction and office/school supplies: \$34,000.

2. The general debt of BLC (including #1, above): \$67,110, to date. This also includes the six months we are behind in the monthly "mortgage payments" listed in #3, below.

3. The outstanding mortgage payoff of our no-interest loan (given by a friend). We have been paying \$1,000 a month to cover the \$20,000 we borrowed to cover what we lacked so we could pay off our entire campus' mortgage. However, my friend let us skip six months (June-Nov.) because of the flood and furlough expenses. He said we could catch -up later. We still owe \$15,000.

I realize these are high dollar amounts, however your gift would take a chunk out of one of these debts, and avoid extra interest payments. If you designate your gift for one of these items through Christian Aid, they'd likely be: 1- Flood relief, 2- Debt reduction, 3- Mortgage.

If you would prefer that your gift go toward an actual project, here are some of the ones that we are "waiting on God" for: \$3,000 second internal BLC stairway, required by the fire department \$15,000 fire truck to clean out (and keep clean) the canal to avoid future flooding.

\$19,000 for a minivan for our family to use while on furlough.
\$21,000 third floor offices over the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms
\$30,000 three jeepneys (now lacking about \$27,500)
\$50,000 2-lot property for outdoor playground, adjacent to BLC
\$60,000 gymnasium
\$80,000 mountain (8 hectare) property for a boarding high school/vegetable plantation/detention center

Having a school like this one requires complete dependence upon God, and often I must remain in prayer to determine God's perfect will and plan. Your email is definitely an answer from God.

Praise God for you!

In Jesus, *Paul*

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF...

...you see men walking in public with their shirts rolled up to reveal their stomachs.

FROM KINDERSCHOOL RIGHT UP THROUGH SIXTH GRADE, HUNDREDS OF BLC KIDS PERFORM CALESTHENICS, WITH ALMOST PERFECT UNISON.



THE SECRET GIFT

“Sorry, I can't stop laughing!”

My face was turning red and the small congregation of fifty at our Purok Ocho church plant also caught on to the contagion of humor.

It started when Elvie had handed me the microphone, impromptu. "Here. Ask Christmas questions!" On the spur of the moment I could only come up with a dozen Bible-related questions about Christmas before I drew a blank. "More questions!" called out different members at the church plant's Christmas party.

So I resorted to a history question. "The real Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, started his gift giving when there was a young lady who wanted to get married. She needed one very important thing before she could get married.

That night, St. Nicholas dropped something through the open window of the girl's house and into the socks that she had hung up there to dry in the cool night air.

What was it that he dropped through the window to give to her?" Cha-Cha, a girl in the front row who was also celebrating her own birthday as well as the birthday of Jesus, called out, "Santa gave her a husband!"

I was laughing so hard that it was a few minutes before I could tell the correct answer of a few gold coins for the girl's dowry.

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



THREE CHEERS FOR THE BLC MARCHING BAND! THE DRUM AND LYRE CORPS BELTS OUT CHRISTIAN HYMNS FOR ALL THE WORLD TO

FIGHTING FOR PEACE

“I can't fight anymore!”

The Mexican all-star featherweight champ had met his match. As the Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao boxed him into the eighth round, a stunning blow to the face sent La Joya's hands up for a truce. For the next week, Pacquiao was a national hero. Motorcades hosted him through the streets of the nation's capitol city, right up to Malacanang Palace, where President Gloria Arroyo dubbed him with the official title of "Ambassador of Peace". Pound-for-pound, he is considered the best boxer on the planet. Imagine, he got the title of being a peacemaker by beating somebody up.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

“PJ, let's go and feed some beggars!”

Every November thousands of ragged, tribal beggars walk barefoot hundreds of miles down from the mountains to beg on the streets of Davao, wearing their mountain costumes and playing their native instruments.

We had some extra oranges on the table, so PJ and I drove to the store where half a dozen beggars immediately came to the car and reached their arms into PJ's open window to get free oranges. After we left, PJ looked at me with eyes the size of saucers, exclaiming, "Whoa. That was awkward!" Then we laughed at the warmth inside of us all the rest of the way home.



IN COLORFUL COSTUMES, BLC STUDENTS PRESENT CLEVER CHOREOGRAPHY WITH WELL-PLANNED ACCOMPANIMENT.

TABLES LINE UP FOR BLC'S MARATHON CHESS COMPETITION.

