

100 Thank You! Report on Finances:

EXP:	\$73,605	INC:	\$02,080
Family:	\$00,520	Gifts:	\$01,855
Ministry:	\$01,560	Hon'ium:	\$00,205
2008 Debt:	\$71,525	Interest:	\$00,020

BLC 2009 STATUS (Not Incl. Sponsorships):
2009 INCOME:\$68,478/EXPENSES:\$140,003
49% {- \$71,525: TOTAL OUTSTANDING}
PAID DEBT PRINCIPLE LAST MONTH: \$389

Special Projects

THREE
NEW BLC JEEPNEYS:
NEED: \$30,000
RAISED: \$2,295



PICKUP: **GOAL: \$14000**
 RAISED \$9600

BLC CHILDREN'S



EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed". -Proverbs 11:25

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, 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 Paul M Barner Ministries, Inc. (address below)

PLEASE PRAY: FOR GUIDANCE FOR THE BLC PARENTS WHO'VE STARTED BIBLE STUDIES WITH THE MANY WHO'VE BECOME BELIEVERS DURING OUR WEEKLY DOOR-TO-DOOR WITNESSING.

PRAISE GOD!: BLC'S ROOFTOP GARDEN/SIGN/CHICKEN PROJECT IS ALMOST COMPLETED, TO FEED 500 KIDS.

THE PMBMI STORY:

"Jesus Brings Us Together" was the theme of our 1996 wedding, for God had called both Elvie & me from childhood to be future missionaries. Once married, we planted a church and then reached out to the community through a much-needed kinderschool. The church now averages 1000 each Sunday & the school teaches (thru grade 6) 500 each day. Paul M. Barner Ministries, Inc (PMBMI) is a federally-recognized American 501.c (3) charitable organization which we established, designed to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through planting and strengthening churches around the globe.

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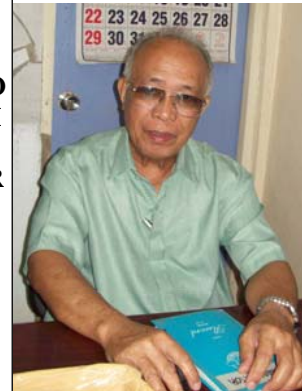
**PEPPER=Paul and Elvie's Prayer & Praise newsletter*

**Paul M. Barner Ministries
Philippine Church Planters**

REV./DR. CARLOS AYOC, OUR BLC ADMINISTRATOR FOR 5 YEARS, WENT TO BE WITH HIS SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR.

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**REV. CARLOS AYOC
1939-2009**



KNOWN AS "DADDY" TO ALL WHO LOVED HIM, HE SCHEDULED THE BUS RUNS, FOOD PROGRAM AND STAFF DISCIPLINE.

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BLC'S NEW ROOF GARDEN WILL HAVE OVERHEAD SPRINKLERS AND AN 18" LAYER OF UNDEGROUND COCONUT HUSKS FOR RETENTION.

SOUP: THE MIRACLE MULTIPLIER

"Pastor Paul, how do you feed your students on 2 cents a day?"

A few years ago, our BLC nurse said the students were regularly sick in class, since they had nothing to eat at home before school. Her solution was to give a little broth and crackers, which stopped the sick students' painful stomach cramps.

Shortly after, we started feeding all of our 500 students. American friends had started giving to our "Jericho Lunch Program." We had funding for 2 cents per child per day, so we made soup...lots of it, in huge kettles over wood fires. On Monday was *arroz caldo* (spicy chicken & rice soup). Tuesday was *chamorado* (chocolate and rice soup). Wednesday was *lugaw* (creamy rice soup). Thursday was *loomi* (creamy noodles in gravy), while Friday was either spaghetti or fruit salad, depending on how much money BLC's cooks had left at the end of the week.

Part of BLC has a flat roof. To conserve funds we're growing some of our own food on the cement portion of BLC's roof. We experimented with chickens, but many flew off the roof and were eaten by wild dogs, down on the ground. We tried growing vegetables, but they became burned by the hot rooftop sun.

After consultation with some agriculturalists and horticulturalists in various countries, I designed an arborarium, which is now under construction. Its roof is made of climbing vegetables like pole beans, which are climbing on a solid, metal and plastic pipe structure. The depth of the garden area is two feet, with 6 inches of topsoil and 18 inches of porous coconut husks, for water retention. A foot under this plant-roof is a compressor, which sprays water through a crisscross network of perforated pipes, onto the plants below, from pipes above, four times a day.

For fertilizer, 20% of the rooftop area is sectioned off for 200 egg-laying hens. They will sit on three tiers of coarse-mesh chicken-wire shelves, with sheet metal beneath to remove the dung. The dung will be dried in the sun daily, to avoid smelly accumulation. Then it will be dug into the garden for fertilizer.

The 200 eggs daily will feed our 500 kids twice a week. The edge of the garden is a cement half-wall and school sign, which shades the plants and animals from our hot tropical Philippine sun.

Hunger will not deter our precious 500 BLC students from doing their very best in their studies. We're now seeing God's plan in meeting yet another need for these destitute children.



PJ'S SCIENCE PROJECT OF MAKING AN EDIBLE MODEL OF A PLANT CELL BECAME A FAMILY PROJECT.

WE USED THREE BATCHES OF OATMEAL COOKIES AS THE BASE, FOR A SIX FOOT SQUARE GIANT COOKIE. AFTERWARD, IT BECAME A MEAL FOR BOTH HIS CLASS AND OUR BLC STAFF!

GOD HAS PERFECT TIMING

"What are we going to do: waiting 2 hrs for our boat?"

Last month Elvie and I went to a convention in Bohol, Philippines. We flew only part way, and rode the boat the rest of the way. The sea was so choppy that Elvie and many passengers threw up from seasickness on the 2-hour trek.

On our return trip, the shuttle from the convention to the pier was scheduled for 9am. Our boat would depart at 10:30. Our hotel was close to the pier. I figured we could easily walk the distance instead. However, since we had luggage to carry, I agreed to ride the hotel's free shuttle.

The shuttle drove us to the airport by mistake, which shaved off about 20 minutes from our waiting time. We got to the pier at 9:27. A sign at the window of the ticket counter said all their boats were in dry-dock indefinitely, since a few days previous, one of their ships had sunk near another Philippine Island, and many passengers had drowned.

Oh no, how were we to catch our connecting flight in Cebu City, if there was no boat to get us there? Another boat, from a different shipping company, was tied to the pier, and was headed for the same destination. But it was to leave at 9:30!

In 3 minutes we got a refund for our round-trip tickets, bought new tickets, and hopped onto the alternate company's ship, getting us to Cebu City in time to catch our flight back to Davao! God had a reason for that early shuttle from the convention! His timing was perfect... and nobody got sick!!



THE ENORMOUS FOUR-DIRECTIONAL BLC SIGN SURROUNDS THE TOP FLOOR OF 20% OF THE CAMPUS. IT CAN BE SEEN FOR MILES AROUND.

KIDS WITHOUT MONEY STILL HAVE BRAINS

"Pastor Paul, why waste your time trying to educate those slow-minded poor kids?"

Some people think that children from poor families do not have the mental capacity for higher learning. At BLC, most of our students are very poor. Some don't even live in homes with four walls, but instead, in alleys walled with clotheslines of their hand-washed clothes. Our 17 teachers are trained to challenge the kids to try their best. They also have more experienced kids help the slow-learners to catch up.

Scholastics is not the only tool by which we can measure these kids' abilities. Sports are a fantastic tool. One intellectually taxing game these kids can play is chess. A winner has to think three moves ahead of his or her opponent. Davao has annual tournaments, with mostly wealthy children, competing at a level of intellect which I can only gasp at.

A BLC dad helped start a chess team. When our kids came in first place last year in a citywide tournament, they decided to "go national." Fortunately, this year's PCA (Philippine Chess Association) tournament was in Davao City. Although BLC did not place in the top five finalists, we were awarded a trophy for the largest delegation from one institution: 125 children (one-fourth of our student body) participated!

Many of our BLC kids won seven or eight games in a row! See, even poor kids have potential, if only we are willing to let them try! Thank you to all who pay \$25 per month to sponsor your poor Filipino student at BLC!

**YOU KNOW
YOU ARE A
FILIPINO**

**IF...
...the walls of your home are made of woven coconut leaves.**



TO GET DIRT UP TO BLC'S ROOF GARDEN, WE RIGGED UP A PULLEY.

ALREADY OUR VEGETABLE PLANTS HAVE STARTED TO PRODUCE OCRA, EGGPLANT, ETC.



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**
- 435 desk-chairs: \$14 each----20 Wall fans: \$45 each**
- H2O compressor:\$800-----Teachers' mailboxes: \$360**
- Library computer/printer \$479**