

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 Christian Aid Mission (address below)

<u>PLEASE PRAY:</u> FOR ELVIE, AS SHE VISITS THE HUTS OF MANY POOR CHILDREN TO REPLACE THE GRADUATING BLC KIDS.

PRAISE GOD!: THAT ALL OF BLC'S 500 DESTITUTE CHILDREN HAD MANY GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS!



EACH OF THE 500 POOR BLC SPONSORED STUDENTS RECEIVED A STUFFED ANIMAL, CLOTHES, FLIP-FLOPS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND FOOD, SENT FROM LOVING CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.





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*PEPPER=Paul and Elvie's Prayer & Praise newslettER Paul M. Barner Ministries Philippine Church Planters Vol 22 No 1



3 WISE MEN AND MARY, WITH HUMAN BACKDROPS (DRAPED WITH MALONG CLOTH) AT BLC'S 2009 CHRISTMAS.

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GROUP SING FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS



PASTORAL TRAINING CLASS

MUSICAL CHAIRS AT THE FACULTY/STAFF PARTY!



"KAMUSTA, PASTOR?" "And a little child shall lead them..."

When little Joshua greeted me at the front gate of BLC, I smiled at him. Ate Minin (BLC's treasurer) called my attention to the little guy. "He asked you how you are, Pastor Paul. He said that he was praying for you!"

Suddenly I couldn't speak, since I had a lump in my throat. I remember when Josh's mother was pregnant with Josh. I remember how he'd come and sit on my lap during church. I remembered when I prayed for him when he was burned severely during an accident.

I remember how he chased me down the street while I was running one morning, trying to catch-up with me. And I can never forget how, if we are in the same room, no matter how many people are there, when his eyes meet mine, there'll be a twinkle, and he'll run over to me, his pastor.

"Ma-ayo, kayo, Dodong. Salamat pag ampo" (I'm ok now. Thanks, little guy.) The pain from my hospital stay, and the miracles that God provided to avoid expensive surgery, flashed before my mind. God answered the prayers of this little guy...prayers for me.

A few days later, as Josh's turn came to make his way up to the stage with the other 500 BLC students, and I handed him his gifts and stuffed animal for Christmas, donated by friends world-wide, whose churches we'd spent months and nearly one hundred thousand miles to visit, I thought, "Why God? Why did you give my family this awesome privilege to be in the middle of this delightful circle of love connecting loving Christians worldwide?" Thanks, God!

A LIVING LEGACY "A Soldier's legacy lives on!"

Orvil was a soldier, who fought valiantly in battle. When he retired, he fought other battles. Seeing the deplorable situation of his grandkids (due to mistakes that his children had made), he fought the enemy of poverty by "adopting" many of those in need.

His grandson Mark (our missionary friend here in Davao) has mentioned in his sermons countless times how his own life was influenced by his grandfather, his "true father" in many ways.

Mark's parents were drug dealers and his home life was extremely violent. His grandfather's farm was a peaceful place of solitude, and Mark loved to go there to enjoy the healing, hard work on the farm with the animals. His grandfather never turned away anyone in the community who needed food, clothes or funds.

When Orvil died, he received full military honors, with a 21-gun salute, and an American flag draped over the coffin. Mark was given the flag, which he brought with him to the Philippines.

Mark plans to call his outreach to street kids "OASIS," (Orvil's Access to Safety In the Savior). When I had three flagpoles built on the BLC roof, the center flag was the Philippine flag, and on the right is the Christian flag. But I couldn't find an American flag for the 3rd pole. Mark offered his granddad's flag.

How appropriate that, the memory of this caring man, and of America, the land of the free, flies over BLC, where kids are loved to Jesus!

BLC KIDS PRAY



BLC TOTS PERFORM



MISSIONS PROJECTS:

Metal gym pillars: \$1,000 3 Jeepney-buses:\$30,000 Tables forI.Arts: \$650 435 desk-chairs: \$14 each 17 Wall fans: \$45 each H2O compressor:\$800 Teachers' mailboxes: \$360 Library computer/printer \$479

YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF...

you point, not with a finger, but with your whole hand, or with your lips.



"SIMON SAYS," TO BLC'S JANITORS, TEACHERS & DRIVERS!