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Thank You!

Report on Finances:

BLC 2011 STATUS (Not Incl. Sponsorships):
2011 INCOME: \$47,120/EXPENSES: \$75,089
63% {- \$27,958: TOTAL OUTSTANDING}
PAID DEBT PRINCIPLE LAST MONTH: \$11

EXP: \$05,732
Family: \$01,430
Ministry: \$04,291
2008 Debt Paid: \$00,011

INC: \$05,732
Gifts: \$05,495
Hon'ium: \$00,217
Interest: \$00,020

Special Projects

THREE
NEW BLC JEEPNEYS:
NEED: \$30,000
RAISED: \$2,700



PICKUP: GOAL: \$14,600
RAISED \$13,400



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 4 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)

PLEASE PRAY: FOR THE POOR STUDENTS IN BLC'S SUMMER SCHOOL, TO CATCH UP WITH WEALTHIER DAVAO STUDENTS WHO STARTED SCHOOL AT YOUNGER AGES.

PRAISE GOD!: THAT CARLOS, A BLC STUDENT WHO'D DROPPED OUT FOR THREE YEARS, FINALLY RETURNED TO STUDY AND GRADUATE



2 MORE 70.3 MILE IRONMAN TRIATHLONS IN 2011!
IN JUNE AND AUGUST, I WILL COMPETE IN TWO MORE IRONMAN TRIATHLONS, IN THE USA AND PHILIPPINES. ALL PLEDGES FOR MY RACE WILL GO TOWARD PAYING OFF BLC'S TYPHOON DEBT.



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

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RICCI MARIE, BLC'S "MIRACLE GIRL" SURVIVES FOR HER GRADUATION, AFTER STRUGGLING 3 MONTHS WITH LUPUS. HER DAD BOWS TOO, FOR HE STAYED IN THE HOSPITAL WITH HER CONSTANTLY.

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“WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES!”



BLC'S VALEDICTORIAN TELLS HUNDREDS OF PARENTS HOW HIS INSPIRATION WAS TO EVENTUALLY PROVIDE FOOD FOR HIS FAMILY'S TABLE.

**STUDY FOR GOD'S APPROVAL...
“When I grow up...”**

As each graduate stepped up to the microphone during BLC's commencement ceremonies, he or she would announce his lifelong goals.

In the audience was Ricci Marie, a student who, just a month earlier was so sick in the hospital with Lupus, that we were sure we'd soon be preparing for her funeral.

After she had been three months confined in the hospital, I challenged the church, “Ricci will either graduate or die. Pray hard, many times each day, that she lives!”

A few hours before I left to fly to Singapore for my Ironman triathlon race, I visited her one last time. In the hospital. She surprised me by sitting up in her hospital bed. I asked her, “Shall we dance?” to which she smiled and held out her arms.

On my way home I heard on the radio a song “One last time she danced, and then she



BLC'S GRADUATING CLASS OF 2011

died.” Was this to be the story of Ricci? Yet God answered our prayers and, as each child reached out to receive his/her diploma at graduation, Elvie and I embraced Ricci as she gave us a great big smile. “You MADE IT Ricci! Congratulations! You are an inspiration to us all!”

Since the sixth graders no longer announce their lifetime goals, Ricci did not reveal what she aspired to be as a grown up. Yet I can imagine she'd have said, “When I grow up, I want to be...ALIVE!”

The face of a man in the audience at BLC's graduation was beaming. I whispered to Pastor Joe next to me on the stage, “It is kind of obvious who the dad of the valedictorian is, isn't it?” Even among 500 other parents present, that one dad shown like a beacon.

Just before his son got up to give his

valedictory speech, his first runner up (salutatorian) received his accolades while in tears. Elvie whispered to me, “His dad can't be here, since he is in jail.”

“Last year when I was a fifth-grader,” began the valedictorian, “My mother only had five pesos [ten cents] and could not buy rice. My dad is a poor pastor, so he had no money either. I said to myself then, ‘I will study hard so that I can graduate and get a good paying job! And you know what? It worked! Here I am!’”

Earlier, when each of the K-2 graduates came up to the microphone to announce what they wanted to become, most desired to be a policeman, teacher, engineer or nurse. But one surprised us all when he reached up to the mike and confidently proclaimed, “When I grow up, I will be the PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES!”

And you know what” I bet you he will make it, too!

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF YOU “OPEN OR “CLOSE” THE LIGHT BY TURNING THE SWITCH

FAQ: (Frequently Asked Question):

**Q: DOES THE PHILIPPINES HAVE 13 YRS OF SCHOOL?
A: NO, BUT THEY PLAN TO. PRESENTLY THEY CAN'T AFFORD THE EXTRA BUILDINGS AND TEACHERS. INSTEAD, AFTER 6TH GRADE, CHILDREN PAY FOR 4 YRS OF HIGH SCHOOL**

MISSIONS PROJECTS:

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



ONE GIRL WINS DOZENS OF CHESS MEETS WITH THE NAME OF BLC.

