

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

BLC 2011 STATUS (Not Incl. Sponsorships):
2011 INCOME:\$67,265/EXPENSES:\$93,768
71% {- \$26,411: TOTAL OUTSTANDING}
PAID DEBT PRINCIPLE LAST MONTH: \$92

EXP:	\$09,697	INC:	\$09,697
Family:	\$02,401	Gifts:	\$09,460
Ministry:	\$07,204	Hon'ium:	\$00,217
2008 Debt Paid:	\$00,092	Interest:	\$00,020

Special Projects

THREE
NEW BLC JEEPNEYS:
NEED: \$30,000
RAISED: \$2,740



PICKUP: **GOAL: \$14,600**
RAISED \$13,800



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)

PRAISE GOD!: FOR OUR 21 BLC TYRIATHLETES WHO FINISHED THEIR RECENT RACE...AND ALSO THE THREE WHO BROUGHT HOME PLACER MEDALS!

PLEASE PRAY: THAT THE SCHOOL BE SPARED ANY FLOODS WHILE WE ARE AWAY ON FURLOUGH FROM JUNE THROUGH AUGUST.



2 MORE 70.3 MILE IRONMAN TRIATHLONS!

IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS I WILL COMPETE IN THREE MORE IRONMAN TRIATHLONS, IN THE USA AND ASIA. ALL PLEDGES FOR MY RACE WILL GO TOWARD PAYING OFF BLC'S TYPHOON DEBT.



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BLC'S TRIATHLETES HOLD MEDALS AFTER SWIMMING, BICYCLING AND RUNNING THEIR RACES. OUR JEEPNEY HAS A FULL LOAD OF BIKES ON ITS ROOF.

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EVEN POOR KIDS CAN BE CHAMPIONS!
“See you at four in the morning!”

Our forty BLC triathletes have met at BLC every Saturday for eight months, and each Saturday they are driven twenty minutes to the ocean for their swim practice. They had to arrive before sunrise so that they would be done before seven am when the “free swim time” ended and the wealthier swimmers came to use the beach.

One Saturday little ten year-old Frauline couldn't make it the full two laps that I required them to swim to the pier and back. When I swam over to rescue her, her pulse rate was a mile a minute, like a rabbit. “How will this weak and skinny little girl ever compete in a real race?” I wondered, as I sat her on the beach for her to catch her breath and renew her energy.

BLC kids were excited to follow my example, since I am their school president, their senior pastor, and an Ironman triathlete. One of my Ironman buddies is a certified Red Cross swim instructor and she donated her time for free every Saturday to train our BLC kids.

“Pastor Paul,” Instructor Felina asked last December, “where are your athletes’ swim goggles? They need to protect their eyes from the painful ocean salt water. They also need swim suits and swim caps. With caps, we will be able to tell if they stray deeper into the ocean.” (some of our swimmers are as young as five years old.)

Although I had no answer for Felina, God knew our need. He touched the hearts of volunteers at a Hong Kong agency to give Speedo goggles, Olympic-style swim caps, and many swim suits as well! “Pastor Paul,” asked Felina four months before the May race, “How can your athletes compete in a triathlon without bicycles?” I knew this was a need, but I kept putting-off the addressing of this need. God did it again, and touched the hearts of half a dozen Americans and Filipinos to give funds so that we could buy twenty bicycles. They were just cheap bikes, and although they were brand new, the chains and pedals kept breaking and falling off. One girl’s handle bars broke! And yet at least they finally had real bikes to practice on.



THE BLC TRIATHLETES!

“What about helmets?” inquired Stax, another Ironman buddy of mine. Oops. I hadn't realized that helmets were required in the race. So I started looking again. \$100 each...too expensive. \$30...nope...

\$15...still too much. When I found some for \$10 each., I thought I'd hit my goal. Yet when bringing PJ and Abby to the toy store, I found some for \$8.50. That was it! And they had 20 helmets in stock...the exact number of BLC thriathletes who'd planned on competing in the race!

After another Filipino donor subsidized 80% of the kids' registration fee for the race, it was obvious, with all these miraculous provisions of helmets, goggles, bikes, suits, caps their friends, that God was rooting for us. On race day, many the BLC competitors had borrowed sneakers from friends, since they only owned sandals and their black BLC school shoes.

The race was awesome! BLC kids, the poor children, many of whom lived in squatter shacks, competed against some very wealthy children. Many of the rich kids were members of very expensive swim teams in the city, and rode bicycles whose price tags were each more than BLC kids' parents' entire annual salaries.

FAQ: (Frequently Asked Question):

Q: WHY DO YOU VISIT THE USA FOR FURLOUGHS?

A: TO CHALLENGE PEOPLE TO BECOME MISSIONARIES.

SOME GO, SOME GIVE, AND SOME PRAY. SOME DO ALL THREE! WHAT ABOUT YOU?

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF... YOUR CHILDREN TAKE THEIR BATHS IN THE RIVER OR ALONG THE ROADSIDE, WHERE THE COMMUNITY WATER SPICKET IS.

But our athletes WON! Aside from the medals that every finisher received, Eight “placer” medals were awarded to the BLC students who came in first, second and third place in their age categories.

We were sooooo proud of our athletes! They'd come so very far. They'd achieved the impossible. They'd overcome insurmountable obstacles. Our own Abigail received a placer medal. Oh, and Frauline, the little skinny girl with the “rabbit heart”...she won the gold medal in her race! First Place!

It was then that MY heart skipped a beat! The next Sunday after I preached at church, she and her friend Angel asked me, “Pastor Paul, now that we finished the race, does that mean we are real athletes, like you?” Sure, I assured them. They fully qualified now as real, living and breathing athletes!

BARNERS' "GREAT EASTERN TOUR" IN 2011:

JUNE

5- 9	OGDEN	UTAH
10-12	CAMBRIDGE / IRONMAN	MARYLND
13-14	TRENTON	N. JERSEY
15	SHMKIN. DAM	PENSVNIA
16-18	ORIENTAL	PENSVNIA
19	LIVERPOOL	PENSVNIA
20	NOKESVILLE	VIRGINIA
21	CHRLTSVLE	VIRGINIA
22-23	PINEHURST	N.CRLINA
24	RALEIGH	N.CRLINA
25-26	REMBERT	S. CRLINA
27-29	CLINTON	S. CRLINA
30	AMERICANUS	GEORGIA
	OCALA/KSMEE	FLORIDA

JULY

1	ORLANDO	FLORIDA
2	SARASOTA	FLORIDA
3	FT MEYERS	FLORIDA
4-6	GULF SHORES	ALABAMA
7	OAK RIDGE	TENNESEE
8-10	S. WILLIAMSN	KENTCKY
11	LOUISVILLE	KENTCKY
12-13	TRENTON	OHIO
14	FLINT	MICHIGAN
15	ONTARIO	CANADA
16-17	COLDEN	NW YORK
18	ANDOVER & CANNDAIGUA	NW YORK
19-20	CLIFTON SPGS	NW YORK
21-23	FULTONNW YORK	
24	RENSELAER	NW YORK
25	ALBANY	NW YORK
25-26	RENSELAER	NW YORK
27	SCHODACK	NW YORK
28	LOUDONVILLE	NW YORK
29	BALLSTON SPA	NW YORK
30	POTTERSVILLE	NW YORK
31	COLONIE	NW YORK

AUGUST

1	THORNWOOD	NW YORK
2	PORT CHESTR/ RYE BROOK	NW YORK
3	WHITE PLAINS	NW YORK
4-5	THORNWOOD	NW YORK
6-7	VALEY CTGE	NW YORK
8	SANFRANCISCO CALFRNA	FLY TO PHILIPPINES
9-10	IRONMAN/IRONKIDS	
11-14		

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 cmptr/printer \$479.