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# Thank You!

## Report on Finances:

BCA 2011 STATUS (Not Incl. Sponsorships):  
 2011 INCOME:\$81,377/EXPENSES:\$107,788  
 75% {- \$17,774: TOTAL OUTSTANDING}  
 PAID DEBT PRINCIPLE LAST MONTH: \$8,637

<b>EXP:</b>	<b>\$14,112</b>	<b>INC:</b>	<b>\$14,112</b>
Family:	\$01,368	Gifts:	\$13,087
Ministry:	\$4,107	Hon'ium:	\$01,005
2008 Debt Paid:	\$08,637	Interest:	\$00,020

## Special Projects

THREE  
 NEW BLC JEEPNEYS:  
 NEED: \$30,000  
 RAISED: \$2,795



PICKUP: GOAL: \$14,600  
 RAISED \$14,000



### BLC CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND

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

BCA'S MEDICAL FUND IS AN ANSWER TO PRAYER FOR MANY FILIPINOS

### International BCA Sponsorships (801-BLC)

The BCA (Barner Christian Academy) 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 THOUSANDS OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE WE MET WHILE ON SPEAKING TOUR IN THE USA FROM JUNE THROUGH AUGUST THIS YEAR!**

**PLEASE PRAY: THAT BLC'S 2009 AND 2010 STUDENTS PASS THEIR GOVERNMENT EQUIVALENCY EXAMS.**



### 2 MORE 70.3 MILE IRONMAN TRIATHLONS!

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



2/19/2012

6/2/2012

8/8/12/2012

# -2011- Pepper\*

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

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## BLC UPGRADES TO BCA!

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# BARNER LEARNING CENTER, INC. IS UPGRADED TO BARNER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF DAVAO CITY, INC!



**PASTOR PAUL TEACHES BIBLE TO BCA KIDS EACH SATURDAY**



**GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS GAVE US PERMISSION TO OPEN BCA IN 2012**



**AT OUR PANANTONGAN CHURCH PLANT'S 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, PJ & ABBY SING A DUET & A NEIGHBOR TELLS HOW SHE WAS FIRST DRAWN TO THE CHURCH BY HEARING THEIR MUSIC EACH SUNDAY MORNING.**



**BCL → BCA**

***"This is the best furlough ever!"***

After a month of traveling in the USA, we'd spoken in 20 different locations. Our ten and fourteen-year old kids PJ and Abigail had sung a dozen duets, and some pastors even came up to us in tears to thank Elvie and I for challenging them and their congregations to serve God by going, giving, and praying for God's missionary endeavors worldwide.

Then we arrived in Alabama. The people were wonderful, and showed us much of that "southern hospitality" that they are so well known for (of course we had grits and biscuits with white gravy!)

Yet a troubling email from the Philippines suddenly burst our bubble. "The Department of Education (DepEd) is demanding that we close the school immediately!" WHAT?! Was this some sort of mean joke? Why? BLC graduates perennially score among the highest in the National Achievement Tests (NAT).

What possible reason could there be for this drastic measure? We called long distance to BLC, and used every means possible to communicate: Skype, Facebook, Email, MagicJack, etc. Finally the complex story began to reveal itself to us un an unfolding mystery.

Three years ago, after the terrifying flood of 2008, our school secretary Grace, was so busy helping the rest of the staff with cleanup, that she forgot to submit our annual permit to the DepEd. When it was called to her attention, she decided to just copy the permit from the previous year and later get the actual detailed paperwork accomplished.

One thing led to another, and the next year's (2010) permit had to be filed. So she didn't bother submitting the info from the previous year. Instead, she just Xeroxed the 2008 one a second time, changing the date.

She got away with this two years in a row. However, when 2011 arrived, he secret was revealed when another school was assigned the same number (#240) that had been on our previous three year's permits! Therefore, without a valid permit for 2009 and 2010, in the eyes of the government, we did not really exist!

As we traveled the remaining month and a half of our furlough, through 20 more speaking engagements and a dozen states (plus four different countries), we kept calling and emailing the staff of BLC.

"Honey, why are you crying?" I tried consoling Elvie that no matter what, God is still in control. When I told my brother, he just shrugged his shoulders and said, "So. You will keep serving God, and reaching Filipinos for Jesus in some other way. God will bless."

And that is just what God did. We enrolled the grades 1-6 in public school and paid all their fees, uniforms, books, etc. The government let us keep the preschoolers in BLC under the government's own ECE (Early Childhood Education) permits.

As soon as we returned to Davao on August 17, we went to the DepEd offices. "Ma'am, what do we do now?" She suggested that we close the BLC corporation and open immediately under a new name. "But what name do you suggest?" She gave us the

Name "Barner Christian Academy." How awesome it is that the government itself recognizes us as a Christian School now!

To prepare for our reopening next year, we are having training each Saturday for an equivalency exam to be held in the next few months. Every Sunday afternoon we will be paying a children's pastor to give spiritual training to our BLC kids.

Two great things have come about as a result of this catastrophe. First, we'll likely keep the children's pastor even after the school's reopening next year, and secondly, our new BCA name prepares the ground for us to open a high school in the next 5-10 years. After that, we can look toward becoming BCC (Barner Christian College) and then, in 20 or so years, BUD (Barner University of Davao).

God makes no mistakes. All things work together for good to those who are called according to His purpose. The first Sunday after we returned from the USA, I challenged the congregation that perhaps, although they are poor, in 20 years their children will receive their doctorate degrees for free from BUD!



**THOUSANDS OF WELL-WISHERS CHEER ON PAUL AND OVER 800**



**OTHER ATHLETES AS THEY FINISH THE SWIM PORTION OF THE 8-HOUR PHILIPPINE IRONMAN TRIATHLON.**

***FAQ: (Frequently Asked Question):***

**Q: Why do you renew your school's government permit every year?**  
**A: Until we are able to purchase 3 acres of property, the government will not give permanent recognition to the school. Thus each year a temporary renewal permit is issued.**

**YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF...**  
*Your house is on stilts to protect your family from chickens and flood waters.*

**MISSIONS PROJECTS:** Metal gym pillars: \$1,000/3 Jeepney-buses: \$30,000/Tables for Ind. Arts: \$650 \$294/21 desk-chairs: \$14 each/\$765/17 Wall fans: \$45 each/Teachers' mailboxes: \$360/Library cmprtr/printer \$479.