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Report on Finances:

BCA 2012 STATUS (Not Incl. Sponsorships):
2012 INCOME:\$70,386/EXPENSES:\$70,386
100% {-0: TOTAL OUTSTANDING}
PAID DEBT PRINCIPLE LAST MNTH:\$4011

EXP:	\$07,196	INC:	\$07,196
Family:	\$00,796	Gifts:	\$04,956
Ministry:	\$06,400	Hon'ium:	\$02,240
Debt Paid this month:	\$04,011	Interest:	\$00,020
2008 Debt\$150kPaid:	\$150,000!		

Special Projects

THREE
NEW BLC JEEPNEYS:
NEED: \$30,000
RAISED: \$3,110

BARNER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEEDS A NEW CAMPUS BY 2017



BCA'S NEW CAMPUS:
3-ACRE PROPERTY & TEMPORARY BUILDINGS
NEED: \$56,000
RAISED: \$01,615
REMAINING: \$54,385



"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 from ages 4 through 15, the fee is \$25 (P1050) 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: THAT AS THE 2012 SCHOOL YEAR PROGRESSES, THE STAFF, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE BARNER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY WILL ESTABLISH CLOSE COMERADERIE OF PRAYER: STUDENTS FOR THEIR SPONSORS AND VICE-VERSA.

PRAISE GOD: THAT ALTHOUGH BCA LOST 8 SPONSORS THIS YEAR, THE BARNERS' FURLOUGH BROUGHT 23 NEW SPONSORS!

FAQ: (Frequently Asked Question):
Q: Now that the BLC 2008 Typhoon debt is finally paid, what is your next great need?
A: The Department of Education is requiring that we purchase a three-acre (\$56,000) campus by 2017.

MISSIONS PROJECTS:
3 used Jeepney-buses: \$30,000 (\$10k each)
Tables for Industrial Arts: \$650
Teachers' mailboxes: \$360
Library computer and printer \$479

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF...
...Framed diplomas of your past four generations are posted on the walls of your home.

-2012- Pepper*

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BCA STUDENTS ENJOY THEIR GYM CLASSES

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HURRICANE FRANK'S WRATH:

In June 2008, Hurricane Frank doled out torrents of rain on the Republic of the Philippines.

As the flood waters rose, all of Davao City, Philippines felt the brunt of Frank's wrath. Drainage canals citywide overflowed into the streets. Traffic was at a standstill. Low-lying villages of bamboo huts with woven coconut-leaves for their roofs were washed away. While the toll of human lives lost remained in double-digits, the financial toll of lost possessions reached into the billions of pesos.

The day previous, Barner Learning Center's faculty and staff, in anticipation of the opening of classes, had laboriously spent the entire day categorizing and bundling up tens of thousands of dollars' worth of books (ten books per student, for 500 students).

On the newly-cleaned, mopped and dried bottom-floor classrooms of the campus, five hundred bundles of student's curriculum (books and workbooks) were labeled with the respective students' names and placed side by side, filling up the entire floor space of the BLC campus.

At around midnight, filthy floodwaters poured infested muck through the gates of BLC. Cockroaches, dead mice, worms and lizard corpses, as well as residue from the outhouses of squatter huts, defiled the millions of soggy pages of student texts.

The opening of classes nationwide was postponed for nearly a month, for cleanup in schools across the nation.

When BLC staff arrived on campus early the next morning, they were inundated by the

pungent odor of the rotting, corrupted textbooks. The bus drivers also noticed that BLC's seven school busses' engines were caked with mud. Vehicle interiors were soggy and the entire fleet required overhauling, inside and out. Seats were ripped out to discard the polluted foam cushions inside.

Appliances, computers and other secretarial office equipment were washed away or otherwise destroyed. Dumpsters were filled with residue from the cleanup. Permanent files of the students, from the past decade, were discarded. They would need to be replaced by copies of the government's permanent files.

Since Elvie, PJ, Abby and I were on a speaking tour in England, Scotland, Wales and the USA at the time, we challenged friends there to help the ministry recuperate from the devastation. Thousands of pounds and dollars began rolling in from sacrificial donors.

However, on a weekly basis, the financial toll of the catastrophe escalated, as more and more items were found to have disappeared, either by the flood waters themselves, or by relentless looting afterward.

Finally, in January of 2009, we had a sum total of all the damage: \$150,000! While the actual figure was a few hundred dollars higher than this total, it was a well-rounded estimate which was easy for people to grasp. It was against this total that we began to seek loans to replace or repair the damages.

Churches globally overwhelmed us with their generosity. Vacation Bible School children in countless churches saved up their pennies to "buy books for the Filipino kids". And yet, as the funds continued to arrive, the total debt decreased still so very slowly. As the Global Recession hit the world financial markets, people still sacrificially gave. However, occasionally we would receive an apologetic email from a supporter, informing us that he or she would need to cease sending funds due to lost work or increased expenses.

Since I started competing in Ironman Triathlons in 2010, a widow friend in New York suggested that I challenge friends to sponsor my races per-mile to help pay down the debt. A few thousand more dollars came in.

Then, four years later, after many of the high-interest Asian loans had been transferred to no-interest loans from dear American friends, and then gradually paid off, we were finally down to our last \$5,000. Church after church and believer after believer gave, until just a few weeks ago, BLC owed only \$963.

A friend invited us over for dinner and handed me a check for \$500. Then I spoke at a church and the pastor announced, "We will pay off the entire remaining amount of your \$463, so that you will be debt-free from the flood!"

YES!!!

Praise God that the debt is totally paid! On August 7, 2012, the final check to the friend who had given us a loan, was cashed and the Great Flood of '08 is history! Thank you Lord! Thank you too, for the part you played in making this awesome miracle a reality!