



K.I.M. Kids Kronicle

Updating Volunteers on What's Happening at Kids International

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Equipping parents and Ministry Day

We just finished our second quarter of the 2009-10 school year at Cuatro Community School. In addition to testing and evaluating student progress, we had our quarterly parent seminar led by the leaders of the church with whom we partner. The goal of these seminars is to help educate the parents of the squatter kids who attend our school. Many of the parents have no idea how to parent appropriately because of their own lack of education. Besides helping parents learn how they can assist in their child's education, we also share the gospel and give parenting tips on raising kids in a godly manner.

A second event I'd like to highlight was our second annual Ministry Day. This year our kids linked up with the JCCV seminary students, whose school is located above the Cuatro Community School, to reach out to families in the Cuatro squatter community. This day had a huge impact not only on the families we assisted but also on our kids and the seminary students who participated.

The kids excitedly sorted through donated clothes, shoes, books, toys, and toiletries to pick out items for kids they would be meeting and getting to know. Sixteen groups of about six each went into different areas of the squatter village where they handed out items for the families and shared with other kids about Jesus through their testimonies and song.

There were many good stories from this event, which enabled us to reach a whole new area of people we did not previously know about. This day could not have been possible without people like you who donate these items. Thank you for playing a huge role in our Ministry Day.

—Kim Courtright, Cuatro Community Sch., Headmaster



NFFCH kids reach out during Ministry Day to other children in the Cuatro community through personal testimony (above) and by giving donated clothing (below).



College student gives time and gains awareness

Earlier this year I decided to take a break during my college senior year to come teach piano lessons at the Children's Home and just help out in general. Little did I know what "helping out" would involve.



Jessica Williams, volunteering in Manila for three months, poses with some girls she met through K.I.M.'s feeding program for those displaced by typhoon Ondoy.

Since typhoon Ondoy hit about a month ago, Kids International Ministries has been going out twice a day to deliver food and medical help to various communities in our area. Since I only teach a few piano students each day, I've been able to jump in and help with these feeding programs. The relief efforts have certainly put a spotlight on the immensity of the poverty surrounding us. As intense as it has been to come face-to-face with this, I wouldn't trade the experience for anything.

The devastation that resulted from this typhoon is immensely difficult and sad, but it is amazing to see what God is doing in and through the devastation. Reaching the people in the communities around us has become a central part of life here. We have been able to go into squatter villages and neighborhoods nearly every day and share our lives with people, and God has continually supplied the funds and food and enough people to deliver the food!

I am grateful for the change God has worked in my own heart since being here. I came with my own ideas of what I wanted my "missions experience" to look like, and have been humbled through doing all sorts of things I never thought I would do.

For me, life here has involved a change in mindset from focusing on what I plan to accomplish next to what God might have in store for *today*. This can involve anything from giving a piano lesson to scooping rice to treating a skin infection to talking to someone at one of our feeding stations. God has this incredible way of using plans and decisions I made months ago to show me the beauty of serving day-by-day, and for that I am very thankful.

NFFCH Malaybalay partners with city to reach teens



October was a busy month with lots of activities at the NFFCH Malaybalay. As news of the home grows, so does placement of children with us. We now provide for 23 children, five girls and 18 boys.

The highlight of this past month was our partnering with the city government of Malaybalay to launch the 1st Malaybalay Invitational Football Cup. We had hoped to be able to host this event on the soccer field at the Mt. Moriah Camp, but since the field was not yet ready, it was hosted in town. A few days prior to the tournament, we realized we needed to supply our own goals. Fortunately, with help from the visiting Schaefer family, we had just finished our own set and so were able to haul them into town for the games.

The tournament was made up of three local high school and college teams and the Faith Academy Manila high school varsity team. After two great days of competition, Faith emerged as the tournament champion. There was also time at the camp in the evening for dinner and fellowship, and one evening a pastor from Bethel Baptist Church came out and shared the gospel with all of the teams as well.

It's great to see how God is continuing to use the people and facilities here to show Christ's love. We pray, as we are able to move toward completing the soccer field, basketball court, and other areas of the camp, that this facility will continue to be used for His glory.

—Jeremy Moody, Director of Operations, Malaybalay

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