



# K.I.M. Kids Kronicle

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## Just Clownin' Around



This month Kids International Ministries had the unique opportunity to host a team of clowns! The Clowns with New Hope from Atlanta, Georgia, arrived in Manila and flew right down to Mindanao to clown around and share the love and forgiveness of Christ with Filipino children.

One week later the clowns were back in Manila. With a program for our children and the children of Cuatro, the Clowns with new hope were a HUGE hit! The kids could not take their eyes off the clowns. Juggling, joking, and doing magic tricks, the clowns used their special talents and clowning skills to share Christ. No one would think you could use balloon animals to share the gospel but these clowns are professionals, and they were great at tying stories about forgiveness and grace into their clowning.

After the party, the clowns painted faces and twisted up balloon animals, flowers, bracelets, swords, and crowns for all the kids. Clown noses were also handed out, providing great fun as the kids did their own clowning around. The kids were thrilled with their gifts and loved interacting with these new and exciting visitors.

The clowns moved on to travel around Manila, but it was a tremendous blessing to see them and hear their stories of Christ's love for us in a way that most have not experienced.

## Short-Term Teams Help

This past month in Malaybalay has been a whirlwind with visitors, construction, and more visitors. Early in April a ministry/work team from Morrison Academy of Taiwan arrived. This team, comprised of high school juniors and seniors, planned and executed an awesome experience for the Children's Home and local community kids. In the mornings, the team hosted a soccer ministry camp in town; then all the kids were hauled out to the NFFCH camp for lunch and an afternoon of VBS. After the community kids were trucked back to town, the Morrison team spent their time before dinner helping clean up around the construction site, pulling nails, and stacking lumber. The blessing and encouragement derived from these kids will have a lasting impact on many lives.

A few days after the Morrison team left, a wonderful work team from Perth, Australia, showed up eager to work. The team brought back with them Felicity, with whom all the kids and staff were excited to reconnect, and Chris, an electrician. The team was tasked with installing the interior walls of unit 3 and 4 of the children's home. (cont. page 2)



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Never wanting to let someone's skill go to waste, we immediately set Chris to the task of checking over our electrical installation. He had a few recommendations of things we should change with our wiring and ended up spending most of his time training and educating our staff electrician, Loloy. In fact, there was enough work for them that Chris changed his return flight to stay and help a few extra days. The team was able to get all the walls up and spend some time ministering to the kids of the children's home and summer camp that was going on while they were here.

These are just two of the many groups and individuals who have visited over the last number of weeks. We are so thankful to have them and look forward to meeting many more people as they come and share their lives and skills with us here in Malaybalay.



## From the Longs:

### Saying goodbye to great kids...

We are over four years into this children's home experience, and I am not sure anything is more difficult than saying good bye. We have had to say goodbye to short-term teams, short-term workers, Filipino friends who have worked with the kids, and great volunteers who have come to give of their lives.

Another aspect of "good-byes" has come from children transitioning onto other children's homes or adoptive homes. This month we will say goodbye to six of our children who have been with us for an extended time. The sibling groups of Diane and Jeric (four years in our home) and Regie, Rudylyn, Camille, and Rodolf (over three years in our home) will transition back to join their own families. Diane and Jeric will live with their aunt and uncle, while Regie, Rudylyn, Camille, and Rodolf will go back to live with their parents. Both goodbyes are hard on us in Manila, but we couldn't be happier for the kids. I am sure we'll still see some of Diane and Jeric during the summer or Christmas breaks when they return for a visit.

Thanks for praying for these kids. ~Jeff



### Upcoming Birthdays:

Andrew: May 16, 2007



Florence: May 17, 2001



Fritz: May 18, 1999



O'Neil: May 20, 2002



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