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Updating Volunteers On What's Happening at Kids International

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Just a few days ago, the Malaybalay home said goodbye to two wonderful little girls, Ela and Roxan. They had been with us since only February, but had become a happy addition to our family, always smiling and playing. It's always difficult to say goodbye, but the goodbye for us means hello for these kids to be with their forever family. In this case they have been reunited with their mother.

For the time they were with us, we did our part to train them in a godly home, instill responsibility, kindness, and compassion, and take care of them the best way we know how. Now as they go ahead with their lives, we trust in God's promise in Isaiah 55:11 (NLT): "It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."

The time spent with these girls in teaching, worshiping, and living with our wonderful staff planted seeds that God will use to accomplish all He desires for them. So even though we said goodbye, we are excited for the life they have ahead of them and are thankful for the part we had and will continue to have as we pray for them.



From the Longs:

Typhoons hit the Philippines a couple of dozen times a year. Wherever the storm crosses the country, the devastation is huge. Rarely do we have the opportunity to see something amazing happen out of such circumstances. However, such was the case in November 2007 when a typhoon passing north of Manila caused all flights to be canceled, stranding hundreds of travelers. Twenty-four middle school students from an International Christian School in Hong Kong were among those stranded. Late that afternoon a call came in explaining the students' plight and asking if we could use them for a week. Well, as they say, the rest is history.



Those middle school students came ready to work and to build relationships. While they did a great job that week on their projects, it is the ripple effect that continues to aid our efforts almost two years later. Those students went home with such great stories that some of the middle schoolers returned to help for their Christmas break, and older high school students and staff members ventured over in May 2008 to lend a hand. Both groups told tales of their adventures, and their local church decided to come in July 2008. The cycle has repeated itself over again this past year. One typhoon has resulted in six teams coming to help with our children's home and community efforts in Manila and with our Christian sports camp and children's home in Mindanao.

This past week the Hong Kong high school team worked in Mindanao, hauling boulders, building retaining walls, painting rooms, mixing concrete, etc. (See adjacent photo.)

The efforts to build relationships and see Filipinos won to Christ through these projects have seen results that are nothing short of amazing. For instance, two years ago our local church in Cuatro near the children's home fed about 20 to 30 people spiritually each week. Today the ministry center serves over 130 people in church services, while additional folks come for Bible studies, feeding programs, dental clinics, and schooling. In Mindanao, our blossoming camp facility in recent weeks has matched in number of attendees that of the first seven years of hosting camps in a couple of bamboo huts.

The movie line in *Field of Dreams* was "If you build it they will come." In both Manila and Mindanao the people are coming, and through the combined efforts of our Filipino friends and short-term teams lives are being impacted and transformed for God's kingdom.

All glory to God for the great things He accomplishes!

Jeff

Upcoming Birthdays:



Jaypee: June 3

Ron-Ron June 7



Angel: June 24

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