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Gina's weekly reports

So what is happening each weekend at the Oasis Centre?

Each week Gina emails us with a weekly report and we are excited to read of the spiritual growth of the youth and their openness to share. The younger children are enjoying their Sunday fellowship time and love to come along and bring their neighbors.

Let us share with you a sample of one of Gina's weekly reports (this was over Easter):

Youth Group:

"Last week some Oasis youth offered their help with the construction of a church building alongside another youth group that they have fellowship with.

Last Friday evening, we commemorated Good Friday through a prayer meeting with 25 youth present..

The Discipleship meeting went smoothly. Deep questions on doctrinal differences are coming out such as:

Do we need to pray for the dead?

Is there purgatory?

What will I do because my mom is requiring me to go to mass but I want to join the Bible-based church because there I knew I am growing? Is it bad if I attend both churches?

My aunt is very religious but I can't see her religiousness in her life, what is the difference?

We spent our Easter celebration at Peoples' Park. We enjoyed the scenery of the place, had games and bonded with one another."



Gina with some of the youth leaders

Kids Fellowship:

Gina continues ...

"45 kids came on Easter Sunday. For our Resurrection Day celebration, we had a devotional on 'Empty Tomb & Empty Cross'.

I emphasized the meaning of Christ's resurrection. He left an empty tomb and an empty cross, went back to heaven and lives in us through the Holy Spirit. I only illustrate it with the use of chalk and blackboard but the eyes and ears of the kids are really seeing and listening as I was explaining.



Gina with the Kids fellowship group

I really believe many of these kids have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord"

Parent Fellowship:

Gina continues...

"There were 11 parents who came. The lesson was based on Psalm 8 - our great God.

These parents started last Sunday to have a lay-away-plan to buy a Bible. They planned to give 20 pesos (US\$0.50c) each Sunday in order to come up with the exact amount."

From Gina



Delightful smiles when discovering toys at the Centre

Opportunity to come along and see for yourself ...

Phil and Judy, the directors, make three visits to Davao each year and the opportunity is there to join with them on a visit (January, May and September), either as a team or by yourself.

The apartment is all set up above the Oasis Centre for visitors and you will experience:

- lifestyle of living in a developing country;
- eating with the locals;
- weave your way through the maze of a slum community; and
- visit and sit with families in their makeshift homes.

There is also opportunity to share your skills and giftings with a wide range of recipients depending on what skills you could offer them. Equally, just come and enjoy and learn from them, especially how their simple lifestyle allows more time to know and trust God.

Appreciation from a sponsored student

Robert graduated from his mechanical course and writes:

"Thank you for your time and effort that you granted me and to all the Oasis Family members. You know, I can't explain my joy of success because I'm graduated now. I couldn't have reached my ambition without your support and my sponsor and also the Oasis Ministry. I give thanks to you with all my heart and may the Lord God bless you."

New Postal address in Davao

Please take note of our new PO Box address in Davao for sending correspondence to your child:

Oasis Family Ministries
PO Box 81805
8000 Davao City
The Philippines

Thank you for all your support, generosity and prayers

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