

# OASIS

## FAMILY MINISTRY

### Student Sponsorship Davao Philippines

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#### Some sponsorship facts

- ✚ Oasis began in 1997 and 308 children have been sponsored.
- ✚ Children start being sponsored from Kinder and elementary age right through to the end of high school, some going onto tertiary level courses.
- ✚ Currently we have:
  - 60 elementary children
  - 37 high school students
  - 15 scholarship students

Where do our current sponsors come from?

- ✚ New Zealand - 60
- ✚ United States of America - 18
- ✚ Canada - 5
- ✚ Austria - 1
- ✚ Germany - 1 (new this year)
- ✚ Philippines - 1

#### Some National and local facts

- ✚ Philippines population – 92 million
- ✚ Unemployment rate – 7.6%
- ✚ Underemployment rate – 19.8%
- ✚ Median Age – 22.5 yrs
  - 0–14 years: 35.2%
  - 15–64 years: 60.6%
  - 65 years and over: 4.1%
- ✚ **Davao** is a city of over 1 million people, the second largest city in the Philippines, located on the southern island of Mindanao.
- ✚ Local language - Cebuanao
- ✚ Religion - predominately Catholic
- ✚ **Weather**
  - Temperature average - 34°C / 93 °F
  - Humidity average – 90%
  - Seasons – Dry and wet
  - Davao is typhoon-free and is sheltered from many storms that Manila endures.
- ✚ **Average Income**
  - 2150 pesos (US\$46; NZ\$63) a week

However, Oasis families have an average income of half this - 1000 pesos/week  
1500 pesos a week for a family is the Government recognized poverty level.

#### Scholarships Awarded 2009

The following 7 students were awarded scholarship courses in May 2009:

Giovanni Alip - Electronic Technology  
Annalyn Gulferic - Midwifery  
Bernardo Quijano - Driving Licence  
Michelle Nerio - Education  
Edmund Santillan - Mechanical Engineer  
Jeffrey Ramos (partial) - Political Science  
Rosalyn Galdo (partial) - Hotel Management



Some of our young adults enjoying fellowship

## Extreme House Makeover Project

Let me introduce to you the Jarizon children, whose mother sadly passed away earlier this year. Their father had deserted the family when they were young. The 2 younger girls, Maricel and Angelyn are sponsored.



Their house has always been a poor shelter with no running water or electricity. The cooking area is over the local polluted stormwater drain, and the roof leaked when it rained.



We thank God for the generosity of Archer Memorial Trust who gave a donation to give these young people (6 in the family and already expanding!) a complete house makeover with their own water, toilet and electricity. For the first time in their lives they have a decent solid home with basic amenities, that we all take for granted.



Upstairs leading to 3 new bedrooms



One of the new upstairs rooms

They all helped with the building construction and now value it as their own and are very proud of it.

Our youth worker, Lou, is closely working with these young people and giving them some hope and direction for their lives. The boys weren't ever interested in an education, the older daughter is a prostitute and one of the younger girls is now pregnant.

What one of the children had to say:

*"We are very grateful for your kindness and for your heart to help my family. Thank you so much that you sent us money for us to build our new home. We now have electricity and water supply. We are glad that you have the heart to help us and other people. I know God can provide anything we need, we just have to ask Him." Maricel*

## Parent's Bible Study Group

Bebing (front left), one of our Board members, is kindly volunteering her time in taking the weekly mother's Bible study. They enjoyed their first social outing together last month.



## Wishing you a Merry Christmas

*"Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for this ministry and these families. We pray you all enjoy a blessed Christmas."*



*With love from Phil and Judy McLean and the Oasis staff and Board members*

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