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Visiting new families for potential sponsorship

When Phil and I (Judy) make our annual trip to Davao, we always visit 10 new families for potential sponsorship. Two of our Board members have done the ground work first and then recommend them to us. They choose families that already send their kids to our tutorial program. In this way we get an indication of whether or not they have an interest in learning. Motivated kids from very disadvantaged families are our target group.

Juliata and Primate take us to visit families in the evenings as that is when both parents are more likely to be home. They always invite us into their tiny little homes and manage to find something for us to sit on, even if that means

borrowing a stool from the neighbours. We take family photos, have a chat and have the opportunity to pray with them.



Julieta and Primatova, 2 of the Oasis Board members



Judy outside a home that we are about to visit. The neighbouring children quickly gather around us



Phil inside the home with the young mother we are interviewing with her 6 children, plus the neighbours

New Project - Computer Lab

In July we opened the Oasis Study Centre computer lab that will eventually be open to members of the community, but is already being enjoyed by our sponsored students on Saturdays and Wednesdays. The goal is to provide a study environment for students to do their research and school projects which is affordable, free of distractions, and includes staff on call to help them with their studies.



Dan Emmons (on left) initiated this study center and is managing it, along with one of our graduated students, Christian Mark (front).

Currently we have 4 new computer workstations. As the Lord enables, we'd like to have 12-15 workstations set up and to also teach various computer literacy, study skills, and basic web programming classes. It has been a joy to see the students studying diligently and even more so to reach out to them encouraging them in their spiritual growth.

A gift of 300 pairs of shoes

A shoe company gave 300 shoes for our staff to distribute to children in the community. They plan to do this again in 7 months. Here is a testimony from one of our sponsored children.

"I am so grateful to be a sponsored child at Oasis where in we have been blessed of many things, one of this is to be a recipient of TOMS Shoes Company. I'm thankful to the Lord for using & touching the heart of the owner of TOMS shoes company. I really love it & I always wear these shoes every time I go to school and for church, it fits on my feet and helps a lot."

Love from Bartolome Ybañez



Blessings from a visiting Korean Team

98 children from the local community gathered at the Centre to enjoy a presentation from a visiting team from Korea. The children were so excited to have such a special treat with visiting speakers at their weekly Kidz Fellowship. There were fun activities, and gifts of stationery supplies for each child plus a nutritious meal was served to them by the team.



Thank you to this team from Unmury Church, Korea, who also gave a monetary donation to Oasis.

Your letters to your child are valuable

Sponsoring a child can be more than giving money. These children live in difficult circumstances; however with Oasis' support and the powerful encouragement of their sponsors' letters and prayers, they can learn to hope and be inspired to break out of the cycle of poverty.

To have someone special believe in them can be instrumental in changing their future path.

They cherish your letters, photos and paper items. Any of these you send takes pride of place in their homes.

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 & Judy McLean & the Oasis Team

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