

## NEWSLETTER NOV 2007

Greetings from the Philippines! Since arriving in Manila over a month ago **Tiwala** has done a lot of groundwork. Though there have been times of testing, God has brought us through and has worked all things out for the best, as He's always done.

*"And you shall have favour with both God and man..."*

Despite the desperate need for charitable organisations in the Philippines there remains a lot of red tape, which could potentially prolong our plans by quite some time. Fortunately God is the ultimate authority and has made a way for us to cut through months of frustration!. In one day, I met the Mayor, the ex-Mayor, the District Judge and the head of Social Services! We expected to wait at least 6 months to acquire all the licences and permits needed to operate in this area. However, all of these Officials took a keen interest in **Tiwala** and have granted us permission to operate immediately! The Judge is personally processing the legal documents needed. Praise God!!!



### *To the mountains...*

For the past while we have been in Santo Domingo, Bicol. We have stayed within the mountain community we will be working with in the future and have observed their needs. Our first project will be a day-care centre for the little children. For the older children we will provide transport to schools (they walk for almost 3 hours a day). We are also recruiting volunteers to provide after-school tuition for these kids, as many are behind in their studies, due to poor class attendance in most cases. We will be working on various livelihood projects for the parents, including teaching basic financial management. Our aim is to encourage parents to work and save in order to build safe homes for their families, as their bamboo huts are blown away every typhoon season! These are the most pressing needs at the moment, which should keep us busy for the next few months!

*“And under His wings you shall take refuge...”*

While **Tiwala** engages in community and educational projects, our ultimate focus is to create foster homes for children in need of such a facility. Though there are many children in need, we are limited in our capacity to help them all. We have therefore asked the Lord to lead us to the children that will benefit most from these homes. We were very disheartened to learn that the region we are working in has the highest rate of sexual abuse in children. The shocking statistics got us investigating and we discovered that there is not a single place of refuge for such children in the entire region. Though there are institutions for needy children in general, they do not have a focus on helping abused children nor do they have the means to offer treatment and long-term shelter. I believe the Lord has led us to this place to help these children in particular. Once **Tiwala** has established our day-care and community projects, we hope to begin building and equipping our first foster home which will become a sanctuary for sexually abused children, aged 2-10 years. As desperate as the situation is, we believe God can heal these children of all hurt and pain and become their eternal refuge.



*In conclusion...*

If you would like to hear more about our work in the Philippines, please contact us on [gail@tiwala.org](mailto:gail@tiwala.org). Furthermore, if you feel you'd like to contribute toward any of the above-mentioned projects, donations can be made payable to:

**TIWALA CHILDREN'S TRUST**

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It is with great joy that we pursue this cause and we sincerely appreciate all your prayers and support. God bless you!

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