

## NEWSLETTER DEC 2007

Seasons Greetings! **Tiwala Kids & Communities** would like to wish all our readers a wonderful Christmas and a blessed 2008!

### *A visit from afar...*

**Tiwala** has been blessed by having a good friend and volunteer with us. Mike Ough joined us on a 3-week mission trip, where we travelled to various parts of the main island, Luzon. We hiked to remote villages in the mountains where Mike had the opportunity to share his faith and experiences with the mountain folk. Mike was amazed by the love and hospitality he received from the Filipino people and is hoping to come back to the Philippines in the future! We all appreciated having Mike with us, especially the kids, who considered him their Lolo (Grandpa)!



### *Christmas 2007...*

It is currently rainy season in Bicol with many cold, wet nights. A Trustee of **Tiwala** noticed that many children in the area sleep on pieces of cardboard and have no blankets to keep them warm. We decided that this Christmas our goal would be to acquire a blanket for every child within our community. We were



delighted to raise enough funds to reach this goal and then some! We were able to purchase blankets for 338 children as well as toys for 431 children! We had 3 parties where we handed out gifts, thus creating great excitement! What a joy to see so many happy faces! On behalf of all the children I would like to thank all who made these projects possible. We deeply appreciate your gifts, which not only brought physical comfort to the children, but made them feel very special this Christmas!

## Plans for 2008...

As **Tiwala** is new to this area, our projects for the first quarter will be aimed at benefiting the community in which we are based. The most pressing need is for transportation to and from schools, as children walk for up to 3 hours per day. We hope to arrange for a jeep to embark on daily school trips, thus ensuring regular school attendance and huge relief for tired children! We also hope to start building and equipping the day care centre on the farm, which will benefit kids in our community as well as kids that will come into our foster care. Apart from our community work, our ultimate goal for 2008 is to establish at least 2 foster homes on **Tiwala Farm** (accommodating up to 20 kids). Once the first home is built we will welcome the first 10 children into our care and will gradually grow from there. We look forward to having these facilities available to the children who need them most.



## In conclusion...

We approach 2008 with a focus on building upon the foundations that were laid in 2007, under the guidance and grace of our God, who is ever faithful.

Thank you to all who have given prayer, practical and financial support to **Tiwala** this year. Your involvement has played a great part in the launching of this vision!

To learn more about **Tiwala** or how to be involved, please visit [www.tiwala.org](http://www.tiwala.org).

Best regards for the year ahead!

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