



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2008

Summer has just about arrived and **Tiwala** is preparing for a busy summer schedule. We look forward to plenty of activity with the children, visits from special friends, and harvesting some of our fruit and vegetable crops!

Praise & Worship...

Tiwala has started a Saturday morning Praise & Worship group. Children and some of their parents gather at the farm to pray and worship God together. We are learning the meaning of true worship and the importance of acknowledging God's presence in our lives, thanking Him for His love and goodness. The meeting is followed by a feeding program and fellowship. It is really encouraging to see the enthusiasm of the children, who have even started coming to the farm during evenings for more singing and prayer. We believe this is the beginning of something very special and we have treasured every moment!



Vacation Bible School

Tiwala will incorporate two Vacation Bible School (VBS) programs into our summer schedule. VBS is a 1-week course where children learn about God, following a focused Biblical theme, which includes a variety of arts, games and other related activities. At the end of each course we will have an overnight camp, which will be open to all participants, including parents or guardians. The final day will be 'Graduation Day' where children will be awarded certificates and graduation badges, followed by a celebration party! If you are interested in being involved with our VBS programs please contact us via our website www.tiwala.org.

'Garbage vs. Education'

We are delighted that the local authorities have put an official ban on children entering the dumpsite located in our village. Adults will still be permitted to gather garbage for re-cycling, as this is often a means to an end for their families. However, children who are currently spending their time in the dumpsite as opposed to attending classes will now be encouraged to be tutored at **Tiwala Farm**, with a view to being integrated back into the education system. Pictured right is a young child selling the rubbish he gathered at the dump, for just a few pesos.



Easter 2008!



Over the Easter break (Holy Week in the Philippines) **Tiwala** engaged children in various recreational and art activities relating to the Easter theme. On the Easter weekend we held a special Easter church service, followed by a feeding program for the children in our village. Finally, we had an Easter-egg hunt, which proved to be an exhilarating experience for children who fought to the bitter end to find the last egg!! Great fun and hilarious to watch!

In conclusion...

Tiwala has been operating in the Bicol region for 6 months now. We praise God for the way in which He has made things come together.

Thank you for your love and prayers!

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(Founder)