

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2008

Tiwala's kids and communities wish you a very blessed festive season!!

Tiwala Family

Tiwala welcomes our new Trustees, Dr. Alan Lopez and Mrs. Gina Bonos to our board. We are very privileged to have such inspiring and insightful friends on our team. We would like to thank our special guests, Cecille Fabian and her family for spending time at **Tiwala** and showering our kids with love, affection and gifts! We appreciate all who have participated in our programs at **Tiwala** Farm and in the city. Thank you for being a part of our growing family, knowing that this unity gives us strength and brings security to our children.

Kinder Interaction

Tiwala has recently adopted a little kindergarten school in a nearby community that was going to shut down due to lack of funding. Through working with this particular community on previous projects, we realised the importance of keeping the school afloat for the benefit of the children, who are in need of pre-school education. This month **Tiwala** held an open day at **Tiwala** Farm, where the kids from Calayucay Kindergarten, along with their parents and teachers, interacted with **Tiwala** Kinder kids, parents and teachers. The kids performed drama and song for each other and participated in group games and activities etc. **Tiwala** will repeat these open days on a monthly basis as we feel it is a way of bringing the two communities together.



Jonathan's Heart



Above left is a picture drawn by a street child named Jonathan, during a **Kalye Tiwala** counselling session. It grieved us to learn of the deep hurt and anger in his heart, due to years of rejection, causing him to reside on the streets of Legazpi for more than 5 years (he is now 14 years old). **Tiwala** has been working with Jonathan for the past 3 months and we have recently admitted him into our foster program. Aside from giving him a home, a family community and much needed love, we have taught him about God's unconditional and everlasting love for him. We are all deeply moved by the way in which God has touched this young boy's life. Above right is one of many pictures of the like, drawn by Jonathan very recently. The change in his heart is not only depicted in his drawings (which are pretty graphic and self-explanatory), but in his overall behaviour and newfound joy. It is truly rewarding to witness God's love bringing such healing and hope, in such a short space of time.

It saddens us to know that there are many children sleeping on the streets with hearts in similar conditions to that of Jonathan's, before someone reached out and touched him. Please stand with us as we seek to help more kids like Jonathan - if only they could all experience such transformation.

God bless you,

Gail Narramore
Founder