

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2008

Tiwala would like to thank all who have generously given to our Christmas projects specifically, enabling us to have Christmas events for over 200 people!

Street Kid's Party

Tiwala had a Christmas party in Legazpi city for the street kids. The party was held at Victory church with a total of 35 children attending. **Tiwala** staff prepared a great Christmas meal and arranged exciting games and activities for the kids. We put on various presentations in order to depict the meaning of Christmas and to let them know how special they are to God (and to us!). We were able to give sandals to all of the children, some of whom usually walk the streets of Legazpi bare-footed. Praise God for His provision!



Badjao Kid's Day Out

Tiwala has started reaching out to the Badjao children, who are part of a tribe on Mindanao Island who have stowed-away to Bicol to find safety, due to civil unrest on their island. Though the Badjao kids beg on the streets of Legazpi, they don't integrate with the other street kids. We therefore had a separate event for them and treated them to a day in a mall in Legazpi, which was a novelty for them all. We took them to lunch and to a play area to ride on bumper cars etc. Their favourite part of the day was going up and down the escalators and playing in the lifts!



Tiwala Farm Community Christmas

Tiwala held another Christmas party at **Tiwala Farm** where we were able to invite our entire mountain community, consisting of 2 villages (28 families). In addition we invited the children from the day care centre that we are supporting in a neighbouring village. We had a total of 161 participants at the party, which was a great opportunity to share the love of God and the joy of Christmas! **Tiwala** kids performed



songs and drama to a large audience, which did wonders for their confidence. The children's parents got involved with cooking and preparations and the mothers performed a 'special number' during our Christmas presentation. The parents also participated in games along with the children. We concluded with a celebratory meal for all as well as gifts (sandals) for the children. It was a wonderful community-building occasion as everyone contributed and had a part to play.

Onwards and upwards...

Our Christmas events have been a great opportunity to reflect on 2008 and to thank God corporately for every blessing we have received this year. We are thankful for every person who has supported **Tiwala's** beneficiaries and further inspired, encouraged and uplifted us through the struggles we have faced.

As we enter into 2009 we face new challenges, such as establishing the foster home project at **Tiwala Farm**, developing our educational programs and street kid programs. We ask for your continued prayers for God's strength, wisdom and guidance as we work out the fine details for these projects.

Dios Mabalos! (May God bless you in return!),

Gail Narramore
Founder