

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2009

It is now summer in the Philippines and as we approach the Easter season we remember the goodness and ever-faithfulness of our risen Lord.

School's Out!

Tiwala kids have reached the end of their academic year. **Tiwala Kindergarten** is divided into two groups, namely Kinder 1 (3-4 years) and Kinder 2 (5-6 years). The Kinder 2 group will be graduating to grade 1 and the Kinder 1 group will graduate to **Tiwala** Kinder 2. The kids enrolled in our ALS (Accelerated Learning Systems) tutorial program will remain in our program until they are ready to be integrated into local schools. Both the kinder and ALS children have been very busy with assessments and have far exceeded their parents and teachers expectations. We are very proud of them all!



All children will be on vacation from now until the end of May. **Tiwala** is currently preparing for our summer school, which will be held at **Tiwala** Farm during the month of April. There are around 100 children from our community enrolled in our summer classes, which will include tutorials in English, maths and science as well as various art, music and drama workshops. **Tiwala** will also incorporate a one-week Vacation Bible School (VBS) program into our summer curriculum.

Tiwala will have a Kindergarten graduation/recognition day on 24 April. We will have another graduation/recognition day on 30 April for all participants in our educational programs, including the summer school participants, ALS kids and the kids in our village who have regularly attended our evening tutorial classes. This occasion will also be a thanksgiving celebration for a blessed and productive academic year at **Tiwala Farm**.

'Tiwala Jam'

Tiwala has encouraged music 'jamming' sessions with a few kids in the city and in the mountains, hence '**Tiwala Jam**'. We currently have 2 groups of '**Tiwala Jammers**'. The first is a group of 10 boys (youths) in Legazpi City, whom **Tiwala** became acquainted with during our evening street visits. These boys are not street kids, yet they 'hang-out' on the streets regularly, looking for action! Fortunately, we discovered the talent of these young boys and have since linked them with the worship team at Victory Christian Fellowship in Legazpi City, where they began having regular **Tiwala Jam** sessions, as well as Biblical guidance and Christian counsel.



The second **Tiwala Jam** session is held at **Tiwala Farm** on Friday nights (above). This is a casual session where the kids in our village get together and make a great big noise with our instruments! On alternate Fridays we have choir and worship sessions with the youth in our village, accompanied by the Jammers.

Tiwala would love to develop and expand the **Tiwala Jam** program, as its ultimate purpose is to teach the boys about the love of God and true worship. However, we currently lack the resources and talented manpower to do so! We would be very grateful for any support with this program, be it in the form of instruments, music, teaching materials or physically being here to teach or jam with the boys!

On behalf of **Tiwala** and its beneficiaries, I'd like to thank all who are involved with this mission - we so appreciate your prayers, moral support and practical aid!

Every blessing,

Gail Narramore
Founder