

## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2009

It has been a busy summer at **Tiwala Farm** with many exciting programs, events and volunteer initiated activities going on. Our first event of the summer was an Easter outreach program conducted by Pastor Chad Clayton and his affiliated churches in Manila & San Fernando. Included in the program were creative talks & drama depicting the Easter story, community feeding and the giving of books to village children.

### Summer Camps

**Tiwala** held two overnight camps at **Tiwala Farm** this month. The first was for the children in our mountain village and the second for seventeen of our street boys and **Tiwala** Jammers from Legazpi City. Both camps were a great opportunity for the children to bond with each other and the **Tiwala** team. The children participated in various competitive activities such as basketball, games and making kites, jewelry & beat-box drums. They also had informal jamming sessions and learned new songs.

We devoted time for worship, prayer and the hearing of testimonies of guests who have experienced God's grace and power in their lives. Some of the street boys were really attentive and responsive and we believe they have gained a deeper understanding of God's love for them. We will continue to water the seeds that were sewn into their lives, through our weekly street child program. All in all the children had a great time, enjoying their freedom and rest in a safe and loving environment.



## Summer School Programs

**Tiwala's** Summer School was a great success as over 100 children from our community came to **Tiwala Farm** for daily tutorials, creative workshops and recreational activities. Incorporated into our Summer Program was a Vacation Bible School course, which was aimed at teaching the children about God's faithfulness.

What made the summer particularly special was the involvement of many local and foreign volunteers. The children were touched by the love and affection displayed by our guests, who gave of their time, energy & resources. In addition to helping with the scheduled activities, our volunteers initiated various activities such as teaching the kids about their cultures (including cultural dances), fun games, creative art activities and special pampering sessions with the mothers.



At two graduation ceremonies, **Tiwala** recognized the efforts and achievements of all children who participated in our summer school and VBS programs and congratulated the ten kindergarten children who graduated to grade 1. The children had an opportunity to perform various songs and dances (including African and Irish dances taught by our guests) for their families, friends & teachers. The children were great and we believe they all went away feeling proud of their performances and achievements. It was a blessing to have **Tiwala's** special trustee, Mama Jeanie, give an inspiring talk to the children and hand out awards, alongside our guests from UK & RSA.

**Tiwala** is extremely grateful for all who have helped and participated in our summer programs, making these memorable experiences for our kids & communities possible.

Every blessing,

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