

NEWSLETTER MAY 2009

Tiwala is currently in a transitional phase as we are considering various new options for our foster home project. We plan to establish a working co-operative on a farm, which will incorporate the foster homes. In order to include all of this on one compound, we are looking at relocating to a larger property, which will allow for future expansion, as we envision the project growing considerably.

CROCS!!!

Tiwala received 111 pairs of CROCS from the CROCS Company in Australia (www.crocs.com). The crocs were sent to **Tiwala** via Blessings In A Bag (BIAB) in Singapore (www.blessingsinabag.org). BIAB collects donations in kind from across the globe and sends them to charities in Asia. The CROCS were distributed to the children in the mountains, who walk for miles each day to the nearest schools in the neighbouring towns. It is often very wet and rainy in these mountains, making the children's daily journeys that much harder. **Tiwala** would like to thank CROCS Company for their generosity - their shoes are excellent!



Container Classrooms

Tiwala is considering putting up classrooms in remote mountain villages using container vans. Should the project prove feasible, **Tiwala** will place these containers in the villages that we are currently working in as well as communities we will be working with in the near future. We will make the necessary renovations to make the containers comfortable, durable and suitable for their purpose. Within these containers we will conduct various programs such as kids clubs; youth programs; tutorial programs; livelihood programs for women etc. As we are still in a planning and evaluation phase with this project, we would greatly appreciate any advice or help you may be able to offer regarding container vans etc. Kindly contact us via our website, www.tiwala.org.

Summer Celebrations & Thanksgiving

Tiwala celebrated the end of the summer vacation and the start of the new academic year, at the end of May. Our various events were an opportunity for the kids to thank God for a productive and eventful summer and to commit the new season into His hands. **Tiwala** held a feeding program and party for the street children in Legazpi City (right). Donated toys and clothing were distributed to the street children, who were delighted, as most of them have never received such gifts.



The number of street children in Legazpi City continues to increase, the main reasons being poverty and overpopulation. Many of the new street children have families in the slums but are sent out to beg on the streets until late at night. Please continue to pray that **Tiwala** and other groups will have the increasing capacity to help these children and their families of origin.

Tiwala held various evening youth programs in our mountain village, which included 'Tiwala Jam', worship, games and feeding. We ended the summer with our usual community fellowship (right) and a feeding program in the village. We had the privilege of having special friends and volunteers sharing God's word and encouraging some of the kids and their parents. After fellowship the children had an afternoon of swimming at the beach with the **Tiwala** team and volunteers.



Tiwala is grateful to all who have contributed to our summer programs, through donations in kind; time and prayer. Thank you for believing in this vision and for partnering with us! We value your continued prayers for the new season.

Every Blessing,

Gail Narramore
Founder