

## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2009

June has been a busy month as **Tiwala** has researched various possibilities for the relocation of our base and made some adjustments to our programs.

### *Santo Domingo Outreach*

As **Tiwala** is currently in transit and will no longer be based in Santo Domingo, our former programs in the mountain villages we have been working with in Santo Domingo have taken a slightly new shape. **Tiwala** is continuing to work with these communities on a regular weekly basis, conducting the following outreach programs:

#### Mondays-Fridays:

- Alternative Learning System (ALS) Tutorial Program

#### Fridays:

- Mother's Club
- Kid's Club
- Youth Club
- Feeding

#### Saturdays:

- Community Fellowship & Feeding
- Christian Formation
- Workshops
- Home Visits

### *New 'Tiwala Jam'*

**Tiwala** has launched a new Tiwala Jam program in Salvacion, Santo Domingo. Most of the boys enrolled in this program attended **Tiwala's** Summer School in April and were eager to continue their involvement with **Tiwala**. We believe that through this program we can reach these young boys, who are in need of positive input in their lives. Our Tiwala Jammers in Legazpi will meet with these Jammers once a month for a group Jam.



**Tiwala** currently works with street children and underprivileged children from the slums in Legazpi City. Many of the children who frequent the streets have families in the slums yet spend much time begging and scrounging on the streets. **Tiwala** hopes to eventually get all of the children in our nearby cities off the streets through either reintegrating them with their families or placing them in foster programs. Apart from needing a loving home, food, clothing, medical care etc., the children need education. The children who will eventually be enrolled in our foster program will be educated through a home-school program which we are strategically planning for. In the interim, for the children who are awaiting fostering and for street children and out-of-school youth, **Tiwala** will establish full-time educational programs in Legazpi City. In order to facilitate such programs, **Tiwala** will be setting up a learning centre which will incorporate the following:

- Alternative Learning System (ALS)
  - *Basic Literacy*
  - *Accelerated Learning*
  - *Skills Training*
- Sunday School
- Workshops
- Tiwala Jam
- Counselling
- Feeding

We hope that as the children gain perspective on their lives and build confidence, through learning and developing in a safe and loving environment, they will eventually break the habit of returning to the streets. We will be preparing the programs and facilities throughout July with the hope of officially launching the project in August. We thank our wonderful volunteer teacher, Emmylou, who will be initiating and heading the programs at the Kalye Tiwala Centre. For those who wish to be involved in the project - apart from the need for a permanent centre, we will need classroom equipment, educational supplies and nutritional supplements for the kids.

Thank you for investing in our projects through your continued prayers and practical support. You are making a great difference in the lives of our kids and communities and we so appreciate your kindness!

Every Blessing,

Gail Narramore  
Founder