

NEWSLETTER JULY 2009

July has been an exciting month at **Tiwala** as we have recognised God's hand at work, putting everything into place as we have made preparations for new projects.

UK Missions Team Visit

A group of 18 volunteers from Greenbank Christian Centre in Cornwall, UK visited **Tiwala** for 4 weeks in July. The inspiring team helped **Tiwala** tremendously in a variety of ways throughout the month. Together we held Christian outreach programs (including music, drama & dance) in slums in Legazpi City, Rapu-Rapu Island and at our regular mountain outreach in Santo Domingo. The outreaches were a great blessing to the local folk, particularly the children in the deprived communities. Some of **Tiwala's** children participated in the programs on stage, by performing dances for the community, which needless to say created great excitement and did wonders for their confidence!



Kalye Tiwala Centre - Ready to Launch!

Since our previous newsletter, which outlined our need for a permanent venue for our **Kalye Tiwala** program in Legazpi City, we are delighted that we now have a centre and are ready to launch new programs therein! Within a space of 3 weeks the UK Missions Team worked overtime to convert a simple house into a learning centre for the illiterate street children and out-of-school youths in Legazpi City. The team put huge amounts of effort into the project, using their skills and creativity to create a child-friendly environment. They even made the chairs, tables and blackboards from scratch! The centre has three classrooms which will be used during weekdays for ALS and tutorial classes and on weekends for workshops, counselling and **Tiwala Jam**.



Feeding & Nutrition

Tiwala will also conduct daily feeding programs for our students (pictured right) as well as other malnourished children from the slums and streets. In order for us to see progress in the children's physical development, we will need nutritional supplements in addition to the food catered to them. Due to the high cost of medicines and revitalizing nutritional supplements, we are seeking support for this program in the form of vitamins, milk, nutritional food beverages etc. Please contact us should you be able to help with this program!



Foster Homes for Boys

Tiwala has yet to start the construction of our permanent homes for boys, due to our need to relocate to a new farm. As the need for a boy's home is very pressing, **Tiwala** is proceeding to foster more boys who are found to be orphaned, abandoned, abused or living on the streets. The boys will be housed in our temporary foster home in Legazpi City while our plans for relocation to a new farm are finalized.

In addition to all the UK Team achieved and all the love they gave to our children and communities throughout their stay with us, they had prior to their trip raised funds for the construction of one **Tiwala** foster home, through various fundraising endeavours. The Bodyshop Foundation in the UK recently granted **Tiwala** funding for the construction of two foster homes. A church group in Gaertringen, Germany has contributed to the construction of a forth foster home. **Tiwala** is so grateful to have received such generous donations from the above groups for this purpose. We are looking forward to the overall completion of the project!

We are so encouraged by the recent series of events that have made a way for us to take a giant leap forward, getting closer to the realization of our dream to impact the lives of street children and provide long-term, loving homes for boys. Praise God for His provision and perfect timing!!

Sincere thanks for your care and support,

Gail Narramore
Founder