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August has been a productive month as **Tiwala** launched new programs and settled into the city, after 18 months of being based in the mountains!

Happy Home

Tiwala's main vision is to foster boys who need to be rescued. In August we fostered another little boy, namely Bamber (pictured right), who had previously been living between the streets of Legazpi and his makeshift home in the slums. Bamber settled in really well and is adored by our staff (pictured right). Bamber has also improved health-wise and has shown much increase in self-confidence. **Tiwala** is currently running case studies on 3 more boys who are soon to be living in our Legazpi foster home.



Family Reconciliation

Tiwala believes that our fostered children should be encouraged to stay in contact with their families (if any), provided the children are not put at risk. Our foster parents therefore take the children on supervised monthly home visits in order to encourage positive relationships.

Tiwala also locates the families of street children. Should our studies show that it is safe and feasible for the children to live with their families, we encourage the families to care for the children in their homes, not allowing them to live on the streets. Should the families not comply, the children are likely to be admitted into our Foster Program. As much as possible we like to see children reconciled with their families.



New Programs

Programs at the new **Kalye Tiwala** centre were launched in August. **Tiwala** caters to up to 60 street children and inner-city youths who all have the opportunity to come to the centre at various times throughout the week. We run various programs according to the needs of the children, such as tutorials; workshops; **Tiwala Jam**; feeding; nutrition; Christian formation and counselling. Prior to having the centre we met the children on the streets and in a range of temporary venues. In a short



period of time, since having a permanent venue we can see tremendous progress in many of the children, who are eager to learn and participate in our programs. Some of the children still struggle with bad drug habits and many have kempt-up hurt and anger, which manifests through their behaviour. We endeavour to help these children find release and inner freedom in a positive way.

Volunteer Opportunities

Tiwala is currently in need of volunteer teachers and nurses to assist us with our **Kalye Tiwala** programs. If we are to improve and expand our work on the streets and in the slums we require larger teams. The main roles of the volunteers would be teaching street children during the week at our centre or assisting our nurse with health and nutrition programs in the slums. There are always opportunities for volunteers to assist with the administrative side of things too. If you are interested in volunteering kindly contact us via our website!

Thank you so much for your involvement with **Tiwala**. It is such a blessing to witness children's lives transformed through the programs that are made possible as a result of your prayers and support.

Every Blessing,

Gail Narramore
Founder