



*Bringing help to  
Philippine Children with disabilities*

# NEWS

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Keeping you in touch with the work of the Project

## ASSISTANCE, EDUCATION & FUNDRAISING

In this issue of our newsletter, we tell you not only about two fund raising initiatives in the UK but we also highlight fund raising activities carried out by our Partner Committee in the Philippines. More importantly we report on some of the work being carried out by the Partner Committee for the children who are the focus of our project. This includes an educational and support programme as well as the purchase of equipment to improve the quality of life for the children and their carers.

## FUN AND MUSIC AT FUNDRAISING EVENING



A major fundraising evening was held at the Inshoku Restaurant in March which raised £513. Friends and supporters who attended, enjoyed good food, followed by a quiz, disco and karaoke. Our congratulations for making the evening such a resounding success to our hard working fundraising team of John, Tom, Giorgio, Florencia and Gemma. We are grateful to those generous friends who donated

the many raffle prizes and to the team who sold raffle tickets on the evening, Lily, Ana, Keiko, Gigi and Mindi. Thanks also to Alan Beavis, our Treasurer and his team for producing colourful flyers and tickets for the event but especially to all those who supported the evening. We intend to arrange a similar event later in the year and we hope to welcome all our friends once again.

## HYDRO ACTIVE WOMEN'S CHALLENGE

### Join us in HYDE PARK LONDON on September 4th

It's that time again. The biggest annual fun run for women takes place in Hyde Park on Sunday 4th September. The familiar green logo of Flora, who have sponsored the fun run since 1998, will be replaced by the blue logo of Hydro Active, the new sponsors of this annual fundraising event. You will recognise our team of ladies running to raise funds for the Bambang Sunshine Project as they will be wearing T-shirts emblazoned with our Bambang logo. We appeal to all our readers to support our runners with their donations, good wishes and prayers for their success at the event. An invitation is extended to all our friends and supporters to join the group for a picnic in the park after the run. Please contact Florencia on 07875867739 for information regarding our meeting place in the park.



## News from the Medical Outreach programme

### How some of our children have been helped by the programme

Nine-year old Fe Olagon who had to be carried everywhere by her parents has been given a special wheelchair courtesy of the Medical Outreach programme. Now she can sit in comfort and be pushed around easily by her carers.



Jeremiah Castro and Jaimer Jan Navarro are two 8-year old boys who were both born without a right leg. The Project has paid for two specially made and fitted crutches which have made their lives easier and more independent.



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# LOVE IN ACTION

Progress report from our Partner Committee in the Philippines

## Fundraising in Bambang

### First Sponsored Walk

The Partner Committee in the Philippines has long wished to undertake a sponsored fundraising run similar to the past Flora Challenge in which we have participated for the last eight years. So Mrs Soriano, its active Chairperson, organised the first sponsored walk in Bambang, held on 12th June to coincide with the celebration of Philippine Independence Day. Although the walk was not particularly productive in monetary terms, it raised 1,212.50 pesos (£11.45), it attracted a lot of interest being the first of its kind in Bambang, giving good publicity for the Project. Many members of the local community, both men and women, have put their names on the runners list for next year's walk. The event also helped to raise awareness of a healthier lifestyle. Congratulations to all who helped with the organisation and those who participated and we hope that it will become an annual event for the Project in Bambang.

### Drive to boost local donations

In an attempt to raise more money for the Project locally, the Partner Committee wrote to local government officials and affluent members of the community. Mrs Soriano and other senior members of the committee, Mrs Timbol, Mrs Tabada and Mr Jose Vilorio, followed this up by visits to the homes and offices of potential donors. Not only did they receive donations to the value of 14,000 pesos (£144), but it also resulted in government officials pledging their full support to the Project.

## Education and fun for children in the project

### Summer Festival in Nueva Vizcaya

Following the successful field trip that was organised for the children last year, this year twenty of the children had a day trip to the annual summer festival held in the provincial capital of Nueva Vizcaya on 21st May. Throughout the day the children were supervised and cared for by parents, committee members and volunteers. The parents and children were enthralled to see so many amusements and colourful displays at the fair. The day was a superb success and the subject of many happy recollections for weeks afterwards. The Project paid for the vehicle hire and the entrance fees to the entertainment complex for the children.

### Back to School

The new school year started at the beginning of July. The Partner Committee re-enrolled twenty three children between the ages of six and twelve, in different primary schools within the community. We are pleased to report that the government now has a wonderful programme to provide special classes for children with special needs. This enhances the work of the Project and the parents are happy and grateful that their children are offered a chance to be able to develop positively. Nine children continue to attend the special school for the deaf and mute just fifteen kilometres from Bambang. The project pays for the tuition fees of the children and provides for their school supplies and travel expenses to attend classes.

## On-going training for committee and parents

### The Mind, Body and Spirit

Speakers from two different church denominations were invited to lead members of the Committee in discussions on these topics. Members felt that it was a good opportunity to come together and share one another's ideas and thoughts.

### Health Issues and Livelihood Training

The Committee invited a social worker from the Rural Health Unit, to conduct a training session for parents of children with disabilities. This included healthy cooking and health related topics such as caring for a disabled child. The Project paid for the hall hire and other expenses of the day.

### Bible Study

Popular monthly bible study meetings, organised by the Project have been well attended by groups of parents on the last Saturday of each month. The Project pays for the community hall where the prayer group meetings are held.

## Death of Major Leo Muldoon

It is with sadness that we learnt of the passing away of a dear and generous supporter, Major Leo Muldoon. The good Major was a marvellous and faithful supporter of the Project. He was a very kind gentleman, who was always interested to learn about the Project's work in assisting children with disabilities. He will never be forgotten for his goodness and kindness and will always be remembered in our prayers.

## Our Thanks and Appreciation

The work of the Project to help children with disabilities has only been made possible by the kindness and generosity of our donors and supporters. Much has been done but we appeal for continued support so that we may carry on our existing service but also include some of the children we have on our waiting list. If you would like to support our work in bringing help to Philippine children with disabilities, please send donations to:

Alan Beavis, BSP Treasurer  
Berkshire Scout Enterprises Ltd  
Gravelly Court, Gravelly Bridge Farm  
Grazeley Green Road, Grazeley  
Reading, RG7 1LG  
Cheques should be made payable to  
**Bambang Sunshine Project.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at the Jesuit Residence Meeting Room, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH on Wednesday September 14th 2005, commencing at 1500 hours and finishing hopefully by 1700 hours. This is next to the church of the Immaculate Conception Farm Street.



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