



*Bringing help to
Philippine children with disabilities*

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April in Bambang



Children, Parents, and Committee Members

In April Florencia was in Bambang visiting the children of the Project. The active Bambang Committee organised a get together for the children and their parents. The freshly painted Senior Citizens Hall was the venue for the post-Easter and Recognition Day event.



Pastor Laurence

The programme began with a prayer led by Pastor Laurence Lugo, who praised the parents for their patience and courage in bringing up their children, who have multiple diverse needs, in the best way they can and in very stressful circumstances. The Pastor also acknowledged that because of the BSP and the hard working London and Bambang Committees, these children have the opportunity of a better life. The Pastor led the group in prayers for all the people who

help with their financial support. Mrs. Soriano, Chairperson of the Bambang Committee, welcomed the group and the Project co-ordinator, Daisy, led the singing, which was greatly enjoyed by everybody.

The children were presented with awards from the schools they attend. Four children were presented certificates for completing their Elementary Education; Desiree Joy Gamatero, Ben Jermiah Castro, Jane Agcaoili, and Wilson Antonio.

The children given recognition awards were:



Award Winners

Jean Asunson – 2nd Honour Grade V and 6th place in the Makabayan contest for best in mathematics representing her school; Angelica Bergado a pupil of Special Education (SPED) for the hard of hearing and without speech was awarded Best in Arts; Jason Madera (SPED) Most Obedient; Steve Gaffuy (SPED) Most Friendly; Elsa Mahor, a 16 year old without sight, received an award for the most musically inclined student in her class.

The award winners recited poems, sang songs of thanks and performed a dance. Much to the delight and amusement of the children, the parents performed a line dance which received loud applause. After lunch the parents mingled with one another, while the children played traditional games.

There was an opportunity for the children to make drawings and cards for the good people who help them so generously. Once again, Mr. Miranda, the Treasurer, encouraged the children to study hard and praised those who received awards. Mrs. Timbol praised the great sacrifice of the parents who work with much dedication for their children. She encouraged the parents to continue their home industry projects to support their families. All in all, the day was a very happy and memorable occasion.



Mr. Miranda

In Grateful Memory

We are sad to learn from the Bambang Committee of the death of Mr. Jose Vilororia, on 16th October. He was the auditor and adviser to the Project. Mr. Vilororia will be sorely missed; his good service and tremendous support will never be forgotten. Please remember him in your prayers.

The joyful April occasion for the children was touched with the sadness of the death of pretty Jamila Cajimat, aged 15. Florencia and members of the Bambang Committee went to pay their respects to Jamila at her home. It was sad, and at the same time humbling, to hear Jamila's parents say that their only daughter always looked forward to the monthly meetings of all the children. Jamila's mother said that the Project offered friendship and association with other children which was a source of much joy to Jamila. The Project helped with Jamila's funeral expenses. Jamila will not be forgotten. Please say a prayer for her.

Love in Action

The following fundraising events have taken place since the publication of our last Newsletter.

April

Tom, our sporty Chairperson, swam a 5km sponsored swim to raise money for the Project. Tom raised a marvelous sum of £300. He thought it was a worthwhile exercise to raise funds for those children who could not stand or walk, let alone swim!

May

On 16th May, Pat Jayawardina organised a special luncheon and, for the second time, the Project was nominated to be a beneficiary of Pat's annual social event. Subsequently, the Project received a cheque from Pat for the grand sum of £115. We are thankful to Pat, her family and friends who donated so generously.

July

The Committee organised its first Karaoke Evening, which was held in the Rising Sun Pub in Victoria on 31st July. The entire evening was an outstanding success. Special thanks should go to: Mary and Ray, the Publicans, and their superb bar staff; Sonia for conducting the karaoke part of the evening; Patricia, for



her suggestion that the Project should organise a karaoke event. The evening raised an absolutely wonderful sum of £553.76.

September

On the 5th September nine very energetic women formed the BSP team to walk, jog, run (or all three!) 5km around Hyde Park. We thank all the menfolk who came along to offer their encouragement and support. Many thanks to the non-running ladies for bringing food to be shared by all for the picnic after the run. The team jointly raised a fantastic sum of £695. Thank you, ladies, for your great efforts. We hope that you'll join us again next year.

This is an annual run, and is most likely to be held again in Hyde Park, London on the first Sunday in September, 2011. Anyone who would like to join our team next year should contact Florencia on 07875 867739.

Where your donations go:

- 9 children enrolled at SPED school for children with loss of speech and hearing.
- 26 children with physical disabilities enrolled in schools in their own communities.
- 8 housebound children receive weekly milk, food rations, and basic medication.
- 10 children, who are not currently receiving education because their disabilities exclude their admission to school.
- Clarence's (10 years old) on-going supply of nappies. He has been referred to a doctor and is awaiting his test results.
- Doctor's fees for Juanito, a 16 year old boy. As part of this consultation Juanito may have to be fitted with a catheter.
- Jaimar and Ben, two boys without limbs, continue to get regular check-ups and re-fitting of prosthetic limbs.
- The Project pays for the school fees of children, as well as providing their uniforms and other miscellaneous needs.
- Two long serving volunteers are paid nominal honorariums to undertake regular domiciliary visits to housebound children that the Project cares for.

On behalf of the children and their parents we thank you so much. Your valuable support makes it possible for us to be able to continue to help these children in need.



Patricia and Friends



Margie singing La Isla Bonita

8 Thames Bridges Walk

The last sponsored 8 Thames bridges walk took place on 6th March 2010. Member Eric Considine is already in full training for the next "stroll" for our good cause which is most probably going to take place on the first Saturday in March 2011. Eric has kindly agreed to offer his usual encouragement and quality leadership. Please contact Florencia if you would like to join our happy walking group.



Eric Considine and his walking team

St. Anne's Fun Day

We are grateful to the staff and pupils of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Primary School, Southwark, for including the Project in their school's Fun Day in June. Pupils raised funds for CAFOD and the Bambang Sunshine Project. Two of the pupils, Weronika and Charlotte, made drawings and a poem about the Project. We are grateful for the donation of £250 from the School. Special thanks to Mr. Morgan Williams, Head Teacher, and to Siobhan Phelan, Deputy Head Teacher.



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