



NEWS

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Keeping you in touch with the work of the Project

Providing for those who are forgotten - practical help for disabled children in the Philippines

PHILIPPINE VISIT

PDCP SECRETARY, Florencia Kingscote visited the Philippines in May 2002. Florencia had a hectic three weeks and is happy to report that she was able to accomplish all of the tasks that she needed to achieve for the Project.

There was a meeting and get together party for the Partner Committee Members, Children and their Carers on 4th May. This day coincided with the feast of the Patron of the Parish of the village of Abian where most of the children that we are helping come from. The village fiesta was a happy occasion and the children enjoyed themselves in the company of other people.

New Committee members and volunteers were recruited by Florencia. The volunteers are medical doctors, members of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Teachers, and Community Workers who are willing to help with our Project. Florencia also talked with government officials to ask them for their support for PDCP. Florencia visited the Boy Scout Headquarters to ask for support from the Association by way of helping the children with disabilities.

Florencia was pleasantly surprised to learn from the Officer In Charge of the Nueva Vizcaya Council, Mr. Edwin Mutug, that the Council is developing a Scouting programme that will include children with disabilities. He assured Florencia that the Boy Scouts will be happy to extend their help to the Project. The warm reception and positive response to Florencia's appeal to all the School and Government Officials she had spoken to were very encouraging indeed.

On 11th May there was another meeting and get together party in town (Bambang) where new and former committee members and volunteers participated in an orientation/seminar held in St. Catherine School's mini Library. After the meeting there was a programme of activities for the children who enjoyed drawing and making toys with moulding clay. Some of the children provided entertainment with their songs.



• Party/meeting 4th May 2002.

Appeal

There are many children with disabilities who are still waiting to be helped by the Project. Your gifts of £20 £10 or even £5 when accumulated will make it possible for us to provide the very basic needs of the children. Your gift of £50 will provide a new wheelchair for a crippled child. Please help us in making it possible for more to be included in our Project. With your financial support we can make dreams come true for these children and their carers too.

Please make cheques payable to:

PHILIPPINE DISABLED CHILDREN PROJECT

Please send donations to:

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Charity status

Mr Vloria, the Partner Committee's Auditor and Adviser, has given us the news that he was successful in registering the Charity in the Philippines - further news is awaited.

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NEWS about some of the children

Darwin's wheelchair needed repairing and repainting which was done during Florencia's visit.



• Darwin

Juanito's wheelchair needed re-upholstered seat, and new set of front small wheels. As Juanito is growing bigger and heavier, his chair needs repairs from time to time.



• Juanito

Edizer's parents and sister who is the principal carer were happy and pleased for him when the three committee members delivered a brand new wheelchair to him. The

committee members had tears in their eyes when this boy was taken down from his bamboo swing and sat in his new wheelchair.

Aiza - This very friendly and cheerful 11 year old girl has gone to a special school with her mother who was given a job to help with the children in this school for blind children. The Project helps with her school fees.

Jake - This 12 year old boy is showing a talent for music. Jake expressed his wish to study piano under a private tutor. The Project will pay for his piano lessons.

Renante wants to have a harmonica so he could learn how to play this mouth organ. He is 14 years old and blind since birth.



• Renante

Carl Jan, the little boy who was born with a hole in his heart, is now home from hospital and is cared for by his young parents. The Project gives financial help for his medication.

FLORA Women's Challenge



This annual fundraising event in Hyde Park is on Sunday 1st September. We thank those who have already agreed to participate in this annual fundraising event and submitted their entry forms to the organisers. We are still looking for ladies to join our group and enjoy the fun run while raising much needed funds for the children that we are helping. Please e-mail Florencia for more information on florencia@pdc.org.uk. or you can call her on 020 7499 4656.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Some members of the London Committee are planning to have a study visit to Bambang in November this year.

...until our next newsletter the Committee wish you a happy summer time hopefully with much improved weather