

**CSC's New Facilities** 

of ministry

in Cebu

Every

child

deserves

a family.

The Boy on the Street by Mitch Ohlendorf

we put the finishing touches on our newly

dedicated facilities - a handicap accessible

infirmary and a third residence for children.

The little boy was there on the sidewalk all curled up inside his filthy t-shirt. He couldn't have been more than six or seven

years old. I saw him as I stopped for breakfast this morning before going into the office. Obviously in a sound sleep, he was only a few feet away from the morning rush hour of people on the sidewalks and traffic in the streets. Only pure exhaustion would enable someone to sleep with the torrent of morning rush hour noise all around. Nothing good came to mind about this child's situation - he was asleep on

the hard concrete with his arms wrapped around himself in an attempt at comfort. Hundreds of people bustled around him, but he was alone.

We see scenes like this every day in our work here, especially if we spend time on the streets. As we nurse children back to health, feed them, educate them and build new facilities for them, a similar mental scene is always there, reminding us what life is like for millions of children in the Philippines. And it is definitely there as



These new facilities. which will soon be open, have been a project of love for more than three years. Since the design phase began in early 2006, countless hours of manpower have gone into making them beautifully constructed buildings with plenty of space to care for Cebu's neglected and homeless children. So many people have played such a significant part in the fulfillment of this project, from the contractors and labor-

ers to the CSC staff. CSC owes a deep debt of gratitude to architect Alan Wright for his design and supervision work, all donated. The infirmary is now named after his son, Frankie, and for "all children who triumph in adversity." The new residence is named the Ronald Duterte Home, in memory of our dear friend "Uncle" Ron, CSC's board President for many years who was responsible for helping CSC become the respected ministry in the Philippines it is today.

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I can say without hesitation that this ministry, the Children's Shelter of Cebu, has made excellence a priority. We make great effort in every area of our operation to do things with a sense of pride and desire for quality. I love that about my job.

Excellence is evident all over the newly constructed buildings, and the type of effort that went into getting them that way was just as impressive. Our field staff managed to get the important new facilities up in time for a deadline that must have seemed impossible to meet some days.

But I want the whole story of our building plans to have the chance at excellence. As much as our two new buildings are wonderful tools to be used to serve our children in a loving Christian home, we did not set out on a capital campaign with just a medical infirmary or new residence on the main campus in mind. We felt priority needed to be given to a specialized Teen Home, professional administrative space and to increasing the endowment for the ongoing operational needs of providing an excellent home for children.

I hope that these two wonderful buildings that have become reality are not the end of the story of this capital campaign. That new Teen Home and office, and increased endowment, are just as important today as they were when the planning began. It will take a miracle to see them become reality. Of course, stories of CSC's history are full of miracles. We'll be hoping—and working—for one more.

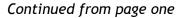


## FINANCIAL REPORT

We are in the middle of a "summer slump" in terms of our general fund income. Undesignated gifts during

the first two quarters of 2009 have totaled \$665,382. This is above budget thanks to an unexpected gift in the will of a longtime

donor, but we are concerned with the recent trends. June giving was 32% under what we need to make ends meet. Our total budget for 2009 is \$1,292,000. We have used \$128,000 in reserved funds which leaves them nearly empty.



But right now our new residence is just a house. It's attractive, but it's empty and almost impersonal. The infirmary is well laid out, but lacks the warmth of children being nursed back to good health. In the coming weeks the new house will become a home and the new infirmary will begin having a history of success in making the ailing bodies of children whole again. Children's voices will sound through the rooms and halls, nutritious meals will start being served three times a day, and house parents and the CSC staff will help give the children the gift of family.

And perhaps there will be some children, like the little boy sleeping on the sidewalk, who won't have to

### January, 2006

Below: Campaign kick-off in Cebu. Right: Wall and road project begun. Far right: Footings poured







of capital as we look to the second phase of our ministry expansion. We have received gifts of \$897,000 to the campaign through

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June of this year. We have used some reserves to complete our infirmary and residence, so we will need just over \$1,000,000 to replenish that amount, build our new Teen Home and office complex, and reach our goal of adding 635,000 to our Luke Fund Endowment.



be in that horrific situation. In all likelihood that little boy has never known love, a full stomach, or the comfort of a hug. Now God has given CSC more of an ability to let His little ones come to us. Because of the kindness and generosity of so many, we have an awesome responsibility ahead of us with these wonderful facilities, to stand between abandoned and neglected children and the terrible emptiness of the street.

### July, 2007

### November, 2007



## What Our New Buildings Will Mean...



We will be able to handle more children and offer better facilities for their care. We will have facilities designed with special needs children in mind: bigger bathrooms, wider doors and accessibility to all areas of the home. Our medical building has six rooms for sick and isolated children, as well as a laboratory and a better office and supervisory area for the nurses. This means that when several children are sick, or when we have newly admitted children who need to be isolated, we will have plenty of room for their care. Having these facilities will mean that some of our sick children will not need to be hospitalized. Not only will CSC be able to say "yes" to more children needing our care, we will be able to do a better job of caring for those who come to live with us, particularly those with special needs or those who require medical interventions.

## And These, As Well...



The next phase of our campaign involves the construction of a new Teen Home and office complex in Sun Valley. Sadly, some of our older children will not be adopted, and we need better facilities to care for them as they transition

to life in the Philippines. The new Teen Home will provide adequate space for study, recreation and living in a location that is convenient for schools and vocational training. Our new office building will be the fulfillment of years of longing for more space for our staff, social workers, and other administrative personnel. It will include space for record storage, meeting and interview rooms and, unlike our current facilities, will be entirely separate from the Teen Home for privacy and efficiency.

### April, 2008



Left: Beams are completed on first level as floors are being laid.

Right: Roofing is completed on both buildings



September, 2008

Skylights are nearing completion on medical and residential buildings.

### **OUR HONOREES**

The Cliff Danielson Compound honors our original U.S. Director, who helped establish our support base and relationship with churches. Cliff was the fa-



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ther of Marlys Healy, and the Pastor of Constance Free Church. He visited Cebu many times and was dearly loved there.

#### The Ronald Duterte Residence is named for our Philippine Board President and dear friend to our staff and children, who died in 2005. Ron was a politician,



a lawyer and a University President. He was a big factor in helping CSC get established in Cebu, using his contacts, influence and energy for the sake of our children.

### Our Frankie

Wright Center is the infirmary named in honor of the beloved son of our architect, Alan Wright. Frankie died



after a long and brave battle with leukemia. His courage and grace are an inspiration to our staff and to all of our children who, like Frankie, triumph in adversity.

### November, 2008

Alan Wright was in Cebu to view the project.





Once again we have some departures to report. Two year-old Kierby left us for his adoptive family in April. Kierby spent most of his life with us! Twins Crystal and Lavinia ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) joined their adoptive family in June. They lived with us since they were nine months old. Jeremie (10) has just joined his new family after several delays in his placement.

Phoebe ( 4 months ), Duan (3) and Christian (4). Phoebe joined us when she was only two weeks old. She is a beautiful and healthy little darling who seems to be a carbon



copy of her big sister Duan. Duan is a quiet, but at the same time rambunctious, little girl who is very happy to have a whole houseful of friends. Christian has started preschool and is quite impressed with that fact. He is a little boy who is always watching and learning. He's quite a sweetheart! He is very happy to be at CSC. He takes his "big brother of two little sisters" role seriously!

Lovely (5 months) came to us when

she was six weeks old. She was full of hives and skin infections. She seemed to regain her

health fast with medical attention and some good food. She is almost five months old and is cooing and smiling - making up for lost time, no doubt!



Hilton John (and his young mother) were well cared for in the home of a local Pastor for six weeks

before he moved into our home. He had a whole church full of people



## MEDICAL PRELIMINARIES

Before children can be admitted to CSC they must have medical clearance. This means having lab tests and being seen by our pediatrician, Dr. Oňate.

Before children can join their adoptive families they must get a visa. For those headed to the U.S., this means they must go to Manila for a medical exam.



January, 2009

Marlys entertains doctors at "soft" opening of medical building.





February, 2009

Left: Well drilling begins

Right: Windows and door frames are painted.



April, 2009

Stairs to basement being finished.



May, 2009

six years old. Siblings Joevanie (18), Sheila May (10), Jason (6) and James (2) will be leaving us soon, as well. They have lived with us only a year and a half. What a blessing for Joevanie to be able to be adopted at his age! caring and praying for him! They

He lived at CSC for over three years. Arnel (9) is

also ready to go. He has lived at CSC since he was

caring and praying for him! They have assured us their prayers will follow him. He is a healthy and content little guy. Hilton just turned three months old.

Neil John (4 months ) is our newest

addition. He has some skin infections but seems to be doing fine developmentally. He is strong and



alert. He does only three things in life at the moment - eat, sleep or cry. We are seeing some smiling coming into play as well. He has only been with us a couple of days so we are looking forward to seeing his personality continue to develop as he adjusts to his new environment and as he begins to feel better.

# Children of Hope School

## 2009-2010 Children of Hope School Year Begins

New students, teachers and facilities

Another school year has begun at Children of Hope School. Eager students made the short walk from the shelter to school on June 29, to discover three new teachers, three new volunteer aides, and a brand new music room. Michelle Peterson from Minnesota

joined Laura Atillo and Glenda Navales on the school faculty. Michelle will team with Eunice Guinanoy in Level B, while Glenda will work with Tammy Vosika in level C. Laura will be our pre-school teacher. Laura and Glenda previously served the school as teaching assistants, but have been "upgraded" to fill vacancies.

The first few weeks of school have seen many of our students and faculty down with the flu, but the enthusiasm for teaching and learning has been great. The first quarter Reading Challenge has begun



by Paul Healy

and school advisor Shari Reasoner reports that "the kids are very excited about reading and some are even getting up early to start reading before breakfast!"

If the children meet the reading goals that their teachers have established for this quarter, Joel Reasoner will have his head and beard shaved, and Uncles Paul and Andrew will be forced to wrestle two local behemoths.

Frequent news updates on the school appear on the CSC website at www.cscshelter.org/schools.php.

A new music building awaited the students on their first day of school. This building is an attempt to alleviate some

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overcrowding in the school, and to manage the noise from the music classes. We are expecting that we will have 25% more students by the end of the school year. Another great benefit of this building is the storage space it will provide for the musical instruments and the stage. This will provide more room in the school. The music building is an 800 square foot facility, and is intended to be a temporary facility, lasting until a more permanent expansion of the school is done. In the meantime it will provide good space for our music program.

### **Prayer Items**

1. Please pray for our staff in Cebu on a regular basis. They have difficult decisions to make on a daily basis, and need wisdom, patience and endurance for their challenging work.

2. Pray for the finances of CSC during the summer when giving often slumps. Pray for generous hearts.

3. Pray for Michelle Peterson and Andrew Merkouris, who are helping CSC as short term missionaries.

## Our CSC Circle of Prayer



Building Dedication - June, 2009

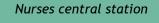
### **Praises**

1. Praise God for our beautiful new buildings that He has provided.

2. Praise the Lord for our school, and the great faculty that He has put together for this school year.

3. Thanks to God for the good health of our children in recent days.

4. Praise the Lord that Heidi Erickson, CSC's board chair, could be in Cebu for the dedication of our buildings.







Duterte Home skylights









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Foster Friends is a "win, win, win" situation. The children receive the security that comes from knowing that people across the world care about them. The sponsors receive the joy of knowing that they are making a difference in the life of a needy child. And CSC receives financial help for the purchase of food, medicine, and other needed items. For the modest sum of \$25 a month, you can be a Foster Friend. You will be assigned a child and will be given a picture and background information on how your child came to live at CSC. You will receive regular updates with pictures so you can chart your child's development. If your child is old enough, he or she

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