



Banquet Provides a Night to Remember

The 2006 CSC annual banquet, with the theme "A Day to Remember," provided a night to remember for the 650 friends who attended. It was a night of fun, learning, fellowship and rejoicing at what God is doing in Cebu. The evening's program highlighted a day in the life of the ministry and video segments showed the children waking up, going to school and playing around the shelter. Other sections followed our nurses and social workers on their rounds, making good things happen for the children of CSC.



Banquet Speakers

Vic dela Cruz: "Like many here, I was adopted. I can't think of a greater human expression of unconditional love."



Stephanie Reinitz: "CSC does a lot more than feed and care for children. They unite families that would have had no other way to find each other."



Dawn Youngren: "One of the most memorable events in my time at CSC was when a walker arrived for Ginda and she took the first steps in her 19 years of life."



One of the surprises of the evening was the meal. Breakfast was served as we shared a meal with the CSC kids who were enjoying their morning meal across the world. During the meal we were able to watch the kids eating in Cebu through the wonders of internet technology. This was the first time we have established this kind of connection and it was amazing to share a meal together in this way.

Music for the evening was provided almost entirely by "home grown" talent. Beltran Holmberg, a talented eight

year-old who was adopted from CSC by Barb and Tim Holmberg of Minnesota in 2004, sang two songs. The various video presentations included songs by Kirk Pilapil and Arlene Lozada of our Wally Johnson Teen Home, and Joanna Aballe who is CSC's attorney in Cebu. Piano music was provided during the meal by Angela Erickson.

As in the past, sponsorships were solicited so that we could offer the evening free of charge to our supporters. Talented volunteers helped in many ways including Doug Carlson, who painted the backdrop, Marcia Carlson, who planned the menu and all the table arrangements, and Chris Hansen, who, once again, did the video work for the banquet.

At the end of the evening an offering was taken, and just over \$70,000 came in for the ministry! Board members Kirby Stoll and Shari Reasoner were on stage to receive the exciting announcement of the offering total from long-time CSC friend Al Sannerud, whose accounting firm counted the offering in their typically speedy and accurate fashion.

Many thanks to all who participated in this memorable evening and to those who gave generously. We hope all were blessed by watching our children and staff in action in our great facilities in Cebu, providing loving care to the children who call CSC home.

1. Praise the Lord for the 2006 CSC banquet and all the people who helped make it a success.

2. Pray for little **Mark** who continues to be isolated due to his vulnerability to infections. Mark has a hole in his heart that will need to be surgically repaired when he is a year old. Pray for the workers who provide care for Mark.



3. Pray for **Shari Reasoner** who has taken on an expanded role in our Children of Hope School. She will be going to Cebu several times during the coming school year, helping with curriculum planning and teacher training.

4. Pray for some of our former children who are struggling in their adoptive families. Pray for their parents and all those who are trying to help them.

5. Some of our former children desire to find their birth families. Pray for our **social workers** as they do this difficult work on their behalf.

6. Pray for our former child, **Pedro**, who is planning to come to Cebu this summer to volunteer for several weeks.

7. Praise God for the **Canadian organization** that works so hard to help fund this ministry. Their recent banquet raised over \$24,000 for the purchase of new vehicles.

8. Pray for our staff in Cebu. They work very hard under difficult circumstances to provide a loving home for the children under our care. Pray for their health and strength.

9. Pray for the Healys as they prepare for their year in the U.S. which begins in July.



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CSC's Child Sponsorship Program

Foster Friends



CSC in Cebu

Foster Friends is a long-distance friendship that develops between a sponsor and a CSC child. The sponsors may be individuals, families or church groups—people who desire an intimate relationship with the ministry of CSC through an involvement in the life of a particular child.

Foster Friends is a "win, win, win" situation. The children receive quality care and 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 child who has been deprived of the love and care of a family. And CSC receives financial help for the purchase of food, medicine, school materials and other needed items. Everybody wins through Foster Friendship!

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 important

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 will send you an occasional letter. Since it costs us much more than \$25 a month to provide for the many needs of a child, your gift will be combined with those of others to form an extended family of support for your child.

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- Enclosed find my first payment of \$_____ to cover _____ months.**
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For All Children Who Triumph in Adversity

by Paul Healy

A simple plaque over the entrance to the Children of Hope School greets our students, faculty and visitors. The plaque was given to us by Alan Wright, the architect who designed our school, and states that "this school was designed in memory of Frankie Wright and for all children who triumph in adversity." Frankie Wright was Alan's son who died of leukemia after a brave battle.

she can learn and grow in a safe and loving home environment. She has done very well at CSC. She has worked hard in school, made lots of friends and even joined the CSC baseball team. She recently graduated from the Children of Hope School and will be in high school next year. CSC has given her a second chance and Roselyn has triumphed, making the very most of the opportunities given to her. From

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This plaque, perhaps better than any other slogan, captures the nature of what CSC does and the children that have found a home and a school with us. The memory of Frankie Wright lives on at the Children of Hope School as our CSC children rise above their circumstances and limitations in our environment of love and acceptance. These daily triumphs are what CSC is all about—a second chance at life and hope.

Roselyn and her younger brother were living in a government shelter when CSC learned about them. Her youngest brother was already living with us. They had been split up after their disabled father died. Before that, her mother had abandoned the family by going to Manila to live with her boyfriend. The children were left to fend for themselves, which meant that they had to beg to get food. Living in the shelter was not pleasant for Roselyn. She was treated cruelly by some of the staff and children there.



At CSC, Roselyn has found a place where she can live together with both her brothers and where

the despair and hopelessness of losing her parents she now has begun to think of the future, which is bright and full of possibilities for her and her siblings.

Jeson is an outgoing, bright 11 year-old. He and his two younger siblings came to live at CSC in May of 2005. Their mother had brought the children to Cebu from another island to protect them from the abusive and alcoholic father of the younger kids (Jeson's stepfather) who routinely beat them. Because he was not the biological child of this man, Jeson received the lion's share of the abuse.



Jeson is thriving at CSC! He is a wonderful big brother to his siblings, always aware of their needs and whereabouts. But he is learning to release their care to our staff and to reclaim his childhood. He is discovering lots of talents and interests and has become one of the major entertainers in the Eicher Home. With counseling and lots of love, he is well on the road to overcoming his abusive past and we look forward to his triumphant future!

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27 years of Ministry in Cebu

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On The Flip Side

by Matt Buley
U.S. Director



When I moved from Best Buy's headquarters to nonprofit work in a low-income part of Minneapolis, my new job came with a nice new benefit. Whenever I needed a recharge I could go downstairs and play basketball with the youth we served.

Getting beat by kids 2-3 feet shorter than I wasn't necessarily good for my ego, but a short time with them always reminded me why I moved from the corporate world—they! That benefit obviously changed a little when I was hired at CSC. I still get to see the kids, but those visits are separated by much more time and distance.

I'm very glad to have found a solution to my problem in adoptive families. Each and every time I get together with an adoptive family I leave reenergized for the ultimate purpose of all the work it takes to support our ministry in Cebu. It's such a joy, especially when I get to see kids that I met while visiting CSC.

CSC has had 430 kids adopted into 14 different countries, setting a record in 2005 with 32 children placed. Our hope for all children we admit is that they will one day be adopted.

We just wrapped up our annual banquet weekend, which includes an adoptive family celebration on Friday. It's a great blessing to get to see so many of our kids reunited. Of course, the best ones are when kids see each other for the first time since leaving Cebu. It's always a fun and noisy night that's full of hugs and memories.

Another benefit of the event is the time our adoptive parents get to spend with each other. You can't ask for a much more amazing group of people than those who have adopted. They get to see each other, share together and celebrate their adoption experiences. We're so appreciative of every one of them.

I met a donor and adoptive parent a while back who owns a successful company. Pointing at his daughter from CSC he told me all the success he had in business could never match the change in the world he could have through that little girl. Amen to that.

Staff Support Keeps Donors Connected

For some of our supporters, designating their gifts for support of one or more of our missionaries is a good choice for contributing to the ministry. This is true for some churches and individuals, and is a good way for donors to feel connected to the ministry through their relationships with the people who make things happen in Cebu.

Some CSC supporters



Seven good reasons to support the ministry of CSC

have enjoyed a long-term relationship with a staff member or couple, and enjoy

corresponding with them or having them to their home or church when they are Stateside. In this way the supporters feel more "plugged in" to what is going on in Cebu, and the staff members benefit from the prayers and encouragement that this relationship offers.

Thanks to all who support the ministry of CSC in this and many other ways.

Top 10 Ways to Support CSC

10. Donate needed items to Cebu. See our web site at www.cscshelter.org for a current list of needs.
9. Support a staff member or couple.
8. Tell others about the ministry and encourage them to support CSC.
7. Be a sponsor for our annual banquet in the spring.
6. Donate to our general fund for the ongoing operations of the ministry.

5. Make a legacy gift to CSC by including the ministry in your will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

4. Gift CSC with an annuity or charitable trust.

3. If you are a federal employee, designate CSC as the recipient of your Combined Federal Campaign donation.

2. Join CSC's sponsorship program and become a Foster Friend.

1. Pray for the ministry. Consider joining CSC's FrontLine Prayer Team.

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Janice's family situation could only be described as complex. There were 11 children in the family. Two died. Her father was killed suddenly in a vehicular accident and the family, already living in poverty, was pushed to the point of hunger and despair. Through the interventions of nuns working in their community, two of her siblings were placed in a Catholic orphanage. An older sister went to Manila and another had a child as a teenager. Her younger twin siblings came to live at CSC and she was sent to live with a relative. Janice was observing the disintegration of her family and there was nothing she could do about it.



But God's plan for Janice brought her to CSC where she could live with two of her siblings and where, although separated from other family members, they could receive good food, medical care, love, spiritual guidance and a chance to go to school. This was just the opportunity Janice needed because she is a wonderfully talented young lady. Her desire is to become a teacher so that she can teach children about God. Another triumph in the making.

Arlene's triumphs have become a regular part of life at CSC for the past 23 years. She was blinded and then orphaned at a young age and has lived at CSC since 1983. Recently she walked across the stage to receive her high school diploma, a tremendous achievement for a student who has had to work at least twice as hard as her sighted classmates. With the help of tutors and staff at CSC, Arlene has become expert at Braille and has shown fearless determination to be able to navigate around the huge school campus. Blindness will not stop Arlene from reaching her goal of being a music teacher to the blind.



Adversity, in the form of the death of parents, poverty, abuse, abandonment and disabilities is an unfortunate reality for many children in the Philippines. CSC is a place where, in spite of these hardships, children can find opportunities for very different, unexpected and exciting outcomes in their lives. We provide the opportunities but the triumphs are theirs.

Your Gifts Buy Good Food For Our Children

Although Americans might not recognize many of the foods that grace the tables at the shelter in Cebu, the meals are nutritious and tasty for the children. Some of the foods that are a regular part of "Filipinos' diets are: fish heads, rice noodles, pork belly, lumpia (Filipino egg rolls), mong beans, bean sprouts,

Since Cebu City is on an island, seafoods are inexpensive and readily available, so our children are regularly served a variety of fish and squid dishes, as well as dried fish for breakfast. One local favorite is *kinilaw*, raw fish marinated in vinegar.



Jackie Cherne Mission Home	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice
Barbecued Fish	Sauteed Chicken	Rice Noodle soup	Baked Fish	Squid w/ vegetables	Fried Fish	Fried Fish	Sauteed Bean sprouts
Seaweed Salad	Fruit Shake	Filipino meatloaf	Mong Beans w/ squash	Mushroom Soup	Soup	Soup	Fried chicken
Juice	Juice	Fruit Juice	Fruit Juice	Corn Soup	Fruit Shake/Juice	Fruit Shake/Juice	Fruit Shake/Juice

seaweed and coconut. All of these dishes can be found on the CSC menu sometime during the month. Our children enjoy eating fruits and vegetables that most Americans have never tasted, like *ampalaya* (similar to bitter melon), *kalamungay* and *alugbati* (small leaves used in soups) or that would be hard to find, like mangoes, guavas and papayas.

CSC children are generally not fussy eaters. Many of them grew up being hungry and malnourished, so are happy to have enough to eat and a chance to eat a variety of healthful and good tasting foods at every meal. Just about the only time they will complain is if rice isn't served with a meal!

Central Baptist Team Sponsors Camp for CSC Kids

35 CSC children were treated to a four day camp experience in February, compliments of a ministry team from Central Baptist Church of St. Paul, MN. Led by Ben Baltes, the team of nine planned and administered the camp, which included Bible lessons, creative games, music, crafts and good food. Since the facilities were right on the beach, swimming was a popular activity. For almost all of our children, this was their first time to experience camp. The camp was held at the ARC Christian Camp facilities near the town of Santander on the southern tip of Cebu. The children and staff enjoyed the three hour drive along the coast of Cebu.



This was the third team to come to Cebu from the church. Central Baptist is the home church of CSC staff members Paul Healy and Mitch Ohlendorf. Chuck Sorlie, Central's Minister to Youth, was the Camp Director with lots of help from Marcia Carlson, Valerie Buchan, Michelle Weiser, Todd Erickson, Mark Kulla, Robert Reid and Dr. Clarence Bass.

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HEALYS HEAD FOR U.S.

Paul, Marlys and Jennifer Healy will be heading stateside in late July. They will be spending a year in Minnesota meeting CSC supporters, enjoying some vacation time and helping promote the ministry in various ways. Please contact the CSC office about the Healys' availability for speaking in your church.

WEB SITE FINALLY UP!!

The CSC web site, under construction for quite some time, is now ready for viewing at www.cscshelter.org. Here you will find information, pictures, up-to-the-minute prayer requests, lists of needed items and news about the ministry.

GRADUATES MOVE AHEAD



On April 26 eight students went down the aisle in commencement ceremonies at our Children of Hope School. Roselyn Romano finished her elementary education and will



proceed to high school next year. Jacob Collamat also graduated from our elementary program. Six pre-school students will be promoted to level "A" next year. Best wishes to all the grads!

AMY LUCK JOINS STAFF

After serving as a short-terms for several years, Amy Luck has become CSC's newest staff member. She is currently serving as our pre-school teacher in the Children of Hope School as well as heading up the Foster Friends program in Cebu and helping out at the Teen Home. Amy comes from Kulm, ND. Welcome to our staff, Amy!

Updates on the Children We Serve **Kid's Korner**

by Sandy Swanson

MARK ANTHONY arrived in February when he was four days old. Mark is healthy and is developing well. He is smiling lots and is growing fast in our Cherne home nursery.



a bit of both. Meljun loves pre-school and has already made lots of friends. He has learned to ride a bike and is working hard at roller-blading. He has lots of questions and has made an amazing adjustment to our home already.

WILMAR (4) has lived at CSC since he was seven months old. He has neurological concerns that have delayed his development and require daily meds. He has the greatest personality! He loves life and enjoys making us laugh. He loves singing at the top of his lungs and is now attending pre-school. We have high hopes for Wilmar.



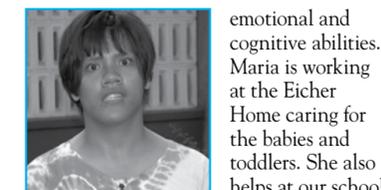
MELVIN (13), MELBERT (10) and MELJUN (5) are brothers who arrived in March. They are all very sweet-natured and loving boys. All three are small for their age. They are all quite confident and have a wonderful attitude regarding this chance at a new future. Melvin was doing quite well



in public school and was one of the top five in his class. He is going to spend next year in our school where he will be given some extra help so that he will be ready for high school in 2008. He is very excited to learn English. He has a wonderful sense of humor. Melbert is a very happy guy and loves everything about CSC so far. He is already quite good at roller-blading. He is still working on obeying. He has exhibited what appear to be panic attacks and has told us that this happens to him periodically. We will have some tests done to see if the cause is physical, emotional or

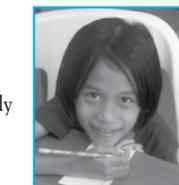
If he continues to make the progress that he has in the past year we may be able to consider adoption for him.

MARIA will be 29 years old in June. She has lived with us for half of her life. Maria is still having trouble finding long-lasting happiness. She does not always fit in well in the Teen Home because her hopes, dreams and reality are much different from the other teens and young adults living there. Maria has good days and then will have a day or two of belligerence and defiance. Maria is slowly maturing and grasping the reality of her life. She has cerebral palsy which has significantly delayed her



emotional and cognitive abilities. Maria is working at the Eicher Home caring for the babies and toddlers. She also helps at our school with the pre-school. She is excellent with the younger kids when she wants to be. She has had some jobs outside of CSC but has not been able to be consistent and capable in these.

JOHN RAY (11) and RUFMAE (7) are not CSC kids but attend our school. They have a loving and committed Christian family. They have certainly become a part of the CSC family with their beautiful smiles and amazing outlook on life. John and Rufmae both have Osteogenesis Imperfecta or "brittle bone disease." They are both very capable academically but had not previously been able to attend school because of their condition. We are blessed to have them at our school and to be a part of their lives.



CSC Twins Win Cebu Baseball League Title

The CSC Twins went undefeated through the regular season and the playoffs to capture the Cebu Baseball League title during February and March. Led by Coach Mitch Ohlendorf, the team showed consistent improvement and lots of talent and enthusiasm in practice and in the games. The league emphasizes participation and fun and our team excelled in both. The team consisted of Angelo, Angie, Junalyn, Rene, Remir, Roselyn, Joji, James, Ian, Jenalyn, Jason, Janice and Andrew Ohlendorf. Neil Montebon and Anthony Ohlendorf helped out as assistant coaches.



But Here Are The Real CSC Twins

The Niña twins, Niña Rose and Niña Luz were just two months old when they came to live with us. They have been very healthy since coming to us which is surprising considering the difficult circumstances that brought them to CSC.

Renie and Junalyn are 11 and have lived in the Cherne Home for two years. Their older sister, Janice, also lives at CSC. These twins are energetic and athletic and very popular with the other kids.

Rose and Monica were a month old when they came to live at CSC in June of 2005. They will soon be placed for adoption and will be very much missed by everyone at CSC, especially by the aunts in the Cherne Home.

Neil and Angie are 13 and live in the Eicher Home with their three younger siblings. They have been with us for almost three years. They are very mature, hard working and kind to the other kids.

