



# CSC NEWS

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## Children and Staff Live the Dream in New Medical Facility

by Paul Healy, Field Director

Meeting the medical needs of our children is a crucial part of the ministry of CSC. Medical care is one of our largest budget items and requires the efforts of four nurses, not to mention house parents, child care workers and staff. Getting children healthy is one of our highest priorities. And now we have facilities that help make this possible.



Our Frankie Wright Medical building has offices for our nursing staff, a laboratory, and six rooms for sick children. It is a first rate infirmary that allows us to give the best medical care possible to our children. It helps us meet a variety of needs that they present when they first come to live with us, and throughout their time in our care.



Right now four year-old Jovan is in Room 3, as he needs to be isolated while being treated for pneumonia. Two doors down is five-month-old Ciro who has conjunctivitis. Last week Sarah, a nine year old who was recently admitted, was in Room 4 with tonsillitis. Two months ago we had as many as eight children in the infirmary at one time, being treated for a variety of illnesses.

When Venus and her four younger siblings were admitted to CSC in Septem-

ber, their first stop was the infirmary. Like most of our new kids, they needed to be tested for tuberculosis and treated for parasites. In past years they would have been cooped up in a small room

in our crowded medical area upstairs from our wash house. Or, if that room was full we simply would not have been able to admit them to CSC. But now we're able to accommodate them in a large double room with comfortable beds and lots of light. There is plenty of room for them to eat their meals together as a family. There is another room where they can play with toys, read books or watch DVDs. There are large bathrooms with showers and a central nurse's station. In some ways it is like a small hospital ward. But more fun!

For years we have dreamed of having a first class medical facility, and now we have it! Although our new children would much rather not be isolated, they can at least spend that time in a place that was designed with their needs and care in mind. Contagious children can be kept separate from the others, and crying babies do not disrupt the sleep of other kids.

In the nurses office, Warlita, Arlyn, Jocelyn and Angelie have a spacious area for their

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*Every child  
deserves a  
family.*



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## YEAR-END FINANCIAL NEWS



I recently gave a speech introducing our ministry. I had five minutes, and honestly, I didn't feel that great about it. It's hard to encapsulate everything that CSC does in a five minute speech. There is just too much ground to cover.

Still, I gave it the old college try. I presented the extraordinary need in the community we serve, what a child can expect when they come into our care and how we prepare our children to leave us for an adoptive family one day. Even after several rounds of cuts, I rattled off quite a list of things in my five minutes. If I had it to do over again, I would have taken a different approach.

As I waited for the event to wrap up I wasn't expecting much to come of my talk. But as I chatted afterwards, a man approached me with a simple statement that took me back. In spite of all my self-criticism this man said something that ensured God had spoken to him regardless of my "performance." He said, "When you spoke you broke my heart to give me hope." It was a startling and profound statement that I committed to memory. This guy got something out of those five minutes that was way beyond my expectations. He learned something from my talk that I didn't even say.

I learned something, too. I was reminded of how God can work in our insufficiencies, and how much our work really is His. There is heartbreak all around CSC. There is brokenness at the core of the needs that we meet. But somehow that brokenness leads to something: hope, with new possibilities and a second chance at life. Our hearts should be broken for the orphaned children we serve, but it doesn't have to be an empty brokenness. Because it leads somewhere better. It's the hope of safety, medicine and consistent meals. It's the hope of family. But more than anything, it's the hope of Christ.

Every year at CSC it comes down to this. Budget creation for the coming year? Yes. The harried pace of Christmas in Cebu? Most definitely. Then there's the one that really keeps us on our toes: we're entering the most critical financial quarter in our year. As always, we will be praying, watching and trusting God will work through people's giving. In order to make budget for 2011, we will need to bring in \$397,000. It's a big number, and we simply don't know where it will come from, but we've most definitely learned that God provides for us exactly as we need.

It's been a good year when it comes to income. We've found that more people have given up to this point in 2011 than had at this time in 2010. That's cause for celebration. We are also continuing our growth in the Combined

Federal Campaign, the program that allows federal employees to designate their giving to charities of their choosing. On top of that, we've had some generous gifts to meet specific projects in Cebu.

Where we're seeing the impact of the down economy is in the area of how much people are able to give. We're noticing people have kept their commitment to our mission, but some aren't able to give as much. We're so thankful that people are standing by us even when their personal income has been impacted by the slow market. As always, we wait to see what God has in store. We continue to work hard for our kids, and we will continue to fight for them in every way we can. We are able to do this thanks to all of you who stand with us all over the world. Thanks so much...and here's to a great end to 2011!

### *Living the Dream, continued from page 1*

desks and room for regular team meetings with Marlys Healy, CSC's Medical Director. Children can come to be measured and weighed, examined or given immunizations. Both the office and the lab on the other side of the reception area are air-conditioned, providing a comfortable working environment. The lab is a big enough room for meetings and seminars with child care workers, where they can sharpen their skills in assisting with the medical care of the children in the homes. Marlys Healy, CSC's Founder and Medical Director since the ministry began in 1979, sums up the feelings of all the staff when she says, "This is God's gift to us and the children of CSC. He loves these kids and wants the best for them. We want to give him the glory for his faithfulness and loving kindness."



The **2012 CSC Banquet** has been scheduled for April 28 at Bethel University. This will be another exciting evening of fellowship, food, updates on the ministry in Cebu and the usual mixture of emotions that goes along with our annual get-together. Those who were at last year's banquet were greatly blessed by the testimonies, music and the media presentation.

Watch for announcements at [cscshelter.org](http://cscshelter.org) so you will know when and how to register. For now, just circle the date on your calendar so you won't miss this opportunity to see and hear what God is doing at CSC.

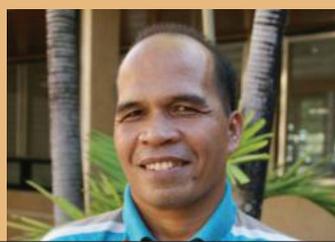
Two of our Teen Home residents are making major steps forward. **Melvin** is a first year student at the Indiana Aerospace University. His dream of flying has finally come true as he just started his first flying lessons late last month. He was really excited to get his first chance to fly!

**Marilyn** has her first major job, and it necessitated a move. She works in quality control for a garment manufacturer, checking the finished clothes errors. She is working in Talisay City on the neighboring island of Negros.

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## News From Around CSC



Two of the important people in our Child Care Department are **Laarni** and **Eldie**, our counselors. They spend their time listening to our children talk and helping them deal with difficult issues from their past. They are both mature Christians who know how to apply God's word to the emotional struggles that our children face. Their insights and information helps our social workers, house parents and child care workers do their jobs better. Laarni and Eldie are important parts of our team as we strive to meet the complex needs of our children.

Are you checking out our website and Facebook page? Both are great sources of information about CSC. On our web site - [cscshelter.org](http://cscshelter.org) - you can see pictures and videos of the children and staff, learn more about the work that we do, and see how you can help. Donations can be made from our Giving page.

Our Children's Shelter of Cebu Facebook page is another great way to stay connected. The page features prayer requests, updates and videos about what is going on in Cebu, and comments from friends. Why not become a Friend?



*CSC exists and thrives because 2602 people care - and put it into action. They choose to support the ministry with generous gifts and prayers. They share the conviction of our staff that the situation of homeless children in the Philippines, and anywhere, is unacceptable. They realize that they can't save all the children of the world, but they can help a few. These caring people provide for the needs of homeless Filipino kids, most of whom they will never meet.*



**Zaisean** (four months) was just a week old when he came to live in the Cherne Home. He is a very responsive and smiley boy who loves to be held. He also loves to eat. He recognizes his name and will smile when anyone talks to him. He is very ticklish. Zaisean was recently hospitalized with pneumonia.



who is quick to smile. He really craves adult attention. He loves to play basketball with the older boys when they will let him. He also likes playing marbles. He does careful work in school and is very artistic. Mark is often a very serious guy but he really smiles when playing his favorite games, like bubbles or toy cars. He cries easily when he doesn't get his way. His favorite activity is riding a scooter around the yard. He really goes fast and has good control of where he's going. He recently had his fourth birthday and

position and tests out his leg muscles by bouncing. He is very interested in everything that goes on around him.

**Venus** (11), **Sarah** (9), **Marco** (6) and twins **Marky** and **Marty** (4) took CSC by storm in mid-September. They needed to stay in isolation for an extended time so they were very ready to join the other kids when the time was right. Venus is very mature and takes good care of her siblings. She made friends fast and has done well in school. Sarah is very talkative and moody. She had to go back into isolation just a few days after moving into the Eicher Home, and was not a bit happy about that. She is very expressive and fun-loving when she's in the mood. Marco is really enjoying life at CSC. He is very active



**Nicole** (nine months) came to live in the Duterte Home at CSC when she was six months old. She is a beautiful little girl with curly hair.



was excited to get a gift. One of his presents was a coloring book that included masks. The next morning

he was seen riding his scooter with a brightly colored mask on his face!

She had been living in a government center in Cebu City. She is very observant and smiley and will flail her arms and legs when someone talks to her. She has a boil on her head which is being treated with medicine. She will be starting physical therapy soon to address some concerns about her lack of neck movement.

**Isaiah** (six months) has lived with us for just over a month. He was born on another island and was brought



to Cebu on a ship as a newborn. He loves to eat and is a chubby and happy child. He is very expressive and tracks well. He loves to be held in an upright



and enjoys interacting with adults. He is doing very well in school, having had some schooling before coming to CSC. The twins are extremely active! They have settled down a lot in their month with us but they still keep all the caregivers hopping. Markie is more mature and calmer than Marty, who throws tantrums to get his way at home and in pre-school.

**Epifanio** (10) and **Mark** (4) have lived at CSC for almost four months. They have made a good adjustment to living at CSC and are very active and healthy. Epifanio is known as JunJun by everyone at CSC. He is a very sweet guy

One of the difficult jobs our staff faces is handling the referrals that come in on a regular basis. Recently we have had a lot of requests for us to take in children. Often these referrals come before a baby is even born. Our social workers handle the referrals, gather information, make case summaries and make recommendations to the senior staff.

Because of limited space, we are not able to accept all the children re-

## Our CSC Waiting List

SW	Name(s)	Age(s)	Whereabouts
CB	Marison sibs	9, 7, 5	Naga City
CB	Lopez, Marisa	1 month	CarCar
CB	Nunez Baby	due 11/3/11	Glory Reborn
CB	Alvarez Baby	due 12/5/11	Toledo City
CS	Gomez siblings	12, 8, 4, 2 mo.	Ormoc City
CS	Morales siblings	9, 8, 7, 6, 3	Bantayan
CB	Ortega Baby	due 1/14/11	Cebu City
CS	Laraya, Jenifer	9 months	VSMCC
CB	Not Named	1 week	CCMC
CB	Baby Boy	3 days	DSWD

ferred to us. Though some referrals are babies, toddlers or single children, others involve sibling groups, sometime large ones. Our staff has to determine if space is available and if there is sufficient manpower to handle another child. Then they tackle the job of prioritizing the referrals on the basis of need. It isn't easy to say no to a referral, knowing as they do, that there might not be another good option for the child(ren).

## Volunteers and Staff Meet to Keep CSC on Course

It takes a whole lot of meetings to run a ministry like CSC. On a given day there might be as many as 10 meetings going. In the U.S., our board and its various committees meet regularly to set policy and to help manage the finances of the ministry. Our staff of three meets often in Minnesota to coordinate efforts and see that all the support work is being done.

Currently our Administrative Committee is working on salary and retirement plans for our staff. Our Long-Range Planning Committee is proposing some organizational changes, while our Development Committee brainstorms fund raising ideas. We have committees that are working on policies concerning adoption issues and planning our annual banquet. Our Finance Committee will

This Week's Meetings	
Long Range Planning	Hayes Room →
Administrative Committee	Room 28 →
Banquet Planning	Lundquist Room →
Development Committee	Room 111 →

← Room 122	Social Workers' Meeting
← Schmidt Suite	Child Care Team
← CSC Library	CSC Staff Meeting
← Union Hall	CHS Teachers Meeting

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soon be looking at our 2012 budgets and preparing for audits. Often our CSC staff will “sit in” on the state-side meetings via Skype. We have talented and dedicated people meeting regularly to see that CSC continues to be a ministry of integrity and vision.

In Cebu, there are important meetings every day. Staff meet together, or with the counselors, nurses and house parents, to see that the needs of the children are being met in the best and most efficient ways. Children's needs are discussed and they are prayed for.

Every meeting, conference or Skype call has as its ultimate purpose to help CSC take excellent care of the kids who live in our homes.

## Brenda Leaf Retires



There are lots of unsung heroes at CSC: the security guards who keep watch at the shelter; the laundry workers who wash the piles of clothes and diapers each day, and the people who give to the shelter from far away. Without heroes in unexpected places, we wouldn't be able to do what we do.

We're saying goodbye to one of those heroes in the next few months. After eight years serving in the U.S. office, Brenda Leaf is retiring. She will be greatly missed. Brenda has been a wonderful member of the CSC family. She's been a kind voice on the phone, the author of personal notes on gift receipts and consistently one to go the extra mile for whatever project she has worked on. We will miss her greatly, but look forward to seeing her around in the coming years.

Brenda, you have been a tremendous blessing to our team, and to each of those precious kids you helped serve. Thank you for your exceptional service.

## Prayer

1. For our income needs as we approach the end of 2011. As usual, we need a great finish to meet our income goals.
2. For the decisions our staff must make concerning the many referrals we have received. We cannot take in all of them so they need wisdom from above.
3. For our medical staff as they minister to our children who are sick.
4. For our teachers as they welcome new students into their classes. Pray for our Principal, Criselda Tabra.

*Our CSC Circle of Prayer*



**Warlita Manlun**  
Head Nurse

## Praises

1. For the good health of Ginda, who had been so sick but now is well and happy. Praise God for her wonderful smile that lights up the Duterte Home.
2. For the great work that our Filipino staff does every day in all areas of the ministry.
3. For all the volunteers who use their time and talent for the sake of the children in Cebu.
4. For our wonderful infirmary building that helps us care for children who are ill and need to be isolated.

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**Yes,** I would like to sponsor a child through the Foster Friends Program.  
I will support this child at an amount of \$25 U.S. a month.

- Enclosed find my first payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ months.
- I cannot become a Foster Friend at this time, but I would like to make a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- Please send me more information about CSC.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Megan Kuenzel and Peter Arneson's Marriage  
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Auntie Sharon

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Vern and Karen Reidinger's Anniversary  
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