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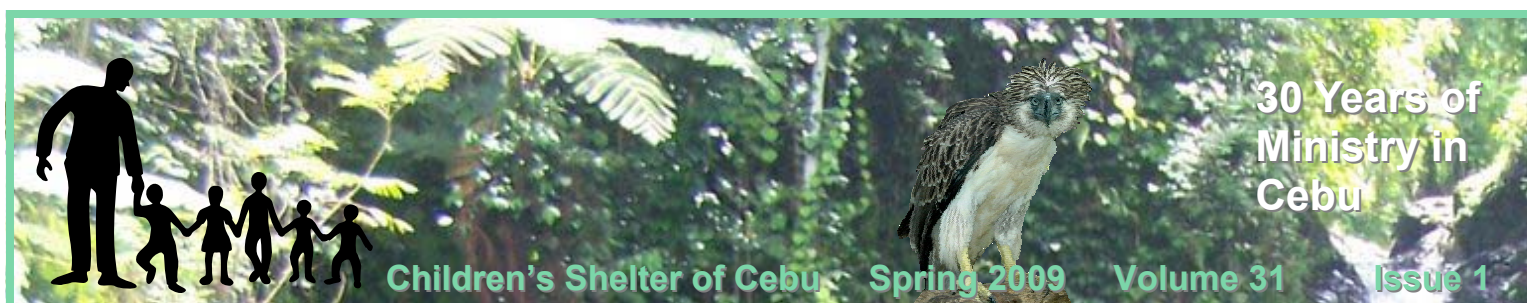
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CSC Staff, Workers and Friends Form Village of Support for The Children of CSC

by Paul Healy, Field Director

Several years ago there was debate among politicians over an African proverb that was used in a U.S. presidential campaign. The proverb states that "it takes a village to raise a child." The conservative response was "No, it takes a family to raise a child!"

For the children of CSC both are true. We know that the best place for our children is within a loving family where their needs



and emotional hurts, to process their legal papers, to open their minds and hearts to the things that they need to know, to prepare them for adoption or for life in the Philippines.



In the village that surrounds the children of CSC everyone has an important job to do. Our workers and staff manage the needs of the children and provide the love and understanding that transforms their lives.

We know that the best place for our children is in a loving family, where their needs can be met in a way that is not possible at CSC...

can be met in a way that is not possible at CSC. They are unable to live with their birth families, so we attempt to provide a family style environment for them. And to do that, we need the village! We need government social workers, teachers, adoption agency personnel, doctors, lawyers, judges, pastors, as well as volunteers and financial and prayer supporters to support the efforts of our staff and Filipino workers. We all form a village, or an extended family of support around our children. We work to heal their physical



Our village includes staff, Filipino workers, supporters, volunteers, adoption workers and government offices.

These people include four nurses, ten teachers and two therapists, our Children of Hope School, two social workers, four cooks, more than 30 child care workers, and people who wash clothes, clean, guard, maintain our property and handle the finances. Our U.S. and Philippine boards of directors help set policies, make budgets, handle legal matters and see that the financial needs of the ministry are met. Other volunteers help with mailings, plan events like our annual banquet, or pro-

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

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.

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enough, he or she will send you an occasional letter. Since it costs 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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Every
child
deserves
a family.



A couple years ago, my wife Theresa and I had the chance to be in Cebu when an adoptive family arrived to bring their child home. In fact, it was the very trip in which we felt God's call to adopt our four. Our eyes and ears seemed to be tuned to all things adoption, and we took a keen interest in watching the bonds develop between this family and their new son Jeremiah.

This Australian couple was as good as it got. They were great fun to be around and we hoped to do as well as them when our turn came to adopt.

Two years later we're still learning from them. Jeremiah has since been diagnosed with a rare brain disease called Chiari Malformation, which means his brain is herniating down his spine. He just had major surgery, and it is difficult to say what he will face from here. So far he is responding well and relearning to use his body. The path he faces is not going to be easy, but he won't go it alone. His parents and siblings are there every step of the way; thanking God that Jeremiah is a part of their lives.

No one could have guessed what their family would face together, but I stand amazed by how together they stand. It is a blessing to see that God's handi-work of adoption gave Jeremiah the family he has. He got to be a part of our CSC family for 15 months of his life, and what his parents are doing for him now makes the care given Jeremiah in that time feel all the better. We are praying that God will bless that family with a miracle, and would be honored if our whole extended CSC family would pray for them too.

MUCH ACCOMPLISHED; MUCH STILL TO BE DONE

In the midst of all the normal activities at CSC - children leaving for adoption, new ones taking their place, the closing of the school year, kids getting sick and then getting well - something exceptional is happening. Slowly but surely our two new buildings are being finished. The infirmiry building is complete and the special needs residence will be finished in a matter of weeks. We have already had a "soft opening" of the infirmiry building, where we invited our doctors and other medical personnel who care for our children to see the facilities, and learn more about CSC and our work with the children. We look forward to June when we will have the formal dedication of both these buildings. And with faith in God and his people, we dare to look beyond that dedication, to the other phases of our Building a Legacy of Hope campaign. Our plans include the construction of a new Teen Home and office complex, and the bolstering of our Luke Fund endowment. God has provided in amazing ways for the construction of our infirmiry and new residence in Banawa. Although we do not have funds to begin the Teen



Home and office, we do have faith and confidence that He will come through. We need \$655,000 for the Teen Home/Office complex, and \$600,000 for our endowment. If you have not yet gotten involved in our BLH campaign, please consider a generous gift, as we look forward to the next phase, and what it will mean for the children that God allows us to serve in Cebu.

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vide technical assistance to our staff for computers, web site design or video production. Doctors and dentists give their time and talent to go to Cebu to minister to our children. The village is extensive! Everyone who gives to CSC is an integral part of our village. You link arms with staff, volunteers and government officials to make life better for our children. You put food on the table and books in our library. You provide medicine for sick children and the salaries of our many workers and teachers. Your concerns and prayers are vital links in the chain of arms, minds and hearts that encircle our children.



Many of our kids will eventually be turned over to adoptive parents, where family or their own "village" will surround them with love and support. Until then we will continue to work together to give them a safe, happy and loving place to live and grow and discover.

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CSC'S ANNUAL BANQUET 2009

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2009 CSC Banquet and Birthday Bash May 2 at Bethel

May 2 is the date for the annual CSC banquet, and this year's affair will have special significance as we celebrate 30 years of ministry in Cebu. Our theme is "Living the Dream," and we will look at the ways that God has allowed us to live out our Cebu staff's initial dream of a shelter for homeless Filipino children. We will look at the dreams that have spun off that original dream in the lives of some of our former children. And we will reflect on God's goodness over the past 30 years with a birthday party, complete with a cake and some surprises.



Will Healy will once again be the emcee for the evening. He will bring his unique style of humor and charm, and will be joined by some of his musical friends from Northfield and Faribault. **Mike Hilde-brandt**, a member of the Minnesota Rock/Country Music Hall of Fame and a talented fiddle player, is a family physician and a longtime supporter of CSC. He will be joined by **Craig Wasner**, who plays the piano, sings and has been

a member, with Will and Mike, of the Over and Back group that used to perform in the Northfield area. Craig is the music director at Friendship Church in Prior Lake, MN.

CSC staff members **Mitch and Ruth Ohlendorf** will be participating in the evening's festivities. We look forward to hearing from former CSC residents who are living their dreams all over the globe.

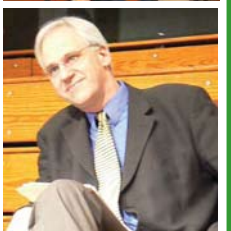
Seating will begin at 6:00 with dinner being served at 6:30. As always, our banquet will be held at Bethel University in Arden Hills, Minnesota. Reservations are required and can be made

by calling the CSC office at 763-689-6558 or via our web site at www.cscshelter.org. The evening is offered free of charge but an offering will be taken for the ministry.

As in past years, on Friday night, May 1 we will be having a reunion party for former CSC residents. It will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in Shoreview. Reservations are also needed for this event. Rumor has it that Uncle Paul is making another in his series of riveting documentaries for the reunion party!



Above: Sandy Swanson/Heidi Erickson and Mike Hildebrandt.
Below: Craig Wasner and Will Healy.



FROM 1979 UNTIL TODAY, SOME OF THE WORLD'S COOLEST KIDS HAVE HUNG OUT AT CSC



IN 1979, WHEN WE STARTED IN CEBU, the population of the Philippines was 47 million. Today 100 million people compete for food, shelter, jobs and limited government services. The exchange rate in 1979 was about 7 pesos to the dollar. Today it is over 48 pesos. In 1979 our monthly budget in Cebu was about \$700 a month. Today our ministry operates on about \$65,000 monthly for our residential care, school and outreach programs. In 1979 our supporters numbered less than 75, mostly friends and family of staff. Today we have over 1,500 regular supporters. God has been so good to CSC!

IN THE PAST 30 YEARS CSC has cared for 786 children - 42% girls and 57 % boys. 390 of our children, or about 50%, have been part of a sibling group. We have cared for many children with special needs ranging from blindness to cerebral palsy. We have placed 450 children for adoption into 14 different countries. We have placed sibling groups from two to seven children in the same family. We have served more than 3 million meals to our children. In 30 years CSC kids have never missed a single meal or a dose of needed medicine. God has been so good to CSC!



CSC'S TODDLERS: COMING AT YOU FULL FORCE

Our population is always changing at CSC. Although we usually have around 80 kids at a time, their ages can vary greatly from year to year and even from one month to the next. Last year we had quite a few older kids. Other times we have had lots of young babies. At this time we have a large group of toddlers. They are an amazing crew, full of energy and mischief, demanding lots of attention and supervision from our child care staff. There are 12 of them. They are not like a posse or a jury - more of a toddler gang, looking for new worlds to conquer and new rules to stretch. Most of them are learning to talk at the same time, so the nursery is often full of chatter, laughter and some crying. Because, in the end, there really isn't enough attention to go around, and somebody is going to feel under-

appreciated! CSC's Child Care Director, Sandy Swanson, plans lots of fun activities for our toddler gang. They enjoy nature walks, water play, finger painting, side-walk chalk and watching occasional toddler videos. Once in awhile they all go up to school to see what the older kids are up to and to have a snack.

Eventually these children will all be placed for adoption in different states or countries. They will have new playmates and new brothers and sisters. But for their time at CSC, they have a large group of buddies with whom they are very close friends. Sometimes they fight like siblings, but they spend a lot of time laughing, playing and exploring together. Our toddler gang keeps everyone on their toes, but they are an adorable bunch of kids who are very much loved at CSC.

New Mailing Schedule

In order to conserve on postage and printing costs we have started a new mailing schedule for our newsletters. Readers will now be receiving three newsletters a year, in April, July and November. Giving appeals will be received in February, May, August and December. Our goal is to keep our friends informed and challenged, but to reduce the number of pieces sent out.

Kirk Visiting Home

Kirk Pilapil, one of our former residents and currently a student at Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia, will be making a trip to Cebu to visit the staff and kids during his summer vacation in June. Kirk is studying in Canada, thanks to the generosity of good friends of CSC who are also subsidizing his Cebu trip.



Prayer

1. Several of our kids will be going to high school next year. They are currently taking entrance exams and preparing for this big transition in their lives. Pray that they will be able to enroll in good schools and will do well, and that they will make good friends and keep their eyes on God. Pray specifically for Jen-evie, JohnRay, Analiza and Joevanie.

2. Pray for the summer activities that will be starting up in a few weeks. This requires lots of planning. Pray for Amy Luck as she heads up this program. And pray for Amy as she plans to head to the U.S. for a year of furlough.

3. Pray for our sibling groups who continue to wait for adoptive families. Pray specifically for the Pacomas - Analiza, Jenive, Bernardo, Birny, Jeffrey and Rafael. Pray for all our waiting children.



Praise

1. Praise God for Andrew Merkouris and Michelle Peterson, who will be coming to Cebu soon to help out our staff. Michelle will be teaching in Children of Hope School, and Andrew will be doing a project in the office, backing up our files and important data.

2. Praise the Lord for the contributions of Alan Wright, the architect who designed our new buildings in Banawa. He has donated all his work to CSC, as he did when he helped us with the school.

3. Praise the Lord for a great school year which will soon be over. Our teachers have all done a great job and it has been a great year of learning, exploring and growing for the students.

4. Praise God for the good recovery of Paula who recently had surgery for a problem with the ureters that connect her bladder to her kidneys.

Updates on Children We Serve

by Sandy Swanson

Kid's Korner

Anderson (almost 14), Gibbie (13) and Joselito (10) are three brothers that seem to be made for CSC. They love being with us and we love having them here. Their mother died about a year ago, and shortly after that devastating event their father suffered a stroke that left him unable to speak and barely able to care for himself. The love and nurture that these boys received from their parents before these tragic events is evident in the boys' behavior. They experienced severe poverty and some neglect while their father

best hugger of all of our children! I think that he could sit cuddled up on someone's lap for hours. These boys are a joy to have in our home. I am so glad that we were able to offer them hope for a future.

Nino Augustine (7 months)

arrived at CSC as a very sickly and malnourished three month old. He has spent his first couple of months with us either in the hospital or in isolation because of health concerns. He is now doing well, has put on weight and is a smiley and roly-poly little guy!



Leonard (9 months) came to live with us in January. He is a very sweet natured and content little guy. He has a darling smile that spreads across his whole face. He seems to enjoy watching all the activity that goes on around him. He is not demanding, but communicates his desires and needs well. He has been healthy.



Gino (4) and Junel (2) are our newest CSC kids. They arrived in mid-March directly from the care



tried to contemplate their future following his stroke. They are now with us and looking forward to a bright future. They are concerned for their father and have enjoyed several visits with him. **Anderson** is bright and inquisitive but quite shy. He has a wonderful smile and is doing very well in school. **Gibbie** is the spokesman of the family. He talks a lot and makes sure that we all know what he is thinking. He has a wonderful attitude and thanks us frequently for allowing him and his brothers to live at CSC. He is a very spiritual minded young man. **Joselito** is also quite talkative. He loves to ask questions and he is starving for physical affection. He is the

Emily Grace (4 months) arrived at CSC when she was only two days old. She also spent lots of time either in the hospital or in isolation during her first couple of months with us. She has been doing well this last month. She



is a darling little girl who loves to be held. She can be quite dramatic at times. She certainly she knows how to get our attention!



of their birth parents. Their birth mom is ill and their birth dad has to be gone from the home for his work. Their newborn sibling died. These boys are both ill with malnutrition, infections and parasites, but are obviously ready to take on our playground and all the opportunities that we can offer them as soon as they get out of isolation! We are excited to get to know Gino and Junel better!

In addition to these eight children we have 70 more who are receiving care at CSC, including several with special needs, and six residents in our Wally Johnson Teen Home.