

Superintendent's Annual Report
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The center is serving 2 rural communities with 150 children. Geographically speaking the center is located in the eastern part of Samar, facing the Pacific Ocean thus, it is prone to different kinds of calamities such as typhoons, landslides, earthquakes, flash floods, etc. The main source of family income is farming but the major concern of the communities is the absence of irrigation facilities and potable water supply. This situation affects the health status of the children and the economic condition of the families. Due to poverty, complexity of problem is developed. A number of children are experiencing different forms of abuses. Families are disintegrating which resulted to a very low moral of the children. To address to these concerns the center has organized different activities to the children, family, and community. Below are some of the activities conducted by the center last fiscal year 2007.



Every Saturday children are gathered in the center for various activities. The main goals of the activities are to provide a venue for the children to express themselves, develop sense of belongingness, self identity, and be helped in their psychosocial needs. Activities includes Art Therapy (1st photo), Group Dynamic Exercises (2nd photo), and play therapy (3rd photo).



Last April 2008, 90% of the sponsored children joined the Summer Camp. The activity theme was “I have my Rights but I have my Responsibilities too”. The activity aimed to help the children verbalize their rights but at the same time identify their responsibilities in the family, school, and community as a whole. In the first photo, children are having their group workshop. They are making a poster (2nd photo is one of the outputs of the activity) on how they will balance their rights and responsibilities.



In Filipino culture the father is considered as the pillar of the family. But sad to say that a number of fathers are the abuser of children due to the power they have. To address the problem of domestic violence the group of fathers are given a series of activities on ERPAT (Enhancement and Re-Affirmation of Paternal Abilities and Talents). An average of 25 fathers attends the said sessions. It was observed through home visits that there is a big change in how the family heads view their roles and responsibilities in the family. The incidence of abuses in the family was lessened also and family relationships among sponsored families improved.



As mentioned above the main source of family income is farming, to improve the knowledge, skills, and attitude of the farmers a Farmers Field Study Seminar was conducted in coordination with the City Agriculture office. The seminar was conducted for 4 months. The topics that were discussed include land preparation (as seen in the 1st photo where the city agriculturist officer is supervising a farmer), pre-planting, planting, organic input of fertilizer, pest management using the pest friendly technique, harvest, and post harvest. Actual work was done every after a lecture is given (2nd photo is an example of this). The community is very hopeful that with these new learning there harvest will increase this next planting season.

All our activities for the past 9 years were successfully implemented because of the benevolent hearts of our dear sponsors and the support given to us by the office of ChildFund Japan. In behalf of the children, their families, and all the people from our 2 communities, together with the whole working force of our center, we are very much grateful for the support you have given to us. We pray and hope that you will continue to support our activities for the welfare of the children, families, and communities we are serving.

MABUHAY!