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NEWSLETTER

After the last three months, there can be no doubt that God is in control of the KSLC project. He has once again shown his goodness to us. In times when we become disheartened and tired, God faithfully reminds us that the mission of KSLC is His work, for His glory. What a privilege to serve such a powerful, yet personal God. In August, we held two major fundraising events which were

both great successes.

The new school at Fairview is well and truly up and running, and in such a short time, great things are already happening in the young school community. Most of the students at the Fairview school come from the Payatas garbage dump. It was soon obvious that a vehicle would be needed to transport the children out of the dump daily. To be able to come

out of the stifling stench of the dump and to be able to breathe fresh air, is so important for the small children's health and wellbeing. After our fundraising events, we are now closer to the goal of buying a school bus for this purpose. Praise God for His provision again. We pray that very soon, we can reach our goal of being able to buy the bus to bless the children and best continue God's work in Manila.

The Main Event...

This year, we have seen the fruits of 2010 'Double the Dream' fundraiser with the opening of the new school. In 2011, we were believing for more, and trusting God for even more. The theme of the night was 'At the Movies,' with three interactive theatres set up to immerse guests in the full Manila experience. Theatre One was a filthy, stinking dump with special guest, Jun, sifting through the garbage as he told the audience of his experiences living on the mountain of rubbish, The audience was stunned by the smell of rotting garbage and were touched by such a confronting experience. Theatre Two was a visit to a squatter community, where Elealah cooked over her small fire and answered audience questions about the lifestyle of a squatter. Theatre Three transported the audience to a KSCSI classroom, where Milleth taught a class, while



Milleth and Jun receiving art supplies from Charlton students.

updating them on the progress of the new school, and explaining some of the associated ministries of KSCSI. By the end of the night, the audience had come to realise that KSCSI is more than a school, it caters to the physical, social and spiritual needs of communities of thousands of people in Manila. Thanks to the generosity of supporters, our current fundraising total is around \$13 000. This will go towards the building of new classrooms over the existing front gates. Thank you so much for your generous support of this event. We are so grateful.

City to Surf...

A team of 60 people, ranging from 12 years to 73 years went down to Sydney to compete in the City to Surf and raise money for KSLC. It was an early start, on a frosty morning, arriving in Sydney at 7.30am ready to run! Jun and Milleth also completed the race, which was a once in a lifetime opportunity for them. By midday, everyone had crossed the finish line. Some ran heartily, some walked, some limped, but everyone finished! It was a fantastic day, with an energetic atmosphere and excitement the whole day. Muscles were aching for days to come, but all for a good cause. Congratulations to all the participants and fundraisers. The \$12 000 raised will go towards the school bus for North Fairview. Thank you so much for all your hard work, to the organisers and helpers on the day. Well done, everyone!

Music...

In Manila, the school community is holding a fundraiser on November 26 to buy musical instruments for the children to use as part of their normal school and extracurricular music lessons. Music classes are another way in which KSCSI provides high quality, well rounded educations for their students. Music is not generally offered at Filipino schools. The school community is busy preparing for this event, seeking support from contacts around the city. The students are very excited at the prospect of having musical instruments available to them to play and learn, and are eagerly looking forward to the fundraising event. Please pray with us, that the people approached for support may be of generous spirit and willing to contribute to this worthy cause and for the planning and organisation of the event



Jun and Milleth have just been with us for the last six weeks. Their base was in Newcastle, but they also travelled to Brisbane, Sydney, Forster and Adelaide. Jun and Milleth were flat out meeting supporters of KSCSI from various churches and schools in and around Newcastle. They had the opportunity to share their vision for KSCSI with supporters and new friends, and openly talk with passion about the amazing work that they do. Everyone they met was touched by the love that Milleth and Jun have for the poor people, and their desire to share God's love with them. The impact that they had on people's hearts will hopefully stir people into action, and get them motivated to fight against the injustice and poverty affecting the children and families of KSCSI.

Faint Not...

At the Main Event, a song was performed called 'Faint Not.' The lyrics of the song encourage people to keep up trying to bridge the ever growing gap between rich and poor. We may want to give up, because the problem is not an easy fix and can't be solved by simply giving money. The words inspire to keep giving, to keep praying and keep trying. It was such a fitting song, to encourage us to *keep up, in love*, and not become satisfied and complacent about our wealthy position in Australia. Your prayers and finances are making a real difference in the lives of so many needy people. Your efforts are noticed every day by the people in Manila. Thank you for your persistent support. The project would not be able to continue without your generosity, love and partnership.

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