

MarcellineWS

A newsletter for Friends and Benefactors



For 22 years...

*We took care of those children in the streets...
We provided home for those needing shelter...
We defended those in conflict with the law...*

*As we celebrate Marcellin Foundation's 22nd
Foundation Anniversary, we continue our
commitment to always be there for the best interest of
every child in need!*



Bro. Crispin P. Betita, FMS
Executive Director,
Marcellin Foundation, Inc.

MARCELLIN SHELTER HOME CELEBRATES 22nd FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY

A meaningful celebration of Marcellin Foundation's 22nd year anniversary was held last January 27, 2013. The event started with the celebration of the Holy Mass. It was followed by the blessing and ribbon cutting, and ceremonial painting of the newly constructed South Wing. Part of the celebration was the

launching of the "Longing for a Home Project" - a house renovation intended to host 12 children in conflict with the law. Marcellin Foundation expressed its profound appreciation to its benefactors of the new building particularly Porticus Asia, Ltd., Consuelo Foundation, and Doming Teng Foundation.



Marcellin boys and Bro. Crispin with Mr. Jon Matsuoka, Consuelo Foundation President and CEO, and Patria Lee, Program Officer, Hawaii.

"LIGHT MOMENTS" @ MARCELLIN

It has never been dark at the cottages of Marcellin!

This year, children residing at their respective cottages enjoy an all-round lighting system with the installation of the solar panel.

Thanks to the generosity of Consuelo Foundation for sponsoring the project and for the technical advice provided by Mr. Vic Bisuña. The practicality in the use of solar lighting has cut-off electricity current payments plus diminishes excuses from children

for not having done their class homework due to brown-outs. Light moments of extended time for after-dinner-bonding, community recreation, and kid's story telling time were, among others, the benefits of having installed the solar panel.

What's more?

Marcellin has set-up a "solar oven" where lunch meals provide a taste of solar-energy cooked vegetables and rice!

Light moments, indeed!



A New Home...

On behalf of the children of Marcellin, we thank **Bro. Karl Heinz, FMS** and the friends and benefactors of **Marist Association of Provision and Mission (MFMV)** of Germany for their support in making the "Longing for a Home" campaign realized.

We also express gratitude to the **ND Lagao HS Batch '87** through **Mr. Melvin Vedeja** and their batch President **Mr. Alberto Fernandez**, for their continuing support to the needs of Marcellin's children.

Maraming Salamat po...



JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCELLIN BOYS IN JAPAN

Three Marcellin boys Jenley Azucena, Celerino Cañon and Rovil Tejereso were qualified to join the skills training program in Japan under the auspices of Japan International Training Cooperation Organization (JITCO) Program.

This program is in partnership with the Philippine Nippon Technical College (PNTC). Part of their preparation is a 3-month Japanese language and culture studies in Padada, Davao and a 4-month skills training in Laguna.

With accommodation, food, fare and allowances, the boys from Marcellin will undergo training in welding and machining and also be formed with proper attitudes and values for work that will hone well and maximize their potentials for work productivity and for a

better future for them. In Japan they will be joining the first three other Marcellin Boys who are already there.



To educate every child is central to the mission of Marcellin Foundation. This year, Marcellin takes pride with 10 boys completing their elementary and high school year levels following the Alternative Learning System: Jeffrey Fabian, Lunded Mendoza, Jover Villanueva, Mark Anthony Binangatan, Mark Anthony Caminse, Fernando Lianderal, Jr. Jonas Ramirez, Ramil Daon, Yama Ariel and Julius Pellaso. Rodrigo Ramirez graduated at Johny Ang National High School.



STAFF ATTEND TRAINING ON MENTORING AND COACHING FOR COUNSELORS OF SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN

Ms. Sheena Mae Pino and Ms. Irene Paterno, MFI faculty members attend the Training on Mentoring and Coaching for Counselors of Sexually Abused Children at St. Giles Hotel, Makati City on May 21-24, 2013. The MFI Participants learned theory and techniques through the lens of cognitive behaviour therapy and transgenerational dynamic model. Said seminar is under the auspices of Consuelo Foundation.



FACULTY FROM UNITEC, NEW ZEALAND, VISITS MARCELLIN

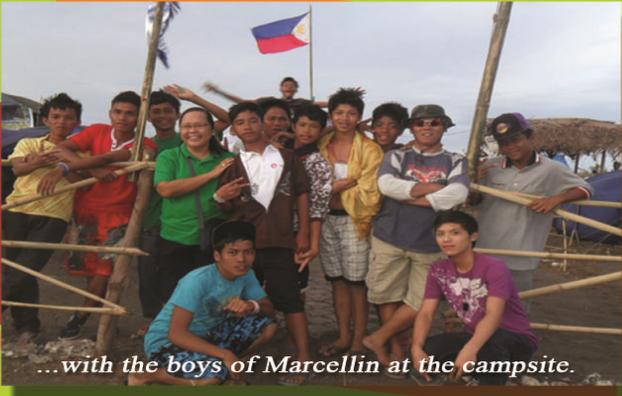
Last July 4-8, 2013, Ms. Vera Williams volunteered her time to train the children of Marcellin with techniques in sports. The program equipped participants with the proper methods of playing sports, Kiwi Tap, among others. Ms. Vera who graduated BS Sports with major in Coaching has been engaged in designing, implementing and facilitating practical delivery of sports activities.



Mrs. Fely Jaque monitors report of field workers.

MCCT PROGRAM: A COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTION FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION

The Modified Conditional Cash Transfer (MCCT) Program targets the families in need of special protection to provide and strengthen the safety, protection, and development of children in difficult circumstances. Families are assisted to overcome difficult situations by generating appropriate resources and services in the community. Marcellin Foundation targets to serve more than 3,000 beneficiaries to benefit from the program. Mrs. Fely Jaque, Marcellin's MCCT Project Coordinator has been passionate in the organization and implementation of the project's deliverables. Her leadership in the program has given hope to the poor communities of Sarangani, Malapat and General Santos City. DSWD provides funding assistance until Nov. 2013.



Survivors at the Campsite

The summer camp is an event the kids of Marcellin look forward to. Every summer, they prepare for the exciting muscle stretching activities and the extra challenging tasks to accomplish. They, too, are taught basic survival skills.

Today, at the campsite, I am moved with deep compassion to the survival stories of the 3 siblings Ray-an, Rico, and Richard (not their real names). Spending time with them was a time worthwhile to understand the ordeals of their existence not just in the campsite but in the larger world they live ...or the world that stripped them the joys of their childhood days.

Ray-an, looking pensive said: "Ma'am almost every night, we literally fly.... Fly to the direction our drunk father will throw us...." Rico, the second child, quickly added: "Sometimes, we are put inside the sack, and we await with close eyes the wooden paddle hitting us." The more carefree youngest child, Richard, jumped off his feet from where he was seated and took the version of his story: "Whenever I hear my father's voice, I signal my other brothers to the direction where we run as fast as this...." ...laughing, he skid fast away and back to us, demonstrating how he did his successful rush of escape. The two other boys, joined Richard, with their laughter escalating as they mimicked the unsuccessful chase their father did.

I could not afford to laugh with them for my heart cringed, pained for the children whose lives were bruised by the violent dealings of the one who should offer them the affection they need. I felt a restless anguish thinking how young these boys suffered the harsh rejection and cold indifference of their own home.

Ray-an, Rico and Richard, were rescued from the threatening environment they were in and were brought to a child care institution at General Santos City. They were recommended to Marcellin Shelter Home a year ago, and these days, they enjoy the opportunities of being schooled, given psychological interventions and personal care by their respective house parents. The laughter we hear of them now are the joys of having experienced the warmth of care and protection at Marcellin, the place they call "our home".

At the campsite, I heard the survival stories of the three kids. At the campsite, I made a commitment to help them and those others needing the warmth of human presence. The campsite, has indeed, opened a world of possibilities, a motivation to continue my commitment in helping those least fortunate children in need!

Join me... let's help find the means of support for them! One dollar can help them have food for 3 meals in a day. Your 125\$ can help address their school needs for a year!

Let our act of kindness make the kids in need survive in the years ahead.....

By: Agnes S. Reyes
Marcellin Volunteer

**You can help
make a
difference..**

Be one with us in making a difference in the lives of children-at-risk and children in conflict with the law.

We need your assistance in helping provide a child with food and school needs.

On how you can help, you may contact:

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