



January 2016

## Newsletter

### Happy New Year!

Seems a long time since our last newsletter and a lot has happened since as well. As I am writing this we have just learned of the death of the dad of three of our children, namely Eila, Valery and Ashley. He had been unwell for a long time and has left 6 children behind in the care of his wife who has no work. I mention this because it typifies life for many in the Philippines. We are grateful for the support given to us to be able to help many in similar situations. Our feeding programs and the establishment of a centre which we have called "Oasis House of Prayer" have meant that there were some who had a merry Christmas, maybe the first for a long time.

A team from Christchurch, New Zealand were with us recently coinciding with our Christmas party for the

poor and yet another typhoon which left 168,000 people without houses and us with many trees down and more structural and roof damage.

John's involvement as Philippine director of Derek Prince Ministries has been very positive with the first book being translated into the national language – Tagalog. As well there are promotions and seminars to attend in the New Year and feeding of the spiritually hungry throughout the country. Resources are on sale from 2016 onwards following the arrival of the first shipment. The baby pictured is Julia aged 10 months who has a brain tumour and suspected cerebral palsy, which needs attended to in Manila asap. She has been with us for several months while authorities pass responsibility one to another.



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In Thailand with Sombat, Pantip, their daughter and Jacky.



New church building taking shape.



Just a few of the many children at our new church Christmas party.

The children were thoroughly spoiled at Christmas with many parties sponsored by different locals from a bank social group, friends and a high school. More than half of the children have gone to spend time with extended families before resuming school on January 4.

We travelled to Thailand and Myanma (Burma) in October early November and caught up with some of those we have befriended from our time in a children's home in the north of Thailand. Those pictured are Sombat, his wife Pantip and Jacky. The couple who ran Samaritan Children's Home, plus one of their charges, who is now a church pastor. Another who refers to us as mum and dad (Esther) is also a pastor in the same city of Chiang Rai with

her husband, so great to see them and their two children. Also to see what is possible with God,s help. In Mayanma, John and friend Joe Walters, visited an orphanage which is a sister to us and it was wonderful to finally meet them all. We look forward to whatever 2016 brings and wish all our friends and supporters a wonderful and blessed New Year.

Thanks for helping us make 2015 a year of abundance in the children's lives and in the lives of those, like the ones pictured.

Love and Blessings,  
*John and Nilda*




Christmas food and gifts for those who have very little, man in the middle is blind.



Julia aged 10 months.



Some of our many visitors.

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