



**Greetings!**

Seems a long time ago that we updated you all on happenings at Oasis. 2016 was a very eventful year for us and 2017 is turning out the same. As I write this we are battling to respond to the many requirements of various Government Departments. The Philippines is extremely bureaucratic and Nilda is the one generally having to deal with the gradual increase in the paper war. Nilda has also had to deal with the death of her 97 year old mother in January, a very stressful time which she handled very admirably. We miss having "Lola" with us and the little ones are still trying to understand why she is not here anymore.

As you will see in the photo, we have a new van courtesy of a charitable trust in America. We are so grateful to be able to get everyone in especially on our trips to the beach and pools.

At the end of the month two children will graduate from elementary school, meaning we will have 8 at High School at the start of the school year in June. Imelda, now 21 years old, will graduate from University as a High School teacher. She will also stay on with us to help with the children, at least until she can find work, after taking a Government exam.

We have had many visitors, including a team from Christchurch N.Z. and a friend from Auckland. Towards the end of the year, visitors included a High School class, several friends, businesses and the local Mayor and Congresswoman celebrating the festive season with us all. Recently "Bikers Who Care" came 60 kms to spoil the children with games, food and even bike rides.

Invitations came to the children to attend parties at a private school and at a function for the disabled children. They also took part in a beach event with the local surf club.



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Cap Fancy dress party.



With disabled children at a school party



Little and big bikers!...

Our staff have been great, but we are sad to have lost both Myra and Angie who want to further their chosen careers. On the other hand we welcome Jess as a help both at Oasis and at the church which is now operating.

Oasis House of Prayer is now a Sunday church starting from 5th March. We are in the process of having concrete fences built as well as a place where the children can meet .Our temporary fencing was "borrowed" by the locals, so time to be more secure!

The children are all ok, except for the usual up's and down's and one boy who has a heart problem, that may require surgery, depending on tests being undertaken this month. Two children also spent some time in hospital last year, both are fully recovered.

Our work among the poor continues as does the representation of Derek Prince Ministries by John. The coming year should see him travelling more

promoting the renowned Bible teaching throughout the Philippines.

The health of John suffered when he fell on a slippery path and landed on the back of his head, a hospital visit was followed by weeks of rehabilitation. Added to this both of us got infected by a mosquito, leaving us with arthritic type symptoms which still flare up at night. We enjoyed a short trip to Germany to visit John's daughter, husband and grandchildren.

Once more we say a big thank you to all for your love and support for us and the children. To God be all the glory.

Love and Blessings,  
*John and Nilda  
and Children*



A bucket bath.



Imelda ready for graduation.



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