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Senden Home Newsletter

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The February 2008 issue of the Senden Home Newsletter received an overwhelming response and positive feedbacks from donors who had been supporting Senden Home through the years. The newsletter is a pat on the back to the foundation and dedicated to Fr. Senden, Sr. Mathilde, Dr. Mina Ramirez and the original Senden Boys, who were pillars in making the history of Senden Home.

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ROUTE SANS FRONTIERE PARRANAIGES is a labor of LOVE

MARCH 2008— Representing the Route Sans Frontiere from France, Jean Jacques & Marie Paule Choulot, with Francis & Marie France visited Senden Home and spent quality times with the Board of Trustees of Senden Home, the staffs, the residents, and the family outreach clients. Being with them is a very heartwarming and truly a memorable experience. They've made us feel like we're one family. They've shown unconditional support and love to Senden Home for keeps. They have appreciated the programs, services and the organization of the foundation. The staff and the Board were so thankful of their presence and sincerity in helping the children of

Senden Home. They visited Sr. Mathilde van Kerckhoven in Queen of Peace, ICM. They have joined the social workers in visiting the family outreach beneficiaries. They have spent a lot of times sharing with the boys and the staffs in the center. They had meeting with the Board of Trustees. They have seen the need to continue supporting the vision-mission of Fr. Francis Senden, CICM and Sr. Mathilde van Kerckhoven, ICM for Senden Home.

Truly, the visit of Jean Jacques, Marie Paule, Marie France and Francis inspired the Board of Trustees and the staffs to continue helping the less privileged clients of Senden Home. (Continue on page 2)



The Official Logo of RSF



The RSF Visitors with the Senden Home Staffs & the residential boys in Binangonan



Jean Jacques, Francis & Marie France of RSF

Murals and Grotto AMAZE Senden Home



The mural painting of Fr. Senden and Sr. Mathilde on the wall.

APRIL 2008- Entering the gate of the residential center in Binangonan, Rizal, one will be amazed by the sight of the mural paintings on the long wall of the center. The mural paintings are the Senden Home logo, the Route Sans Frontiere logo, Sr. Mathilde, & Fr. Senden's pictures, the Senden Home

song, the original Senden Home boys, the former grown-ups, the names of the Board of Trustees and the current staffing of Senden Home. (Continue on page 3)

2 Route Sans Frontiere (from page 1)



Marie Paule & Jean Jacques with Dr. Mina Ramirez, Ms. Elisa Buenaventura, Mr. Antonio Obtinario, Ate Rose & Kuya Omar



First Time Visit to Sr. Mathilde van Kerckhoven at Queen of Peace



Second Visit with Marie France, Francis, Kuya Tony, Ate Ana & Ate Ruth



Marie Paule with Sta. Ana Boys



Jean Jacques with Ronnie & Noel



Francis & Marie France with Ate Rose and Ate Josie



Marie Paule did school visitation of some F.O. clients with Ate Rose



The group visited the houses of some family outreach clients



Home visitation of Daniel Cabaccang's house

Murals and Grotto

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The grotto is a long time wish of Sr. Mathilde van Kerckhoven to be situated inside the vicinity of the residential center. Her wish came true. The making of the mural and the construction of the grotto materialized last April and May 2008 during the Summer Program which for the first time happen entirely in the Residential Care and Training Center in Binangonan, Rizal.



Residential Updates

As of press time, there are **13** boys in the Reception & Temporary Shelter Center in Sta. Ana, Manila. The little ones who were home learners are now all going to school. **Two** are post high schools, **one** is high school and **eight** are elementary students. Last September, there were **two** brothers just recently admitted. They were **Benjamin**, 6 years old and **Benjie**, 11 years old. Being new, one is in the home learning category while the older is newly enrolled. Some big boys left Senden Home for independent living, others were reunited with their families. But these big boys are still under the family outreach program. The only big boys who are still staying in Sta. Ana now are **Joey Villa** and **Benjie Pame**. Joey is taking Seaman while Benjie is taking Automotive. The social worker in Sta. Ana is **Ate Josie** (see picture). Taking care of the children as houseparents namely **Kuya Rommel**, **Kuya Gerald** and **Kuya Edwin**. There are three security guards rendering three shifts duty.

Meanwhile in the Residential Care and Training Center in Binangonan, Rizal, there are **20** boys regularly going to school. **Three** are high schools and **seventeen** are elementary. Four big boys were reunited with their family and entered the family outreach program. Two big boys were referred to another agency. The social worker in Binangonan is **Ate Irma** (see picture). Houseparents taking care of the children are **Kuya Tony**, **Kuya Jun** and **Kuya Boy**. There is one security guard rendering night duty.

Kuya Omar (see picture) is in charge of the education of both centers. He is also taking care of the documentation and newsletter of the entire Senden Home.

In keeping with the ongoing reorganization of Senden Home and enhancing the effectivity of the programs and services, **DR. INES V. DANA**O (see picture), Head of the BS Social Work Section and MS Social Work Department of ASI (Asian Social Institute), was appointed by the Board of Trustees as PROGRAM CONSULTANT of Senden Home, effective last June 1, 2008.



Dr. Ines V. Danao



Ate Josie



Kuya Omar



Ate Irma



Ate Rose



Boyong



Kuya Jonathan



The Grown-Up Meeting



Meeting with Dr. Mina Ramirez

Family Outreach Updates

The family outreach is the program of Senden Home which provides educational assistance to students, boy or girl, living with their families. This is a community-based program.

Statistically, as of September 28, 2008, the total number of the F.O. clients is **70**. Total number of Families being helped by the program is **55**. The students in the elementary level are **29**, high schools level are **27**, post high schools are **8**, and college levels are **6**.

Ate Rose (see picture) is the social worker under this program.

The Grown-Up League

This group is composed of the former Senden Home Boys who are now adults, married, with families, working as professionals and living independently out of Senden Home. It has been a long time dream of Sr. Mathilde van Kerckhoven to see the original Senden Boys with all the others, organizing this league with the vision-mission of helping one another as brothers. That they themselves form this group to support one another, not being dependent to Senden Home anymore.

Felix "Boyong" Sabiniano, (see picture) one of the grown-ups, who is now working in the United Arab Emirates (Dirham), expressed gratitude to Senden Home by donating almost P36,000.00 for the summer program.

Last June 28, 2008, the league was reorganized in the presence of **14** grown-ups and **Senden Home** staffs. Among the grown-ups who showed-up for the meeting were **Jonathan Amechazurra**, **Rioben**, **Villena**, **Romeo Ramos**, **Rolando Aguillion Sr.**, **Carlito Tejedor**, **Danilo Tejedor**, **Arturo Robin**, **Gerry Cerrantes**, **Antonio Garcia**, **Neil de Villena**, **Frankie Abulencia**, **Edwin Delgado**, **Takahashi Abay**, and **Celso Aguillion**.

In the meeting, there was an election of officers who will be organizing the group. Leading the group as the President is Mr. Jonathan Amechazurra (see picture)

The Officers of the Grown-Up League 2008

President	- Jonathan Amechazurra
Vice-President	- Neil de Villena
Secretary	- Edwin Delgado
Asst. Secretary	- Marco delos Reyes
Treasurer	- Rioben Villena
Auditor	- Romeo Ramos
PRO	- Gerry Cerrantes, Carlito Tejedor
Business Manager	- Arturo Robin
Sgt at Arms	- Celso Aguillion, Frankie Abulencia, Antonio Garcia, Rolando Aguillion Sr.
Advisers	- Flordeliza Diala, Josie Villanueva, Mario Lacaba

**Summer Program 2008
in Binangonan, Rizal**

APRIL-MAY 2008. The entire Summer Program for this year took place in the Residential Care and Training Center in Binangonan, Rizal. The boys, young and old, were joined together for the summer camp activities. The younger ones attended academic classes while the older ones participated in the skills training projects. Among the accomplished projects were the repair of kitchen, comfort rooms, mural wall painting and grotto. (See pictures on the right and below). It was a two-months full of fun activities and learning. Games, singing and dancing, theatre arts and developmental exercises, drills and sessions were held and appreciated by the boys, most especially the younger ones.

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Academic Class by Level 1



Boys' Group Dynamics



Art Painting Day



Action Song



Swimming



Rondalla



Theatre Arts



Takai



Skills Training



Dancing



Neil



Summer Culminating

**Senden Boys
Corner**



Joffel

Joffel, now approximately 19 years old, used to be in the residential care program of Senden Home. He is considered a special case.

He was referred to Brothers of Mercy of Saint John of God in Bulacan with the agreement that Senden Home shoulders his medical expenses.

Every month, Senden Home is spending approximately **P2,000.00** for his medication. Last December 2007, Senden Home shouldered his operation for an amount of more than **P20,000.00** due to lung chronic sickness.

Up to now, Senden Home is still shouldering Joffel's medication monthly.

He is regularly visited by our social worker every 15th and 30th of the month for the delivery of his food and medication. Senden Home is hoping that donations will be able to help us maintain his regular medication.

His parents are still at large.

**Two Grown-Ups Remain
Very Loyal and Helpful**

Takahashi Abay a.k.a. "Takai" and Neil Villena, are two of the former Senden Home Boys, who are now working professionally and living independently, remain very loyal and helpful to Senden Home. During their free time from work, they volunteer themselves helping the staffs in taking care of the residents. They are also very generous to the children. The two also are very active in the grown-up league (see pictures on the left).