

# Senden Home Newsletter

## SCHOOL YEAR 2007-2008

Through the years, Senden Home was able to provide not only basic needs and temporary shelter to its clients, but also educational assistance. Way back the 70's, hundreds of beneficiaries were able to finish their schooling and landed good jobs.

The school year opened in June 2007 and surely ends in March 2008. Senden Home is able to enroll a total of **100 students** in different schools. And is looking forward to see our present students receive their diplomas during their graduation.

In the **reception and temporary shelter in Sta. Ana, Manila**, there are **12 boys** residing in the center. Eleven are going to schools nearby while the youngest in the group is a

home learner in the center, under the tutorial of the educator and training of the houseparents.

New admittances for this month are 3 boys namely **Angelo Veloso, Benjie Loria, and Benjamin Loria.**

Among those who used to be in the residential program were reunited with their families but Senden Home continues to provide them with educational assistance thru the Family Outreach Program. They are **Jade Matthew Canlas, Rannel Ablazo, Vincent dela Rosa, Genario Sague Jr., Jay-Ar Rivera and Arnold Joel Antonio.**

In the **residential care and training center (RCTC), Binangonan, Rizal**, there are **19 boys** enrolled

- 16 in the elementary and 3 in high school.

Four boys were returned to their family: they are **Robert Galero, Dominador Galero, Florencio Traqueña, and Alexandre Gonzaga.** Meanwhile, **Glenmark Ngittit and Demetrio Ponjo** were referred to another foundation.

The Family Outreach Program now offers services and assistance to **29 elementary students; 27 high schools; 6 post high schools; 6 college levels; and 1 enrolling for 2nd semester-post high school.** Total number of clients is **69** while total number of families is **56.**

Beneficiaries of Senden Home vary on the number of incoming and outgoing cases. Hopefully more poor students benefit Senden Home's program & services.

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a Vocational Course in Industrial Electronics at Don Bosco Technical School, Mandaluyong City. He finished his on-the job training and now job hunting.

**Robert Galero**, a former residential boy in Binangonan, graduated high school, is now a freshman college taking Social Work and reunited with his family and still under the F.O. program (continued next page - see right photos)

### THE GRADUATES



Sr. Mathilde w/ Isaac during her June 2008 birthday



Cayetano



Jayson



Genario



Robert

## 2007 Graduates

**Isaac Carlos de Obieta** of the Family Outreach tops the list of last year's graduates. He finished BS-Social Work. He is now looking forward to pass the Board Exam and currently looking for job.

**Cayetano de Obieta**, a younger brother of Isaac, is another F.O.

(Family Outreach) client, also graduated 2-Year Computer Technology. He is now working.

**Jayson Martires**, also of the F.O., finished 2-Year Associate in Electrical Engineering Technology.

Formerly residential and shortly being F.O., **Genario Sague Jr.** finished

## In the Residential Training Center

As of first grading period of the school year 2008, some of our boys are doing very well in school. Paolo, Pablo and Ernesto are among the tops in their classes. Ernesto is top 3 in his class. 30% of the boys get satisfactory grades not higher than 75 to 79 while 20% failed in some of their subjects. As told by their teachers, some of our boys are very smart however they needed improvement in some areas.

In high school, only Jayson received very satisfactory ratings from 80 to 87. He is no. 8 in the top 10 of his class. The others however need to exert more effort to do better.



Paolo



Pablo



Ernesto



Jayson

80% of the boys in the residential expressed their longing to be with their families. They showed great sympathy to their parents and relatives when they spent vacation with them during school break. Most of them are looking forward this Christmas vacation. They're preparing some gifts to give their loved ones on Christmas day. Finishing their studies while in Senden Home is their top priority. And the fact that their family isn't prepared to take them yet. Focus group discussion and role playing are some of the activities well appreciated by the boys. They prefer role playing and group dynamics than merely discussion. In the said activities, boys talk about their school performance, grades and life's ambition or future plans.

Most of the boys want to boost up their talents in dancing. They enjoyed dancing during practice for outreach visitors. They also love playing basketball to develop their physical skills. They are hoping for possibility of a basketball league.

The boys likely to be updated on current trends and issues regarding Senden Home i.e., Sister Mathilde, sponsors, donors and especially facts about their families. They appreciated the clothes they received from our foreign donors in Singapore. They love making cards as their way of thanking the good deeds and support of the donors and sponsors.



Joemalyn

### — More Graduates of 2007 —

Joemalyn Aquino, also of F.O., graduated 2-Years Computer Secretarial at Datamex Computer School.

Alexandre "Axel" Gonzaga is now a 1st year high school and reunited with his family. He graduated elementary last year when he was in Binangonan.



Axel

Mariano "Goyong" Soriano, also graduated in elementary last year while he was in the reception center Sta. Ana, Manila. He is now transferred to the residential center in Binangonan and enrolled in first year high school. Thanks to all the sponsors who helped these students finish their schooling and received their diploma.



Goyong

## *Senden Home is a Tribe of Talented and Skilled Boys*

Some boys in the residential centers showed talents and skills if properly guided and supported, will help them achieve their dreams in the future. They are small voices sprouting like flowers on the hills. Goyong sings the Senden Home song. Rando plays guitar, drums and can even sing. John Paul plays rondalla. James, Paolo, Marcos, Ernie, Alimar and Jay-Ar play rondalla and xylophone instruments. Jayson Oppus excels in drawing and painting. He has received numerous recognitions in and out of Senden Home. He can draw and paint in a day as long his materials are complete. Marcos, James and Paolo are good in singing rap songs. Jerry Boy, Manolo, Christian are very good in techno dancing. While most boys are good in basketball, Aldrin, James, Rando & Paolo also excel in playing volleyball. Ernesto & Jayson know how to assist the pigs in giving birth. Benjie Loria is an intelligent boy. Joey is very good in cooking. Paolo has a knack for jokes. Nelson is also good in drawing. Little boys like Antonio and Jacko are good acrobatic dancers. Jefferson and Goyong are graceful dancers. Jay has a beautiful singing voice. Noel and Manolo love dancing. Antonio is a very active boy while the youngest of them all, Bunso, is such a hyper.

# Family Outreach Program Updates

On June 28, 2008, some residential boys were reunited to their family and transferred to this program. They are Jade Matthew Canlas, John Vincent dela Rosa in the elementary level. Dominador Galero & Florencio Traqueña in the high school level. For the tertiary level, it is Rannel Ablazo, Robert Galero & Jay-Ar Rivera.

In August, Stephen John Molo, a referral from CRIBS was approved to avail the services of the program.

In October, Mary Grace Antonio, an older sibling of one Senden boy was approved to be a client of the program. She was recommended by Sr. Amy Laborte, SWI, who handled the case of her brother Joel in the reception center.

Five (5) mothers of the program are serving alternately as volunteer house parents on weekends. They are Mrs. Elena Salundaguit for RCTC Binangonan; Mrs. Corazon Aguilion, Mrs. Soledad Diasalo, Mrs. Marites Lico, and Mrs. Leonisa Larga for RTSC, Sta. Ana, Manila.

Two F.O. students are taking Education. Jay-Ar Rivera and Jim Oliver Oliveros are now 4th year college and finishing their practicum.

Angelica Gumabon, a Grade 5 student championed in chess in her school. She will be competing in Laguna Inter-Competition.

Ms. Irma Gatbonton, SH social worker, initiated the forming of a choir composed of the F.O. clients with the assistance of Kuya Takahashi Abay, a former Senden Home boy, and Kuya Bong, a SH staff.



Mrs. Salundaguit

Mrs. Lico



Stephen John

Angelica Gumabon



Jim Oliver

Kuya Takai & Jay-Ar

"Our richness is our love. Let your richness be your love. Give of your poverty. Forget yourself."

- Rev. Fr. Francis Senden

## GOOD NEWS!!!

Four reunions took place in Senden Home recently. It happened when four boys of the residential get to see their parents after years of being away from them.

Arnold's family was relocated. The mother visited the boy in the center and the boy was able to spend vacation with his family. It was also found out that his real name is John Prince instead of Arnold.

Second is Noel. He was spotted by a relative on TV while Senden home became a beneficiary of a noon time show on TV "Eat Bulaga". The mother came to Senden Home and was in tears of joy to see his son.

John Prince and Noel are special children attending Special Education in school near the center.

Third is Richie, his father arrived in the center one afternoon. It was a very emotional moment as the father and son hugged each other after a long time.

Fourth is Ronnie. He met his father finally. He is now using his real name "Christian."

The four boys are still in the residential to finish the school year. For sure, further reunification to the family will soon be established (see right photos). Glory be to God!



Richie



John Prince w/ his mother



Christian



Noel with his mother

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## From the Board of Trustees' Desk...

*Since its establishment in 1974, Senden Home has been able to sustain its programs and services in taking care of street children because of the continuous support of donors and sponsors here and abroad. These are individuals and groups which have extended their unselfish and disinterested concerns for the welfare of the street children under the care and custody of Senden Home. For thirty-four (34) years now, they have sustained the works of Senden Home in conjunction with relentless efforts of Sr. Mathilde van Kerkhoven, ICM, to look after the welfare of these children in their growth and development and to provide opportunities for them for a better future.*

*In behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Senden Home Foundation, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the support—moral and financial—of the donors and sponsors who have sustained the commitment and works of Senden Home for street children. Considering the constraints of space inherent in a newsletter., I would like to mention a few, bearing in mind that there are numerous individuals and groups out there (who prefer to remain anonymous) that have been assisting Senden Home through the years:*

- ROUTE SANS FRONTIERE (France)
- Scheut-Ontwikkelingssamenwerking ZW (Brussel)
- The Nijmegen Sr. Mathilde Support Team (Holland)
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- @ R. HOFMAN
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- @ A. & E. GOLFERS CLUB
- @ AMBASSADOR GREGOIRE VARDAKIS
- @ BUDDHIST ENLIGHTENMENT HAVEN
- @ Best Manpower & Lucky Star
- @ Manila Pavilion

*And, to all those we have not specifically mentioned here, OUR THANKS AND DEEP GRATITUDE for all your help and support. No doubt, without your generous assistance, Senden Home would not be able to sustain its commitment and fulfill its mission. May the good Lord bless you and your loved ones, and may your tribe increase!*

  
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