

Onward, Graduates 2010!





Time and again, Senden Home produces garduates from its residents and post-residential programs. For the School year 2009-2010, fourteen (14) of its children and youth made it - graduating from their respective educational categories at the elementary, high School and post high school levels.

Two of the prominent graduates are Jason Oppus and Armando Cebanico. Jason finished high school and is now enrolled as first year college student at the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP). He is taking up graphic arts and printing technology, a course aligned to his passion for arts and painting. During his high school years, Jason has been a consistent awardee in arts and drawing competitions, always top in his class. In fact he represented his school and won first place in the municipal competition in the province of Rizal. No doubt, the artist in him has been making its way in his chosen field of study.

Armando, on the other hand, right after graduation from high school, took up a three-month course in "Beauty care" at a TESDA-affiliated institute. For his apprenticeship, he went through a few months of on-the-job training and is now securing his credential for possible job placement to apply his skills and chart his own independent life.

The other high school graduates from the postresidential program are (1) Karmela Basea, (2) Daniel Cabaccang, and (3) Jerzy

Karmela is now taking up a three-year course in information technology at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. Daniel, who topped his class, is taking up a bachelor of Science degree in education at the Bulacan State University. And Jerzy is enrolled at the Technological University of the Philippines for a three-year course in electronics engineering technology.

There are two graduated from the post high school level, namely: Arturo Jimenez and Jenefer Mendoza. Arturo finished a three-year course in Power Plant Engineering technology at the Dasmariñas Cavite branch of the Technological University of the Philippines. Jenefer finished a two-year course in computer programming at the vocational school of Our Lady of Grace Parish, which school is affiliated Technical Education and Skills Development Academy (TESDA). Cont. Page 3

















Gelebrating the Birthdays of <mark>SIS. Mathilde Van Kerekhoven, tem.</mark> Marte Paule Choulot and Jean Jacques









Senden boys visited ICM Sisters

Post Residential Care Program (PRGP)





PRCP entrepreneurship training w/ Center for small Entrepreneurs (CSE)











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The last but not the least, there were eight (8) who finished elementary and are now enrolled as first year high school in their respective communities. They are still under the aupices of the post-residential program of Senden Home, i.e., beneficiaries in terms of educational support and assistance, as provided for by the sponsors and donors of Senden Home.

Inspite of the constraints confronting Senden Home, as it likewise suffered from the effects of global economic crisis of the past years, with the support of donors and friends Senden Home managed to have these graduates complete their studies in their respective areas of interest, thus enhancing their capability for "independent living" with the hope of being able to uplift the economic conditions

of their families. While Senden Home looks after the "basic" necessities of the children and youth under its care and custody, it strives to support their educational oppurtunities as one of the measures by which they and their families may be able to extricate themselves from their impoverished situation. This obviously implies the prime importance of education in human development, to say the least.



From the Desk of the Board of Trustees

Greetings!

It has been more than two years now since Sr. Mathilde Van Kerckhoven, ICM left the Philippines for her much-needed rest in Belgium. On June 30, 2008 she left the country after more than three decades of exemplary missionary life, in particular her devotion and dedication to the uplift of the plight of the deprived, neglected and abandoned children in the Philippines. Guided by the inspiration she drew from the late Fr. Francis Senden, CICM, of the Asian Social Institute, she was very instrumental, and to a great extent a foundress, in the establishment of Senden Home, having sustained the movement of looking after the welfare of children and youth, notably in the metropolis of Manila way back in the 70's. Needless to say, without her missionary zeal and tireless efforts and love for the helpless children, the innocent victims of shattered family life and the harsh circumtances in urban Senden Home would not have been able to help these children and youth and would not have been able to provide a better chance for survival. Through the years from 1970s till her departure in 2008, Senden Home has always been identified with her - her life and her pastoral mission, her calling to be of utmost service especially to the poor, in this case the deprived, neglected and abandoned children, viz., street-children. Only heaven knows to what extraordinary extent she has given the best of her life while a missionary in the Philippines.

Senden Home owes much to her unconditional Love. And, to the beneficiaries of her love and concerns, there is no better way to express one's gratitude than to strive to keep up to her ideals and to continue what she has started.

Senden Home misses her. To uphold what she has committed her life to, Senden Home shall strive to continue her mission - a home for the homeless boys. Even at a distance, Sr. Mathilde continues to inspire Senden Home. And she remains the beacon that provides the guiding light for the staff and children of Senden Home.

GOD BLESS HER!

To All friends:

Senden Home is in dire need of your support and assistance. Your donations will certainly be of big help to the children who are presently residing in our residence. Please send your donations to the address below and /or account number.

Thank you very much. God Bless you for sharing with us your love and poverty.

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