



Christmas 2010

## New Charity Launched

**Another** new charity! Aren't there enough already?

With an estimated 95,000 street children in Manila alone perhaps not.

'Street' children have been given this anonymous label because the 'street' is where they live their lives: begging, sleeping, working, eating.

We define a street child as any child for whom the street is the dominant element in their lives. The street is their home; this is where their daily struggle is endured.

Following Naomi's two sessions in the Philippines, living and working among abused and vulnerable children, she felt

it important to use the lessons learned to make a long term difference.

Triple E, standing for: Enabling; Empowering; and Encouraging, was set up with a small group of trustees and two initially modest goals.

Firstly we hope to employ a Filipino social worker by March 2011. Their role will be to build relationships with street children, identifying any simple responses that can be quickly and easily made. They will also be a conduit for practical support such as clothes and food.

This will be followed as soon as funding allows by the establishment of a drop in Centre. The Centre will provide simple medical support, room for play and time out,

practical support, advice aimed at getting children into school and more.

We are initially in conversation with another well established charity working in Manila who are equally interested in a street social worker. It may be that we will fund this post on a 50/50 basis.

Naomi will be returning to Manila next summer for several weeks to see at first hand how things are going. She has self

funded her trip preferring to see the money raised by Triple E going directly to the need.

The charity is being advised by Rev. Craig Burrows MBE who has two decades of experience working in Manila and Roy Moore currently studying for an MA also in Manila. We are very grateful for their support and look forward to a long and close working relationship.



## Supermarket Collections and coffee mornings

Eight volunteers braved deep snow and freezing conditions on Saturday December 5th to collect for Triple E at Sainsbury's Durham.

Standing in a cold

doorway from 10am to 3.30pm passed surprisingly quickly. In total £468 was raised in those few hours which was wonderful.

The weather has taken it's toll however with a

coffee morning kindly planned by the parish church in Hurworth being postponed. A coffee morning planned in Durham went ahead just before the cold weather hit and raised £350.

