



July 2011

52 kids and a history making football match!

July 3 was the second leg of the world cup qualifier for the Philippines against Sri Lanka and it was an incredible game! As part of the foundation here is running football clubs for poor urban communities we decided to take some of the children in the teams to watch the big game! It was a large job to organise so many children, 52 in all. Was it at times stressful?... Yes... but was it worth it... 100%!

The children that we work with are mainly children of the street. That means that they are children who work on the streets, normally earning a living by scavenging through rubbish collected from Payatas dumpsite or tending to the small shops and market stalls their families own. These children tend to work much of the day and though many from Payatas also attend school, their education suffers as a result, limiting their future opportunities. So the football training on a Saturday is a way that these children can be children for a few hours and one of the biggest problems with the training is that the kids are always asking for more sessions. It was for these reasons and more that being able to watch the national team at the July 3 game was so exciting for them and so special. For them to get a chance to see their national heroes play was a chance that many of them will never get again and the joy and happiness that was on their faces because of getting to see the game live really made everything worth it.

It kicked-off at 3.30pm and just as the whistle blew it started to pour with rain! We were all soaked to the skin in minutes, but did that dampen (excuse

the pun) our kids' spirits? Not even a little bit. They cheered and screamed every time the Azkals had the ball and when they scored, if there had been a roof over our section of the stadium, it would have been blown off! The excitement and joy just radiated from the children all throughout the match. By the end of the game the score was 4 – 0 to the Philippines and if after the game anyone didn't have a sore throat from all the cheering I would be surprised.

The Azkals winning this match was the first time in Philippine history they have won a world cup qualifying match and for our children to have been able to be a part of that, well that again was another totally worth all the hard work moments!

We are so grateful to everyone who helped us to get enough tickets, and who really helped to make July 3, 2011, a day that will stay in those children's memories for a very long time! Thank you so much from myself and Roy and a huge thank you from the kids themselves.

Naomi Tomlinson



Latest News!

- ◆ **Quote of the month:** 'I enjoy playing football because when you score a goal, you feel proud and it's nice to feel like that' by one of the girls playing for Kashiglahan FC.
- ◆ **We have just received a £1500 grant from a company here in the Philippines and £1250 from the Rotary club of Durham, thank you both so much!**
- ◆ **We will have our own Payatas FC football shirts soon for the upcoming tournament and to fundraise. If you would like any, just let us know! :)**
- ◆ **We are up to £473 coming in a month via our 1 in a 100 campaign which is amazing!**

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