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Feeding patrol!

Last night (Monday 20th of June) Roy and I went on a feeding patrol with another charity to meet some of the street kids. Whilst wandering around we met so many street people, both young and old and all having experienced more hardship than many people do in their life time. I have so much respect for these people that despite having nothing, they still find reasons to smile. It reinforces the reason why we want to help these kids and change their lives. Where a person is born should not dictate whether they live under a bridge or in a pile of rubbish on the street or if they live in a nice house with food on the table each day; it's simply not fair! The experience brought to mind the first time I met street children. A girl asked me why we were there, because (in her words) 'we're only second rate people'. That memory always stays with me because I was so shocked that someone could believe that just because of where they've been born, or the job they do, determined how much they were valued as people.



So the evening was a very interesting one. Not only did we get to see the way another foundation worked, but we also got to meet more children whose lives were dictated to them before they were born. It makes me think of the article I wrote in the newsletter a couple of months ago about the contrasts between children in the UK and children here. How different they are is a hard concept to get your head around; in one country they get free education and food each night. In another, they are lucky to go to school, they may have to work 12 hours a day at ten years old to eat and bed maybe a piece of cardboard on the street. It is shocking. Of course not all the Philippines is as grim as this description may appear. It is a truly beautiful country with great and lovely people. The tragic side of the country is the heart-breaking poverty but together we can be a part of something good, providing the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty. Together we can help to change those children's lives!

Naomi Tomlinson



Latest News!

- ◆ **Quote of the month:** 'I like to play football because it helps me to forget all the bad stuff in my life' by one of the kids playing for Kashiglahan FC.
- ◆ **Naomi arrived safely in the Philippines and is working with Roy to get the charity registered there.**
- ◆ **The charity in the Philippines will be called Fairplay For All as Triple E is already registered as a company, however both charities are the same.**
- ◆ **Plans are under way to open up the drop-in in the next few months**
- ◆ **We are up to £416 coming in a month via our in our 1 in a 100 campaign which is amazing!**
- ◆ **For more pictures and updates through the month join the Triple E facebook page:**
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Triple-E/141656819227509> or follow @roymondous or @lilnaomi03 on twitter.

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