



Registered in the Philippines as



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Drop in Centre Progress

This will be particularly useful for those children simply too old for residential care or educational help.

During the last month our search for a drop-in centre has intensified and we are pleased to announce that we have a good building in a great location now. The place we have found is on Payatas dumpsite which is the largest dumpsite in Manila. It has four bedrooms, two small bathrooms, a large kitchen and a living room. The house is 30 years old, which is quite old for the area and so is in need of some repair work and a good clean but it has great potential for our first place.

We hope to get started on the renovations and cleaning this week. Whilst we are doing the renovation work we will also be spending time in Litex. Litex is an area close to Payatas where roughly 50 street kids on average congregate per day, to spend time, eat a little bit and sniff glue.

Once the house is sufficiently renovated we will invite the children from Litex and Payatas to come and help finish off the work, painting, decorating and cleaning so they feel part of the project and have some ownership of it. When fully operational one of the bedrooms downstairs will be an education room, one will be a counselling room and possibly double as an office and then the two upstairs bedrooms will be mine (Naomi) and Roy's and we will share with any volunteers that come out.

The education room will be used to teach kids basic English and Maths but also practical skills like weaving baskets from recycled plastic packing strips, carpentry, DIY skills and similarly practical lessons. We hope to work closely with our sister-charities ASCF and Kalinga at Pag-ibig who have a project whereby parents from Payatas recycle the materials from the dumpsite to fashion and create products such as Christmas decorations, bags and other useful items.

We will also be hiring a fully trained social worker. This is so he or she can assess the children on an individual basis and assess why they are on the streets. If the reason is for poverty alone but they still have families then working with sister charities we will hopefully be able to get them into an educational scholarship program and therefore a long term way out of poverty. If the reason is because they are orphans, abused or neglected, then again working with sister charities we will hopefully be able to get the child into a reputable children's home, particularly with mention to Mango Tree House, of which more information can be found on the next page.

Thank you for supporting us and enabling us to get this far. Working in the Philippines can be a slow and painful process at times but together we are able to change the lives of the kids in the area and help them regain their future in the long term. As the plans are coming into fruition if you or if you know of anyone else who would like to support us or wish to contribute further please do contact us for more information. Watch out for next month's newsletter, though, when we will be bringing more progress of the centre.

Naomi Tomlinson



Latest News!

- ◆ **Quote of the month:**
'We would like education'
The answer given by a street girl when asked what they would like in the drop in centre
- ◆ This month we have received donations of football boots, other equipment as well as financial support.
Thank you all so much
- ◆ We are on £488 coming in per month for our 1 in 100 campaign. This is fantastic and if 3 more people could donate just £5 per month, that would allow us to reach our target of £500!
- ◆ If you don't live in the UK but would like to support us, you can support us monthly via paypal at:
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