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September 2012

## Payatas FC Making Their Mark!

September was a testing month for the football side of things. We launched the football scholarship, which you can read about on the other side, while we joined the KIA Cup and a small tournament in Tondo.

The KIA Cup was a difficult time for the football as the players were up against their toughest opposition ever. For the U12s they lost their first game to a rich school 3-2, but the game itself was very competitive and both teams played very well.

The U14s also lost most of their games. The kids are more used to winning, though, and soon their heads dropped. They lost the next two games, against the academies of professional teams, but didn't yet see how close they were to those teams and their attitudes got in the way.

The U10s, however, were a great ball of fun. For most of them it was their first time playing on grass and they were there for the experience. They ended up winning two and losing two but more importantly they had lots of fun and learnt a lot. TV networks were also interested in a couple of the players as they were trying their best despite being half the size of the other players sometimes. They had a lot of fun and for some of them it was their first time away from the dumpsite, ever.

Football builds character, not just skills, and so the month was spent with the kids trying to continue the ethos of the team—that the result doesn't matter, you work together as a team and you try your best. Nothing else can be expected of a player and they are learning those lessons.

We joined a small tournament with the Tondo Futkaleros and Smokey FC, both teams whose players live nearby Smokey Mountain, a similar dumpsite to Payatas. The kids are from similar backgrounds and

both teams, and their respective foundations, are doing great work.

Payatas won the U12 category while Smokey FC won the U14 category but more importantly the kids found new friends, new respect, and continue to develop their characters.

We have now been invited to the Alaska Cup, which is one of the biggest tournaments for kids in the Philippines. The U16 girls and U14 & U12 boys will be taking part and we hope that above all they'll show how far their characters have come along—even more than their football skills.

There are a lot of exciting developments with the football world in the Philippines. It's so different to England as most things are new here and there are a lot of opportunities for charities in football—in raising awareness, funds, and developing the children. We are close to several big sources of help within the football world and as the players develop we keep getting closer.

The Fairplay for All Foundation has also now officially become a part of the Philippine team for the Street Child World Cup. The charity will be helping to internationally raise awareness of the issues street children face, and be involved with the programs which can change it. It is a great opportunity both as a foundation and personally.

Football can make such a difference, on and off the pitch. Our dream is to have the kids grow up and form a team from the underprivileged communities to compete in the professional league here. The captain for the U12 boys said it best: "I hope we always win so that we can change the face of Payatas, so that people don't just say it's garbage here." Not only does success in football break the cycle of poverty for those families, but it changes the face of Payatas, and that's our goal.

Roy Moore

### More News!

◆ Quote of the month "I like to study so that I can achieve my dreams" - One of the children who also works scavenging through garbage to help their family.

◆ We now have Fairplay For All packs available with a Payatas FC wristband, of £1 or P70. We also now have Triple E (UK side of FFA) wristbands available. Please contact us for more details. All profit from the donations goes to continuing the work here in the Philippines

◆ If you would like a speaker to share about the work in the Philippines for your church, event, a club or for any other occasion please let us know and we would love to come and chat to you more about it!

◆ If you would like to volunteer with us here in the Philippines, please don't hesitate to get in touch and we'd love to discuss the possibilities with you.

◆ Progress is exciting here with the kids progressing both in school and personally and the drop in centre and football program are also moving forward. If we've achieved this much in just over a year, how much more in two or three!

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## Education sponsorships: ways for children to achieve their dreams!

Triple E, FFA in the Philippines, has been open for some time now and we are pleased that our next step is helping the kids with their education.

Payatas FC has been running since February, 2011 while the Drop-in Centre was opened in December, 2011. Since then we've seen some of our regular kids improve at school and both their attendance and grades have gone up. We've seen some deal with psychological issues from past abandonment or trauma through sport. We've seen our kids begin to dream about the future and what they want to do or who they want to be when they're older.

One of the kids we work with, who also scavenges for rubbish to sell, recently said that *"I like to study so that I can achieve my dreams"*. The Drop-in Centre and football have given the children a space and a chance to dream. Football is a platform for change and now we will begin by sponsoring the children in their education. Each Payatas footballer will receive the same basic amount to take care of basic needs and extra help will be given during school registration, projects, and in emergency situations.

This program will start with selected footballers but depending on how successful we are it will soon be rolled out to our other children who come into the drop-in centre. The reason for it beginning with the footballers specifically is because we know those children and their families best and the selected players are already organised. There are also sponsors who have committed to the team. We are still in the process of assessing the other children but hope that in the next few months and as more sponsors become interested, this program will be rolled out to more and more kids in Payatas.

To be a part of this program and sponsor a child for P500 (£8), P800 (£12), or P1,000 (£15) per month, just email us at [ffaoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ffaoundation@gmail.com) if you are in the Philippines or elsewhere in Asia. If you live in the UK please email us at our UK email address: [togetherwithtriplee@gmail.com](mailto:togetherwithtriplee@gmail.com)

Thanks to those who have already joined the program, including some friends in Singapore, the Philippines, Britain and St John's Primary School in Shildon. Together we can make a real difference in these kids' lives and break the cycle of poverty. We can't do this without you.

For any other inquiries, including general donations, volunteering or sponsorship opportunities, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Naomi Tomlinson

## Ways you can help!



The work we do here is only possible because of those who help. Waddington Street United Reformed Church in Durham have worked hard in recent months raising an amazing £3,700. This was presented by their minister to two of our UK Trustees, Davina Tomlinson and Elaine Dixon, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. A special thank you to Alex Ayton who presented our work to the church in the first place, and to all those in the church who gave, baked, and generally helped us change lives here in Payatas. We couldn't do it without you.

Various people have asked us at different points, we want to help, but can't afford to, can we help apart

from giving a financial donation? There are various ways a person can help, as we always need to try and raise awareness and support. Here are a few ideas of ways you can help:

**Fundraising**— If you are struggling financially yourself then you can still help in fundraising by holding events. Some people have held coffee mornings in their home, held bake sales, and similar things. You could also do a small raffle or a 'guess the age of the bear' too. Others have held BBQs and everyone loves BBQs! Not only does this raise needed funds for the charity but it also spreads awareness.

**Sponsored run or walk**—Some of our sponsors have run 10k races, half marathons, and other events for the charity. We recently had someone do a sponsored swim for us and another person is running the Great North Run. Plus it gives you an incentive to keep training and get out and run.

**Be creative**—Host your own event or think about your own talents. Everyone has something they're good at and charities often love to hear about someone who could help with advertising, accounting, or who shares the foundation with their church, workplace, or other organisations. Of course think about your own skills and how you could help the charity.

If you would like to get involved in any way please just let us know and we'd love to discuss any ideas.

Thanks so much!

Naomi Tomlinson

## Ways to support!

- ◆ If you would like to give us gifts in kind, please contact us (details are below) and we can discuss the best ways to go about it.
- ◆ If you live in the UK and would like to support us monthly please send us an email and we will send you a direct debit form, which allows us to claim gift aid back. Thanks for any help you can offer us!
- ◆ If you would like to give us a one of donation, you could send a cheque to the address on the bottom of the page or make a bank transfer (please contact us for more details on that).

Please don't forget to pray for us, the work can be demanding, our health suffers, and the kids have so many needs. Prayer is world changing so don't stop!

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