



INTERNSHIP MARY JOYCE AND CHRISTIAN

Mary Joyce Carraca (Pandacan) and Christian Dayo (Paco), ATD youth facilitators, took part in a 2 months training with the ATD team in March.



Mary Joyce:

"It was the first time I joined the basic literacy program. It is different to the Festival of Learning because other things are taught. The literacy program is for the children who stopped going to school, never went or go to school but are delayed. I will not forget K. because he was the first child I taught: he is smart, easy to teach, doesn't disturb. I can also sharpen their intelligence."

Christian:

"One time we accompanied Ate Vanessa to a forum in Intramuros (CBCP-Nassa network for families and children living in the streets). There were also present staff from other NGOs, like Bahay Tuluyan, Child Hope and others also included Bishop Pabillo. We discussed about street children: if they are more numerous since the storm Yolanda, about the treatment children rescued or caught on the street receive at the RAC (Reception Action Center). I liked it because we were able to be exposed to persons of high office and other NGOs. "

RELOCATION TULAY COMMUNITY

Since April, a total of 30 families have been relocated in BALAGTAS, NORZAGARAY (Bulacan) or CALAUAN (Laguna). The site of Balagtas was full end of May, reason why the families preferring Bulacan are now relocated to Norzagaray. There are still around 60 families who will relocate in the coming weeks.

On the day of the relocation it is clear that the people are happy and thankful to have the opportunity to own a house and lot in the future, a "one in a lifetime chance". But there are many challenges s they will face in the future.



For example, Mr. Jason S. earns a living through recycling trash. This is very little income, around P100/day. His plan before the relocation was: "I will continue my livelihood in Manila during the week and enrol my daughter Reina in the same school as last year. We will go to the relocation site every week-end."

A few weeks later, Reina enjoys going to school, as grade 3 student. They sleep at the place of her dad's brother who still lives in Tulay. They go to the relocation monthly only: transportation has a cost that Jason cannot afford weekly.

He is a father who cannot satisfy all the needs of his family and for now prioritizes the happiness and studies of his daughter, as well as his livelihood in Manila over the comfort of a more decent house.

Nothing is definitive, they are just starting the transition and the best thing they can receive from others is support coupled with encouragement.



ATD FORUM “RELOCATION, LIVELIHOOD and SAVINGS”

In July we held the second Forum of the year with guest speakers: National Housing Authority and DSWD as well as NGOs (EnFaNce Foundation and Life Project For Youth). 106 persons attended at the Asian Social Institute (ASI), at Pedro Gil.

An ATD Forum is done in 2 steps. First, the local preparations in the communities: Tulay and Pandacan; North Cemetery; relocation site of Balagtas; and this time also in Tondo. Secondly two weeks later the groups come together with guest speakers.



Some quotes

“I am surprised but at the same time interested to learn from community members that maintaining a scholarship for the children (in Manila) plays a role in their decision to live or not in the relocation site situated out of the city.”

Ms Marilou Ballesteros, DSWD

“The piso-piso ipon (PPI) program from Enfance Foundation is a big help for us who experience poverty. We can not save in a bank, but with PPI, even if we save P10 at a time it is ok.” “I was able to save P4’500. It happened that one of my children had to go to the doctor. We brought her to the hospital. Thanks to the piso-piso ipon we could pay the exams done at the hospital.”

Nanay Alice, Vitas and Ate Carmelita, Baseco Temporary Housing

“One could sense the eagerness to understand, think and learn from this forum. It might have been the biggest attendance, the most active participation and most of all voices were heard. There was a strong sense of solidarity among the participants.”

Nina Lim-Yuson, ATD friend and President of Museo Pambata

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Ang Galing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ in NC: Every Saturday 10am-12nn and 2-4pm ✓ in Tulay: Every Wednesday 3pm ✓ September: visit of teacher John and his wife from the Netherlands, in link with a prize awarded to Ang Galing.
Sulong sa NC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Working and Learning together: experimental project of “Parol making” with adults. ✓ Every Monday and Friday at 1pm in NC ✓ From July to October
Relocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support, accompaniment and regular visits to the sites
Booklet “Partners in Development”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ “Easy to read” outcomes of the 2012-2013 action-research on housing and education ✓ To be printed end of September



Websites

Enfance Foundation: <https://www.facebook.com/ENFANCEFoundation>

Life Project for Youth: <http://lp4y.net/en/>