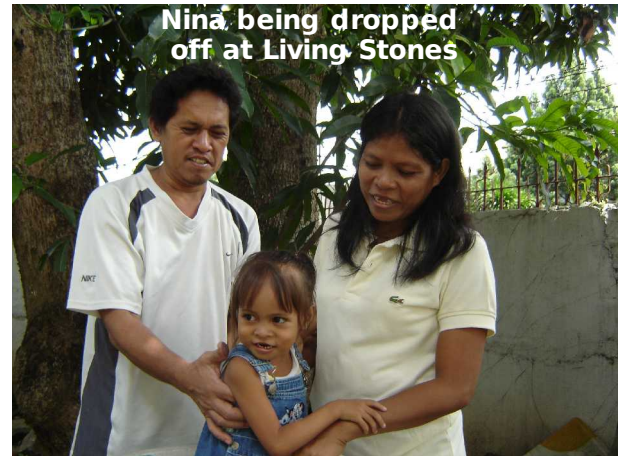




June 24th, 2009: It has been a while since I updated you on the things going on with Hope for the Nations and what the ministry has been up to in the last little while. I think the last HFTN Newsletter I sent out was in February of this year. In case you missed any of my previous newsletters, they are all available on my website.

Euroclass: In May, we had a team from Denmark come and visit us called Euroclass. They are high school aged students who have decided to take a year out of their studies and study missions for a year and then go and serve for about two months overseas. Dan Emmons, our IT and computer guy, is also the Team Hosting Supervisor and he was in charge of hosting the team. He did an excellent job preparing for the team and making sure they had lots today and that they stayed safe in an environment foreign to what they are used to. Its a big job! The more I see it happen, the more I realize its true that teams get as much (if not more) out of a missions trip as they give out. What I mean is that not only do they encourage others and share Christ's love with the lost or the sick, but they are impacted and their faith grows and their life is changed forever. They become more mission minded, they pray more, and they get closer to God. This year the team was involved in a youth camp with HOJ Church for 3 days, they helped out with Tabitha and a youth night, and they also helped out with the Sunday morning service. It was cool to see young kids involved in missions and giving a year of their lives to making a difference.



Princess Nina: Nina has been in the feeding program Tabitha: Food for Life for the last 3 years. She has constantly struggled with malnutrition and related health problems. I have mentioned her in the past several times before. Recently, through conversations with people in Canada and others who wanted to make a difference in her life, Liz and Inneke started to push to try something new with her. It seemed that everything that we did in the past either was not effective enough or just was not addressing the right issue. Liz and Inneke decided that the best thing to do was to get Nina into a home where she could receive constant care and input from specialized care-givers. The best option we had was to place Nina in Living Stones

Orphanage here in Davao (<http://www.livingstonesorphanage.org>). Since the husband of our Interim Director is the Administrator of the orphanage, we were able to fast track her entry into their program. On June 23rd, Nina was admitted to Living Stones, with the support of her parents, for a six month period to see if her condition can be improved. When she was admitted to Living Stones, they took her to a pediatrician and the pediatrician said that although she is four her height and weight is one of a one year old. Please pray that she would recover and be able to regain her strength and that she would be able to catch up in her growth and development.



David Martin: David is an intern who has been with us the last 2 months and will be with us for a total of 6 months. He has blessed us all with his willingness to work and get the job done no matter what it takes and he has really adapted well to the culture and the environment. It has been great for me personally to have another guy around to bounce ideas off of and hang out with and dream about the future together. David has really embraced the community and has been great with the kids. He has spent a big chunk of his time so far working with Pastor Peter finishing up the construction of a small room that will be used by Liz as a primary health care center. With Dave and Pastor Peter working on it, we are able to make the small amount of funding we have go a long way. This will be great for Liz to have her own space and be able to better serve the kids and families in the area of primary health care. In some ways it is a daunting task, but the special love and care she can show the families in this way is very close to God's heart.

Please continue to pray for us and that God would give us His dreams, plan and vision for the future!

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