

Tabitha: Food for LIFE

2009

July 2009: We have had a busy two months here at Food for Life. The feeding continues here at our original location and we are still feeding 50 kids once a week in Rosemary. Benjie and Rose have started to do a bible study there with some of the parents of the children. Pray for transformation in their lives. We are still planning and seeking God as to the best course of action to take as we look to feed multiple days a week in Rosemary.



A few weeks ago we purchased a banner for Tabitha: Food for Life to help remind people of who we are and of our vision, "Bata karon, Pangulo ugma," which translated means, "Children today, Leaders tomorrow." This is the vision we keep in the back of our minds and that God has a good plan and a purpose for these children's lives. Not that we demand a payout from our investment or invest only to get, but we feed and love and care for these children because we know God values them and that they deserve to be loved and we believe that they will be the ones to change the future. To the left is a picture of our new banner and some of the staff and volunteers. Notice that many of the staff and volunteers are wearing a pink shirt. Along with the banner, we purchased uniforms for the staff and volunteers to wear two days of the week.

This helps people in the community identify who we are and gives us a greater sense of teamwork and unity. We all look pretty spiffy in pink!

Liz and I had all the Tabitha: Food for Life staff and volunteers over to our house for a fellowship this month. If you have seen pictures of our place, it's not very big, so having more than 20 people makes for a pretty full house! It was a great time of games, fellowship and eating together. The mothers helped Liz to make lumpia, which is kind of like a Filipino egg roll (my favorite Filipino food). You can see them preparing them to the right.



It has been a while since our last Tabitha fellowship and we really needed the time of just being together. Team-work and unity are so important!

Finally, one of the highlights from this month was the hygiene packs that my home church, Valley Church, sent to us. Each of the 200 packs they sent for the kids contained a t-shirt, soap, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, some stickers and a wash cloth. The day we handed out the packs, the kids were very excited. They love all being dressed the same and having anything new, even soap and a

washcloth somehow brings a lot of happiness. It worked out great because the day after we handed out the packs with the t-shirts we held one of our first field trips. Over the past months, the kids have been saving pesos every week in order to help pay for this trip. Its a way of teaching them to invest and to value savings and to teach them the value of being patient and that they can make things happen! Only the older kids went, but it was still quite an adventure to watch over 50 kids running around one of the local parks. They had a time of worship, prayer, small groups and of course a time for snacks and nutritious food. This is above and beyond the regular feeding, but we believe that the children need events like this to expose them to things outside of Agdao and to see that there are many different things that God has given them to see and experience.



Please continue to pray for us and for the children and that God would continue to touch them and move in their lives!