

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

I have just returned from an exciting trip to Mindanao where work continues on the Janice McKay Community Centre with a proposed official opening in October 2011.

The affect of this new centre on the children and community is amazing with parents of the children volunteering to assist in helping to finish the building. Timber floors have been cut and laid and natural local materials made from bamboo are being used to panel walls.

Even though the building is still not complete it is already a vibrant centre of community life.



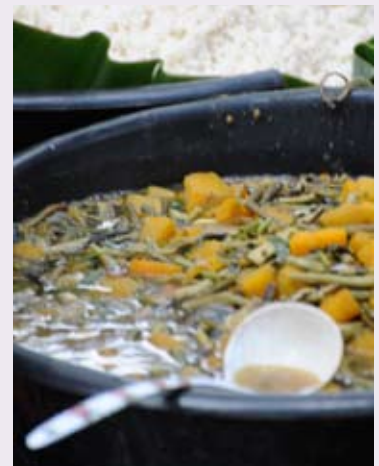
“A noble man devises noble plans and by noble plans he stands”

— Isaiah 32:8

A NEW SCHOOL TERM BEGINS



The school year started in June 2011 with a new class being added and 103 children now receiving a free education. Work continues on the Community Centre with teachers now able to conduct classes in the new building. All children received a new back pack for school, two pairs of thongs and a raincoat to help with monsoonal downpours. The program is life changing for these disadvantaged Indigenous and Moslem children and has bought such hope to so many families. To give you an idea of how difficult it is for so many in the area, one of our new students in kindergarten is a 13 year old boy. Because of extreme poverty, he like so many others were not able to attend the government school. Each child receives a free education and a hot meal everyday.



Most of the vegetables eaten by the children come from the lush gardens surrounding the community centre planted and tended by parents and teachers.

Thank you all for your support and belief in this life changing project and I know in the years to come Noble Endeavours can continue to expand and be a real agent for change in growing sustainable communities.

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