

New batch of 46 children joins us this year!

The applicants came in May from various neighborhoods of Antipolo and Taytay. There were only two criteria for admission: child's age must be at least 4 and under 5; and the family must be poor.



Trustees Carolyn and Jeannie, and Teacher Maribel interviewed the parents, and deliberated on whom to accept.



President Ruben gave an orientation the week before the start of school. We need to work together, he told the parents. This is a partnership.



Forty-six children will be with us for a year. Before they move on to kindergarten in the public school system, they will learn to read, discover numbers, and develop positive attitudes toward learning. Their skills will be at par with their more fortunate peers who could afford good pre-schooling. More importantly, they will have a healthy awareness of themselves, their families and their communities.



The children enjoy their new colorful tables and chairs which the teacher and the trustees felt were more appropriate for the four-year-olds. Another charity took the old desks.

Parents' programs continue

Our pre-school that comes with uniforms, school supplies and nutrition aids, is not totally free. In exchange for this, each child's parent gives four hours of volunteer service per week.



Some parents help as teacher's aides, while some help keep the campus clean. This program has benefited the parents as well.



Besides their sense of ownership in their children's education, they learn many things from the class lessons, too.

Free books for parents

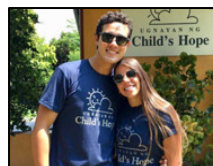
Friends continue to donate old books and magazines, not just for the children's library but also for our Free Books Box for parents. Many thanks to Vicky Montenegro and the Antipolo Horticultural Society, and to the Del Rosario's and the Galang's!

Special visitors

From the Taytay Lions Club, former PAL CEO Dr. Avelino Zapanta and his wife Nicole and son Titus, came to bring boxes of books for the library and the parents' book program. They were accompanied by mutual friends Chit and Vicky Montenegro.



In July, Devin Lim and Andy Zachrich of Berkeley visited. Patricia Lim of San Diego visited us the week after.



Child's Hope is a non-profit, non-stock corporation dedicated to the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to develop into the person God has created him or her to be. Its mission school is located at Lotus Drive, Beverly Hills, Antipolo/Taytay, Philippines. For more information, contact Jeannie del Rosario at chewy_ashley_jeannie@yahoo.com or Henry Lim at xgeline@gmail.com.