



Trust that you have had a great Christmas and are having a wonderful new year. Here are some photos from our time in the Philippines from last July till the end of November.

You will see that we have been finally able to report progress on site developing and now we have a concrete fence completely surrounding the site. Access is now possible via a concrete road and we have lockable gates installed.

On the 3rd November we had a ground breaking ceremony which was attended by many locals and the mayor was one of our speakers as well as a Pastor from Manila, who was the main speaker.

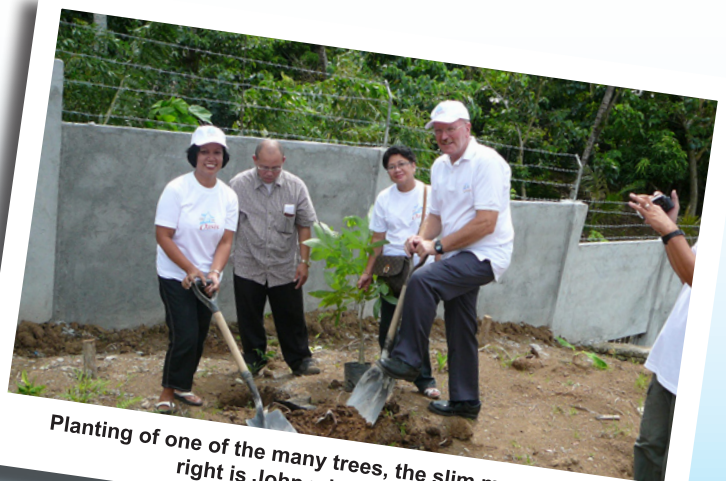
We are now back in N.Z. and just waiting on the timing to return to the Philippines and begin the first home. We visited an orphanage

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in the south of the Philippines which is sponsored by a European organisation and has 12 houses each accomodating 10 children plus a “mum”. We are believing for similar, but with a more compact design to the buildings. They spent \$2.5 million on construction 4 years ago and it is costing \$35,000 a month to look after 114 children. Our first project has an estimated cost of \$150,000 and we are yet to determine running costs, but they will be a fraction of the above costs. We have a policy of not asking for money, but trusting the Lord for provision and have seen some amazing answers to prayer.

Because of the nature of Government and organisational structures in the Philippines, we are still waiting for final aproval of building permits and social welfare clearance. Nothing is easy, nor happens quickly, it is a lesson in patience and endurance.

We are very fortunate to have a supportive



Planting of one of the many trees, the slim man on the right is John minus 15 kg's..

mayor and many who have volunteered to help once we are operating, including a couple of very experienced social workers who have given freely of their time.

Both of us have come to understand that living and working in a third world country can be a very lonely and we are so appreciative of those who either called or emailed us. We did not have one letter by mail in the 4 plus months we were in Sorsogon. Just as an indication, Sorsogon which has approximately 150,000 people, has one post office and uses only one woman serving and even then she is never busy.

It is great to return to N.Z, but we are itching to go again and are taking one day at a time and seeking the Lord's direction and timing, at this stage probably towards the middle of the year?

We were able to have some tee shirts printed with the orphange logo, so if you would like one for a donation please **email us** or call **09 274 5777**. All colours are available, but it has to be white !!!

Thanks to all who have prayed and supported us during 2007, we are so grateful and look forward to catching up with many of you and before we return to Asia.

Love and God's abundance during 2008 and beyond.

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The crowd at the ground breaking ceremony.



The site is cleared the fences are up.



New concrete access road.



The Haka group!!!