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SMALL MIRACLES

SEASON OF LOVE and SHARING



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EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter eggs, also called Paschal eggs, are decorated eggs that are often given to celebrate Easter. The oldest tradition is to use dyed and painted chicken eggs, but a modern custom is to substitute chocolate eggs, or plastic eggs with confectionery such as chocolate. Eggs in general were a traditional symbol of fertility and rebirth. Easter eggs symbolize the empty tomb of Jesus from which He resurrected. (source: Wikipedia)

In CCV, Easter egg hunting is a timeless tradition. Instead of giving away painted real eggs, plastic eggs with candies and chocolates inside were given away.

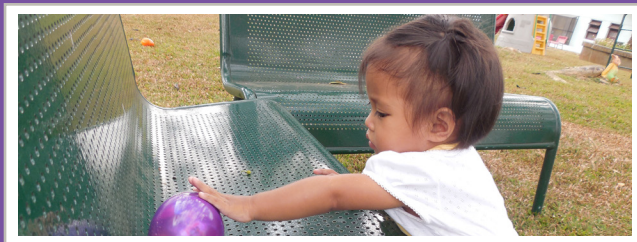
Right after the Holy Mass, the toddlers and the CCV teens had fun during the Easter egg hunt at the CCV playground. The toddlers were the first to 'hunt' for the colorful eggs as we did not want them to be outdone by the teens. With big red bags in tow, the toddlers enjoyed picking up the colored plastic eggs strewn in one area of the playground especially reserved for them. When the toddlers have filled their red bags with eggs, it was time for the teens to 'hunt' for the eggs. Everyone went running excitedly in all directions and picked up the eggs nearest to them. Even the Mamas and the Papas participated in the egg hunt. Some of the eggs were partially hidden in the playground equipment. In less than 10 minutes, the hunt for the Easter eggs was all over. It may have been over so fast but the glow and the smiles in the children's faces were all that we needed to see.

The CCV family would like to acknowledge and thank the generosity of Bel-Air Center through Mr. & Mrs. Robin & Lenny King and Ms. Annabelle Ng in donating the Easter eggs and sweets for the egg hunt.



THE TODDLERS ARE ALL EXCITED WITH THEIR EGGS

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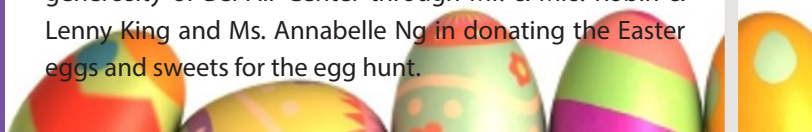
JOSEA TRIES TO GET THE BIG VIOLET EGG

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SEAN DAVID IS HAPPY WITH ONE BLUE EGG

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**MAGGIE BEING PATIENTLY ASSISTED
BY MAY JEAN**
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**MAGGIE WITH MAMA ANGELA TESTING HER
SITTING TOLERANCE**
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Margaret Mary: Another miracle child



When Margaret Mary or Maggie arrived in CCV 5 years ago she was 3 months old. She was born on the 16th of October 2010. The story behind this girl is similar to the stories of most of the other children in the village. Voluntarily surrendered by her biological mother due to financial constraints...

Maggie arrived in the village on the 14th of January 2011. We had another baby girl to care for and love! As the months passed by, it was evident that Maggie was way behind in all aspects of her development. She was then diagnosed to have global developmental delay, hypotonia and microcephaly. She further underwent a chromosomal test to rule out Down syndrome and the result was negative.

When Maggie was cleared for adoption by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in July 2011, she became available for placement in a permanent home. However, no local family signified interest to adopt Maggie given her medical condition. Thus Maggie's documents were forwarded to Inter-Country Adoption Board (ICAB). Still we were disappointed that no couple was interested to give Maggie a home... She was then placed under the Special Home Finding Program of ICAB. Again, we were dismayed that no one showed interest to adopt her. In October 2014, ICAB sent us a letter with resounding finality stating that Maggie's case is being closed as finding a suitable family for her is nearly impossible.

At CCV there is always hope! The Mamas and the therapists continuously did their job in helping Maggie cope with all her delays. Maggie tried to resist all the interventions that we did for her. She complained by crying and by having temper tantrums especially when she was made to do all the exercises during her physical therapy sessions. If Maggie resisted, the staff persisted!

Sure enough, our efforts finally paid off as Maggie can now eat on her own and she can now walk without needing assistance from anyone or with any device. One milestone at a time, Maggie is gradually blooming. As of now, she cannot utter any legible words yet. Who knows? She is probably absorbing all the words that she hears around her every day. We will not be surprised if one of these days, we will hear her say a word, then perhaps even a complete sentence.

We could say that indeed Maggie is another miracle in the making!

MAGGIE FINALLY WALKS!
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TSCC RECOGNITION DAY



JOSEA RECEIVES THE MOST CHARMING AWARD



DIXON BAGS THE MOST OBEDIENT AWARD



ROBIE PAZ WITH HER MOST HELPFUL AWARD



THE SCHOOL CHILDREN POSE FOR A PHOTO WITH THEIR TEACHERS AFTER THE AWARDING RITES

For the children at The School for Chosen Children (TSCC), the Recognition Day at the end of the school year is one of their most awaited events. This year is no exception.

On the 28th of March 2016, we all gathered at TSCC to attend the children's Recognition Day. The toddlers were likewise all in attendance and each one received an award their Mamas and Papas can truly be proud of!

From the Toddlers' class, Robie Paz, the oldest among the toddlers, received the Most Helpful Award. Robie could not wait to receive her award and promptly collected the certificates of her classmates probably thinking that she will not receive one. When her name was eventually called, she promptly got up and hurriedly walked to her Teacher and almost grabbed the certificate from her Teacher. And Robie definitely knew how to pose for the camera with her certificate.

Each year Michael has been a consistent Best Dancer awardee and this year is no different. Likewise, May Jean is Michael's female counterpart. She has been consistently improving her dance moves and her enthusiasm during each performance is contagious. May Jean received another award as Most Helpful. Isabel and Niño each received the Best in Writing award.

Overall, the children (together with their Mamas and Papas) were happy and proud with the awards that they received.

Fun Run



JEC (Jardine Engineering Corporation) Phils. Inc., under the directorship of Guenter Taus, in partnership with Pepsquad Events, sponsored a Fun Run on the 20th of March 2016. The sole beneficiary of the Fun Run is none other than Chosen Children Village Foundation, Inc. This is the second time that JEC Phils. Inc. and Pepsquad did a joint fundraising event for CCV.

Thank you so much, JEC Phils. and Pepsquad for your continuous support to our mission!

THANK YOU, ST. PAUL SEMINARIANS!



THE ST. PAUL BROTHERS POSE FOR A PHOTO WITH THE CCV TEENS AFTER THEIR FAREWELL ACTIVITY
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Nine seminarians from Saint Paul Seminary Foundation volunteered their time with the children as part of their formation and preparation for priesthood. Out of the nine, one was Filipino and the rest were Vietnamese.

Every Monday afternoon, the brothers come to the village from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Two seminarians provide catechism classes to the teens at The School for Chosen Children. The rest of the brothers

spend their time in the different cottages in the village and willingly help the caregivers with the tasks at hand. For four months, the brothers have grown to love the children and when it was time to say goodbye, it was not easy for everyone.

All we can ever say is thank you for your time, St. Paul Seminarians! Till we meet again!



CCV's URGENT NEEDS

Bed sheets (single)
Electric fans
Pillows
PediaSure
Promil (for 1 to 3 years)
Rice
Toddlers' Shoes (1 to 3 years)
Sugar
Water dispensers



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