

THE SACRED PORTION CHILDREN'S OUTREACH *A Child Caring Ministry*

Fall 2009

*"And you . . . shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given you and your household. And you . . . shall say before the Lord your God, I have removed the sacred portion from my house, and have given it to . . . the orphan according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me . . . I have listened to the voice of the Lord my God."
Deuteronomy 26: 11, 12 & 14*

Our Mission



The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing for the needy children of the world who are without homes or families.

Formerly known in our community as Southwood Child and Family Education Center, the organization was directly involved for 22 years in the development and operation of an early childhood program. In 1997 the organization passed the care and continuation of that program into another's hands and the founders, Craig and Jan Druckenmiller, turned their hearts towards serving a more needy population of the world's children.

The organization, as part of its new mission seeks to assist facilities that care for orphaned and abandoned children in providing healthy, secure environments in which these children can grow and develop as normally as possible.

Under Water

By Jan Druckenmiller



Typhoon Ketsana brought a deluge of torrential rains on September 26, resulting in the worst flooding that the Philippines had experienced in 40 years. The amount of rain that fell in a six hour period was equivalent to a typical month's rainfall during the monsoon season. Flood water levels reached a record 20 feet high in rural areas. I caught a visual example of this when walking into the barrio one day during my stay at Rehoboth in October. As we crossed a bridge over a 20 to 25 foot

deep gully, one of the Rehoboth staff pointed out to me that the water level had been up to the bottom of the bridge during the typhoon. It was hard to comprehend such a volume of water but that visual description helped me to understand the damage that had taken place with the newly built security wall on the expansion property. That section of the wall had become like a dam during the typhoon and simply could not hold back such a force of water, causing it to break apart.

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Fe, the on-site Deputy Administrator of Rehoboth, showed me video clips of water rushing under the front gate into the Rehoboth grounds. The current was so strong that the staff could not even walk across the driveway area. The water coming down from the terraced retaining wall turned the steps into a virtual waterfall.

In addition to the damage to the security wall, the wall that stands between the current facility and the Taiwanese thread factory next door came tumbling down into the Rehoboth grounds. The force of the water also dislodged huge chunks of concrete from the floor of the drainage canal that runs behind the Children's Home. Sadly, Fe's newly renovated house was partially submerged under water and all but two of her ducks were

swept away in the flood. Discouraging as all of this may be, we are thankful that the children and staff were kept safe. Fortunately there is a second story guest apartment above the laundry/kitchen area and the staff were able to evacuate the children there until the water subsided. Our thankfulness was magnified when we read the news reports that the highest death toll from the typhoon was in the area of Tanay, which is located very near to Rehoboth.

God of heaven will give us success. We, His servants, will start rebuilding.

Nehemiah 2:20

In times like this there is nothing to do but clean-up, rebuild and move on. By the time I got to Rehoboth on October 25, there was very little evidence of the flood. The staff had gone to work immediately after, diligently cleaning out the two houses and the administration building. However, the



threat of more typhoons lingering over the ocean had everyone on edge. Typhoon Santi did pass over Rehoboth



on October 30 with strong winds but only a small amount of rain compared to Ketsana. The winds knocked over power lines and it was a little unnerving to be sitting in the dark in the middle of the night hoping that each subsequent gust of wind wasn't going to blow the roof off. By morning the winds had calmed and the power came back on at 11:00 pm that evening. Blue skies and sunshine ensued for the rest of the time I was there.



Engineering Ministries International (eMi) is looking at pictures of the damaged wall and designing a solution for rebuilding the wall in a way that will allow greater volumes of water to pass through in the future. We are calling this the 100 year flood at Rehoboth and are hoping it will not happen again for 100 years! Yet, we need to be prepared.



It was an arduous task to raise the funds to build the security wall so it feels like a real set back to have to use what financial resources we have to rebuild before we can even continue on with the next phase of wall construction to finish enclosure of the property. Such times as this call for trust and reliance on God to provide for the need. We are grateful to everyone who contributed flood relief for Rehoboth and will use those funds to replace damaged items in the Home and begin reconstruction of the broken walls. A claim has been filed with the insurance company that Rehoboth has a policy with, so we are hoping that some of the damage will be covered through that source.

**Thank You for
Caring!**

Where Does Your Heart Fit in This Ministry? A Plethora of Funds to Choose From

The year is quickly drawing to a close and, like other non-profit organizations, we are holding our breath to see what the response will be to our plea for end-of-the-year giving. The current economic state of our country makes this an especially tenuous time for organizations that rely on charitable contributions. The amount of support received in December can make or break a ministry as those end-of-the-year donations typically provide a substantial portion of an organization's operating budget for the coming year. As SPCO has evolved over the past twelve years, the focuses of our ministry have expanded and changed and we have added more specific opportunities for giving in the form of various "FUNDS." The majority of contributions that come in to SPCO are designated for one of these funds. As a non-profit organization, we exercise discretion as to how all funds are used, but have made it a practice to honor our donors' requests. This allows people to align their hearts with various causes within the ministry in a way that is meaningful to them. In light of that, we would like to take this opportunity to acquaint or reacquaint you with the Funds of SPCO and introduce you to an exciting new fund that we are starting. We hope that, once you have had a chance to review the information on the ensuing pages, you will seriously consider how you might help us continue our efforts in 2010 on behalf of the orphaned children whom God holds dear. We are usually not very direct in asking for support, but this year we are feeling a need to be bold in stating that we really need your help. Every dollar counts and your contribution, no matter how small, when added to the contributions of others will make a difference in keeping this ministry operational. We are grateful for all that you have given in the past and all that you will give in 2010.

*Sincerely,
Jan Druckenmiller
Executive Director*

**Please turn to the page to see
where your heart is aligned in
this ministry! →**

Where Does Your Heart Fit in This Ministry?

When we started The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach in 1998, we had only one fund which was, of course, our **GENERAL FUND**. This fund contained the cash assets that were transferred from the child care center that we managed for 22 years. We were fortunate to have these reserves and operated on them for nearly seven years. Eventually these funds were depleted, but a significant contribution plus other smaller contributions kept us going for another three years. We are once again at the bottom of the barrel and in need of another infusion into our General Fund in order to pay salaries and other



administrative costs for 2010. Although I work fulltime hours (or more!), I only take a salary based on 25 hours per week and tithe the rest of my time to SPCO. Craig's time in the ministry is totally volunteer so, aside from myself, our only other paid staff person is a part time administrative assistant. Salaries are less than ten percent of our total budget. Total administrative costs including salaries, printing, postage, phone, internet, office supplies, and liability insurance run approximately \$40,000 per year or fifteen percent of the annual budget. Even though the outlay of administrative dollars is not great, we do need to have sufficient funds to run the organization.

The Summer of Hope program is probably our most well known project because it is publicized so much. This was our seventh summer to do this program and the number of child participants over that span of time is now at 119. The number of older



orphans finding adoptive families as a result of the program continues to hold at 85% or 102 children to date. Our **SUMMER OF HOPE FUND** has received contributions from more individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations than we can ever find space in our newsletters to acknowledge. We are amazed at the response each year within our various Summer of Hope communities and are extremely grateful for the continued support of this program.

It only took one summer of doing the Summer of Hope program to realize that we needed to start an **ADOPTION ASSISTANCE FUND**. People were eager to host and



adopt children but the cost of an adoption was prohibitive for many families. To date, we have helped over 25 families to bring a child or sibling group into their homes. The Adoption Assistance Fund is intended to be a revolving, self-replenishing fund. As people pay back their interest free loans, we are able to extend those funds to other families. We are grateful to the Gilhousen Family Foundation for providing us with several grants over the years to boost our fund in response to the volume of requests for assistance.



Through time and experience, we have come to understand that children, even though they may be adopted into a family, are still orphans in their hearts. Many of the children have suffered greatly in their young lives and carry deep wounds and feelings of

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abandonment within their souls. How wonderful that they can be placed into the setting of a family where they can begin to heal! But that healing process can come with some real challenges and families must often seek help and resources that bear a price tag. Counseling, therapy, neurofeedback and respite care are expensive services that can quickly drain a family's resources. We do not want to just be well wishers and walk away at the point that a child comes home to their family. We want to stay involved and provide whatever support we can as these families travel through what is a life long adoption journey. For this reason, we are implementing a new fund called our **POST ADOPTION ASSISTANCE FUND**. We are currently helping our first family fundraise through this fund for the cost of 15 weeks of neurofeedback for their adopted daughter. This family has faced some tough challenges but are hopeful that the neurofeedback treatment will produce some good results.

Some of the work of our ministry takes place on the other side of the globe. SPCO is the main fundraising arm for the Rehoboth Children's Home, a small orphanage located in the Philippines. Funds raised in the US provide about 70% of the annual operating budget of the Home. We raise funds for the

operation of the orphanage through our **REHOBOTH GENERAL FUND**.



We carry a great weight of responsibility on our shoulders for the financial stability of the Rehoboth Children's Home and are very grateful for the ongoing support that has come through SPCO for this orphanage.

Some Funds are established for special projects such as the **REHOBOTH EXPANSION FUND**. Within that Fund, there are opportunities to give to specific phases of



the project such as the Security Wall, Bonnie's Heart Baby Home, the Medical Clinic and Sustainable Agriculture. We have been awarded a grant of \$37,500 through the Lion's International

Foundation but we must raise a matching portion of \$18,750 in order to actually receive these funds. The local Lion's Club in Bozeman, MT is working to raise that match and we have support in terms of volunteer help from an all women's Lion's Club in Tanay, Philippines.

The Rehoboth Children's Home has an active adoption program which involves a lot of case management by social workers. When a child enters the Home, the social workers assess the child's situation and whether the possibility exists for reunification with the birth family. These encounters with birth mothers and birth families often expose needs that must be addressed. It might be a birthing delivery fee that needs to be paid for which the birth mother has no money. It might be paying for her transportation to go to the province to be reunited with her extended family. It might be a bag of rice when it is observed that the other children in the birth family are only getting one meal a day. All of this assistance is granted through **ANNIE'S FUND**. Annie's Fund came about several years ago after having my first experience of carrying a newborn baby down a dirt path to Rehoboth for admission to the Home. The young, single

Where Is God Calling You To Put Your Treasure?



birth mother had decided to relinquish her child and Rehoboth paid for her birthing delivery fees. We could see that this type of assistance was going to be an ongoing need and it was then that Annie's Fund was born. We decided to divert a portion of Rehoboth's operating budget to create this fund and named it after the baby and her birth mother who both share the name of Annie. Recently, we have seen the need to expand this fund in the form of Livelihood Assistance. This ties in with our expanded vision of the Rehoboth Children's Home for developing support services



for families so that they can rise above their circumstances and remain intact. Please turn to page 10 of this newsletter to read about **Roy's Story**.

Our most regular contributors are those giving monthly to our **CHILD SPONSORSHIP FUND**. We have sponsors in the US, Australia and the UK. Some of our sponsors have been with us for a very long time and have sponsored numerous children over the years. It is always such a blessing to share the happy news with a sponsor that their child has moved on to adoption. I was at Rehoboth in October when JC's adoptive family arrived and couldn't wait to get home to share the picture of his new family with his sponsor, a fellow church member here



in Bozeman. JC was severely malnourished and on death's door when he first came into the Rehoboth Children's Home. You can read **JC's Story** on page 8 of this newsletter. We are very grateful to our child sponsors for their faithfulness in helping us meet the children's needs every month.

There has been an influx of new children into the Home over the past several months who are in need of sponsors. Please consider if this is something you would like to give your heart to.

New Babies Needing Sponsors



Christian



Nikolas



Twins Anthony & Antonette



A Portion of Love Child Sponsorship Program

It is critical for the Rehoboth Children's Home to develop a support base for the ongoing operation of the Home. While other types of contributions and gifts can be sporadic or seasonal, a sponsorship program provides a predictable and consistent income for the Home by which to meet the daily needs of the children for food, clothing, and medical care. In addition to providing a stable income base, the sponsorship program is an opportunity for others to become involved and have a role in providing love and care that can transform the life of a child. A child sponsor can be an individual or couple, a Sunday School class, youth group or civic organization. Once a sponsor is matched with a child, they will receive a description of their child and how he or she came to be at the Rehoboth Children's Home. Regular updates and pictures will be provided throughout the year. Sponsors will have the opportunity to send letters, cards and small gifts to their sponsored child.

The sponsorship amount is \$25 per month. Since it costs more than \$25 per month to provide for the many needs of a child at the Rehoboth Children's Home, a sponsor's gifts will be combined with others to form an extended family of support for their sponsored child.

If you are interested in becoming a child sponsor through the PORTION OF LOVE sponsorship program, please complete the form below and return it to us at the Sacred Portion Children's Outreach.

Yes, I would like to sponsor a child for \$25 per month.

*Enclosed find my first payment of
\$ _____ to cover _____ months.*

*I cannot become a sponsor at this time, but I would like to make a contribution of
\$ _____ .*



Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Make checks payable and mail to: The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach
7104 Bristol Lane
Bozeman, MT 59715

All contributions are tax-deductible

JC's Story

Those of you who regularly read our newsletters probably remember the story of JC, a ten month old severely malnourished baby who came into the Rehoboth Children's Home in July of 2005. The staff were very concerned about this baby and feared that he would not survive. With the help of a nutritionist, JC did survive and, three months later, did not even look like the same child. JC continued to grow and thrive at Rehoboth and he is now a happy, healthy five year old boy. Because JC's case was an abandonment case, it had to go through the court system in the Philippines which can take several years. JC was finally legally declared abandoned and became available for adoption. He was matched with a family from California soon after. I had the privilege of being at the Rehoboth Children's Home in October when JC's adoptive family arrived to get him. They are a lovely family and have another adopted son from the Philippines who is nine years old. They also have two biological daughters. JC took to his new family right away and it was awesome to see him playing legos and coloring with his new older brother.

JC had a faithful sponsor during all of the years that he was in the Rehoboth Children's Home. His sponsor supported him monthly and sent him gifts of toys and clothing for special occasions such as Christmas. I could hardly wait to get home to share the picture of JC's new family with his sponsor. It is very rewarding for our child sponsors to see their sponsored children move on to a brighter future through adoption.

We wish JC a beautiful and happy life and thank God for the miracle that he is. God saved him by bringing him into Rehoboth and restored him to life and health. Now He has placed him into the arms of a loving family. JC's story is complete with a happy ending.



We Love You JC Boy!

Roy's Story

When I was in the Philippines in October, I was introduced to a new six month old baby at Rehoboth named Akiko. Akiko's birth mother had died on October 6 from brain cancer. It was such a sad story to hear how Roy, the husband, had literally carried his wife over his shoulders going from hospital to hospital trying to get help for her. After she died, Roy continued to care for his six children but Akiko was removed from the home by the local Department of Social Welfare and Development because of his vulnerability as a tiny infant. When the social worker from Rehoboth visited Akiko's father, he expressed his sincere desire to raise his children and described how he is attempting to provide for their needs by vending Sampaguita flowers, smoked fish and pan de sal in the streets. Although he is doing his best, his meager income is barely enough to support his children and they are currently receiving no education. Seeing his efforts to be a responsible father prompted us to consider how we might help him so that he could keep his other five children. We felt that perhaps if we bought him a bicycle he could expand his vending territory and that some cash as capital would help him to build up his business. A bag of rice, clothing and deworming medicine would address some of the immediate needs of his children.



I was able to go with Fe and Michelle, the social worker, on the day that these items of assistance were delivered to Roy. We had to climb a steep hill pushing the bike to get to the area where he lives. It is a desperately poor neighborhood of small shacks made from scraps of wood and metal, clustered closely together. There is no running water or toileting facilities. The house of Akiko's family is a space of approximately 6' by 8', a single room with one bed with wooden slats. I could see by a few decorative items on the walls, that an attempt had been made to make it a home. A small extension had been added to the home by some nursing students who were involved with Akiko's family during the

mother's illness. This area consists of a sitting bench, a small fire pit, a rack holding some dishes and a large water container.

We waited on the bench for Roy to come back from vending on the streets to prepare lunch for his children. People from the neighboring houses gathered around, curious to know what we were doing **there**. Roy's older sister was worried at first that we had come to take the children. Fe assured her that this was not the case, that rather we had come to provide Roy with some assistance, Michelle showed a picture of Akiko to the curious neighbors and suddenly the air was buzzing with comments of how healthy he looked compared to what he had been prior to going to Rehoboth.



Roy must have heard of our presence at his house because he arrived sweaty and out of breath from running up the hill. We visited with him for awhile and he described to us how he smokes the fish that he vends in the barrel sitting next to his house. As Fe began to talk to him about Akiko and his other children, he broke down into tears and I could see how much his children meant to him. It was apparent that the thought of losing his children in addition to his wife was more than he could bear. Fe explained that, because he was showing himself to be a responsible father, we were providing the bike and money so that he could build up his business and continue to raise his children.



This was our first time to use Annie's Fund to extend livelihood assistance to a family. It felt good to walk back down that hill from Roy's house with the hope that this would be one family that could remain intact.



It is often circumstances like Roy's where a birth parent dies and the other parent does not have the means to carry on that cause children to end up in places like Rehoboth. Our future vision for the expansion land is to develop support services for families to help them rise above their circumstances and provide for their children. But we don't need to wait until Phase Three of the expansion project to do that. We can begin now with Annie's Fund.

After providing the assistance to Roy, Annie's Fund was beginning to look a little depleted. The timing of Craig's arrival to join me for a week at Rehoboth was perfect as he carried with him a contribution that had been given for assistance to families in the area. It was enough to provide the kind of assistance we had given to Roy ten times over! God is so good.

The social work staff at Rehoboth will continue to follow-up with Roy to see how he is doing and whether there has been improvement to his situation. It would seem that the next step would be to get his children into school so that they can be receiving an education. If you would like to contribute to Annie's Fund, you can indicate your intention on the contribution envelope enclosed in this newsletter.

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:17-18

Home from the Philippines

Summer of Hope 2008

Our last two adoptive families from Summer of Hope 2008 brought their children home for good this fall. Debbi Busack arrived in the Philippines on September 2 to get Justin whom they met when he participated in the Boise program. Justin is from the Rehoboth Children's Home. The Corcoran family from Billings, Mt traveled to the Philippines on October 25 to bring home their host children, Elaine and Divina. The girls are from Hospicio de San Jose, a Catholic orphanage in Manila.



Debbi Busack with Justin in the guest apartment at the Rehoboth Children's Home



Justin's arrival home to the Busack family



The Corcoran family with host/adopted children, Elaine and Divina (above). Elaine and Divina relax in the airport on the flight home from the Philippines (left).

Adoption Finaliza-



Every country is a little different in the way that adoptions work. With some countries adoptions are finalized in the court system in the foreign country and the child comes home having been legally adopted by the family. With the Philippines, this finalization does not take place until after the child has been in the home for six months. During that interim period, a social worker visits the home three times and prepares a post-placement report, recommending finalization after the third visit. We had several families who finalized their adoptions this year and extend our congratulations to them!



The Holle family finalized their adoption of Annie on September 4, 2009. Annie was hosted by the Holle family of Billings, MT during Summer of Hope 2007. Friends and relatives gathered in the court room for the ceremony followed by a party at the Holle home. It was a happy day!



Corny and Shari Lee Kroon of Belgrade, MT hosted a sibling group of three during Summer of Hope 2007. They finalized their adoption of Angelica, Reynante and Ronaldo on September 29, 2009.



The following poems were written by Annie Holle, age 14, of Billings, Montana. Annie participated in the Summer of Hope program in 2007 and was adopted by her host family. Annie's adoption was finalized in September of this year. Annie's poems are especially poignant because the adjustment of a teenage girl to her adoptive family can be difficult. Annie's poems show us the miraculous change and progress that has taken place with bonding and attachment. We rejoice with her family and praise God for her beautiful talent of expression.

Annie's Poems



Flowers for you

I give my flower to you, I give my love to you. I share my story to you, because you are my peddle mom. I give my heart to you because flowers for you you share your heart to me. I know that I am special to you you are special to me. I would like to share to your grandchildren and tell you about it that man and daughter are special to each other in my life.

Flowers for you

Shining in My heart

You are my delight mother in my heart you are shining like a sun your voice is shining in my heart your teaching shining in my mind the love shining in your eyes. In my eyes, my heart is shining to you you are mine like shining my life if I don't have you the sun in my life all if my life is dark now look the sun shining in all world the sun is shining in you and me if it is me shine in the world what will happen in your life.

The End.

You Bless My Soul

Every day I thank God for every Blessing I am grateful Now that you are beside me there is a Holy Light between us You help me walk You help me grow your presence is a changing my world

You bless my soul with inspiration You bring the light from up above I hear your name in every heartbeat My Soul is blessing with flowing love.

Special

You are special in my life you are wonderful God made you special because you need me and I need you you bring joy, happy moment in my heart you are special in my heart if you are not in my heart my life will not complete, will not happy my heart will cry because if you I need you just like my father you are very very much special to me

All your values is special gift to me

true mom

true mom can make you happy true mom can make you special true mom is very beautiful in side in their hearts true mom is God send above in heaven true mom can trust you she will bring you a comfort thanks to God I have a very special mom like you the wings will never fly away if I never have a mother my life will never complete if you are not their yours I will say thanks god my mom still alive.

My mommy

My mommy feeds me my mommy helps me start the day. She always says I am beautiful and sometimes she say surprise.

My mommy hold's me tight and let me go to keep my secret if I'm lost she show the way if I cry she bears me she makes me better and she said

I love you at night my mommy and me wash our teeth and give her a kiss she tucks me into bed and in the morning she whispers and morning to you &

Vicki
Annie

Thank you Annie for sharing your beautiful talent with us. You are an inspiration.

Summer of Hope for Orphans



Outcome of Summer of Hope 2009

The Summer of Hope program was conducted in Bozeman and Hamilton, Montana this year. Twenty-three children, ages 6 to 14, participated with 7 children hosted in Bozeman and 16 children hosted in Hamilton. Aside from one single boy, the Hamilton children consisted of five sibling groups of three children each! Twelve families went through the preparation process to either host or serve as back-up families. Each community held a Hope Walk/Run to raise the funds to cover the airfare of the children and their escorts, passports, visas, medical insurance and other expenses associated with carrying out the summer program. The children arrived on July 13 and had a great time during their four week stay. They were exposed to many new ideas and experiences and had lots of fun participating in all of the activities that were provided for them. The children and escorts returned to the Philippines on August 10. We are pleased to announce that 21 out of the 23 children have families moving forward with adoption. We are advocating for a family for the remaining two children. The Summer of Hope program continues to be a successful strategy for finding adoptive families for children who are considered hard to place because they are older or are part of a sibling group. We are grateful to the families who opened their hearts and homes to host and to give these children a wonderful vacation in another country and culture. We are also in awe of the families who, in faith, are stepping out to make these children a permanent part of their family. They are aware of the challenges that lie ahead but are responding to God's call to care for the orphan.

Camille and John Paul... Brother and Sister in Need of a Family

Camille, age 14, and John Paul, age 11, were hosted by a family in Bozeman, MT. The family enjoyed having Camille and John Paul in their home but do not feel called to adopt this brother/sister pair. Camille desires to be adopted but would prefer to be in a family that has no other children or whose children are grown. Camille is all teenager and develops strong peer attachments. She related well with her host parents at times but also displayed some moodiness and had a tendency to withdraw in certain situations. Her host family observed that their interactions were better with her when they spent more time at home. Expressing her feelings through writing is a good outlet for Camille. Camille is in her second year of high school (grade 8) in the Philippines and is an average student. John Paul thoroughly enjoyed himself during his four week stay with his host family. He especially loved being in the water and swimming. John Paul was easy going and fun most of the time but would shut down when he was upset about something. He attends second grade in public school in the Philippines and has good academic performance.



The host family of Camille and John Paul will be happy to share additional information about the personalities and temperaments of these two children and their hosting experience. Please contact Jan at (406) 586-5773.

Summer of Hope 2010

It's nearing time to begin thinking seriously about Summer of Hope 2010. Boise, Idaho will be back on board as a host community after taking a year off. We will also be bringing children to Bozeman, MT and one or more communities in the Bitterroot Valley. A group of children from the Philippines has already been identified. We brought children from Colombia in 2006 through Kidsave International but 2010 will be our first time to do this under the auspices of The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach. We have been working for several years on developing our own Colombia summer hosting program and finally have approval from the Colombian government. We expect to get information on potential summer program children from Colombia by March. We are also working on a connection with Ethiopia and waiting to see how that takes shape. Informational meetings will be held in Bozeman and Hamilton, MT and Boise, ID over the next few months. If you are interested in hosting a child next summer or want to help out with the program, we would encourage you to attend one of these meetings. To find out about an informational meeting in your community, please contact the following people:

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Boise	Beth McDonald		(208) 672-8560	bethjmcdonald@aol.com
Bitterroot Valley	To be determined			

Summer of Hope for Orphans





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The logo features a yellow background with a white sunburst. In the center is a blue and green globe showing the Americas. Below the globe, the word "Hope" is written in a large, black, cursive font, and "for Orphans" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it.

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Montana Families Moving Forward with Adoption



Steeve Louie, age 10, is being adopted by his host parents, Nathan and Nikole Greer of Bozeman, MT.



Irish, age 10, and Cherry, age 8, are sisters who were hosted and are being adopted by the Blockey family of Bozeman, MT. The Blockey family also hosted and adopted in 2006.



Juliet, age 11, and Jaymark, age 9, are a brother/sister pair that was hosted by a family in Bozeman, MT. They are being adopted by Rob and Pam Liedle of Corvallis, MT.



Jaymark, age 9, Jayson, age 7, and Marcelo, age 5, were hosted by Rob and Pam Liedle of Corvallis, MT. They are being adopted by the Zohner family of Hamilton, MT who got to know the boys during their stay.

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Montana Families Moving Forward with Adoption



Lorence, age 14, is being adopted by his host family, the Greenfields of Corvallis, MT.



Rico, age 11, Alice, age 9, and Richard, age 7, are being adopted by their host family, the Wiricks of Hamilton, MT.



Majel, age 11, Maria, age 9, and Maria Mekael, age 6, are being adopted by their host family, the Busbys of Hamilton, MT.



Analiza, age 11, Aprilyn, age 9, and Anthony, age 7, are being adopted by their host family, the Angleas of Hamilton, MT.



Jaylord, age 12, Jimel, age 10, and John Ray, age 9, are being adopted by their host family, the Hixons of Stevensville, MT.

SPCO PROVIDES PRE-ADOPTION TRAINING

The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach conducted its first Pre-Adoption Training for families who are planning to go through the process of adoption. The training was held in Hamilton, MT on September 20 - 21 at the Cornerstone Bible Church. Most of the participants were families who hosted children this past summer and are moving forward with adoption. Ellen Warnock and Margie Van Dyk of Catholic Charities, Baltimore, MD graciously agreed to travel to Montana to conduct the training for us. They did an excellent job and, as a result of the training, the families feel prepared to take on the challenges that will come with older child adoption. The training was replicated in Bozeman, MT on November 20 - 21 by licensed social workers, Lynne Hooper and Gloria Dennis, for our Bozeman Summer of Hope families who are adopting their host children.



The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach is planning to provide the Pre-Adoption Training on a regular basis. It is not a requirement to have been a Summer of Hope family to participate in the training. All adoptive families are welcome to attend. The training will satisfy the requirements of adoption agencies and Hague accredited countries.

For more information on the Pre-Adoption Training, call 586-5773.

The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach is a licensed child placing agency with the State of Montana. We are able to do home studies for families adopting both domestically and internationally. We have a licensed social worker with whom we contract for the home studies. Please feel free to call us if you are in need of a home study. We will provide you with a home study packet and information on cost. We are happy to serve you in this capacity.

TOGETHER IN PARENTING

Post Adoption Prayer and Support Group

Last Thursday of Every Month

Evangelical Free Church Classroom #102

6:00 PM - Informal Sharing and Prayer Time

7:00 TO 8:30 PM - Parenting Session with Kate-Cremer Vogel, MS, LCPC

Eric's Endeavors

Phase Three of the Rehoboth Expansion Project includes Sustainable Agriculture which will be the growing of vegetables and raising of animals for consumption by the Children's Home. With 5 acres of empty ground sitting across the road from Rehoboth, it hasn't made sense to wait until Phase Three to utilize the land in this manner. Eric, the Rehoboth gardener and groundskeeper has begun a vegetable garden on the new land. When I was at Rehoboth in October/November, many of the dishes that were prepared by the kitchen staff contained string beans, egg plant, mustard leaf, white radish and bochoi from the garden across the way. Typhoons Ketsana and Santi wrecked some havoc on Eric's garden but, by the time I left, the flattened bean trellises were standing upright again and the garden was recovering nicely.



Eric approached me, while I was at Rehoboth, about the possibility of beginning to raise some hogs and chickens for the Home as a means of reducing the food budget. He discussed his ideas further with Craig who asked him to do up a financial plan and cost analysis of what we would actually save by raising our own meat. After looking over the information that he prepared, we authorized Eric to purchase two hogs for starters and the materials to build a small hog fattener house. Eric graduated from the University of Rizal in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Technology. He did his thesis project on hog finishing and snap bean production. Eric is excited about the prospect of working with animals again. There are already some goats on the property

that were purchased during Josh and Brita McKenzie's six month stay in overseeing the construction of the security wall. He also has a brood of ducks quacking around her renovated house that is located by the lagoon. So, it seems that the expansion land is becoming a farm before it is becoming anything else!

What is more important to me than how much money we save on growing vegetables and raising meat, is that Eric, a faithful and dedicated employee of Rehoboth, is finding satisfaction in his job. A Rehoboth supporter in Australia paid for Eric to go to Palawan last year to attend a three day training seminar on Sustainable Agriculture under the tutelage of Keith Mikkelson. Keith and his wife run an orphanage called Aloha House on the island of Palawan and Keith has written a book on the natural farming methods he is using to grow food for their orphanage. I had heard Keith speak at the Global Consultation on Child Welfare Services in 2007 which is when I first became enthused about the idea of Rehoboth developing this type of sustainability. Eric is wanting to put what he has learned into practice now, rather than later, and we want to support him in that. A few days after I returned home from the Philippines, I received a picture of Eric already starting to build the hog fattener house. He has assured me that, by following the farming methods he has learned, the pigs won't smell! If you have a heart for farming and would like to buy the next two hogs or some chickens for the Rehoboth "farm", Eric would be thrilled! Just add a note on the contribution envelope that says something like "pigs for Eric." The cost of buying a hog and fattening it for 120 days until slaughter is approximately 6,700 pesos or the equivalent of \$145 US dollars.





Money equals kids is the reality of the summer program. It costs between \$2,500 and \$3,000 per child participant which includes airfare, escorts, medical insurance, and summer activity fees. The number of children we bring in any given summer depends upon how much money we can raise. For Summer of Hope 2009, twenty-three children were identified to participate in the summer programs in Bozeman and Hamilton, Montana. This meant that we needed to raise, at a minimum, \$57,500. It is always a daunting task to take on this level of fundraising and there is a lot of nervousness on the part of each community wondering if they will be able to meet their fundraising goal. But each year of the summer program, God demonstrates His faithfulness to our cause. Between the two communities, a total of \$63,000 was raised! The excess funds will be put towards adoption assistance for those families who

have decided to move forward with the adoption of children who came this summer. There are not enough pages in this newsletter to even begin to acknowledge everyone who had a part in making Summer of Hope 2009 possible. We are grateful to everyone - the HOST FAMILIES and COMMUNITY COORDINATORS, who worked so hard to raise the funds, the people who formed teams and participated in the Hope Walk/Run, the many individuals and businesses who pledged money for team members, and those who gave in-kind donations of goods and services to help us keep our expenses down. We especially thank the health professionals in Bozeman and Hamilton who donated their services in providing medical and dental exams for the children while they were here and for much needed dental work for some of the children.

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Hamilton:

Dr. Dave Croteau - provided medical exams for all of the SOH Hamilton children
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Although we cannot acknowledge everyone who contributed to Summer of Hope 2009, we do want to make a special acknowledgment of

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 I will commit to praying for this ministry.

The **Sacred Portion Children's Outreach** is seeking to expand its Board of Directors. This commitment involves attending a two hour meeting approximately every two to three months and some possible time on special projects. If you have a heart for orphans, an interest in adoption issues, or an area of expertise such as grant writing or fund raising, please consider this opportunity to serve. For more information call **586-5773**.

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