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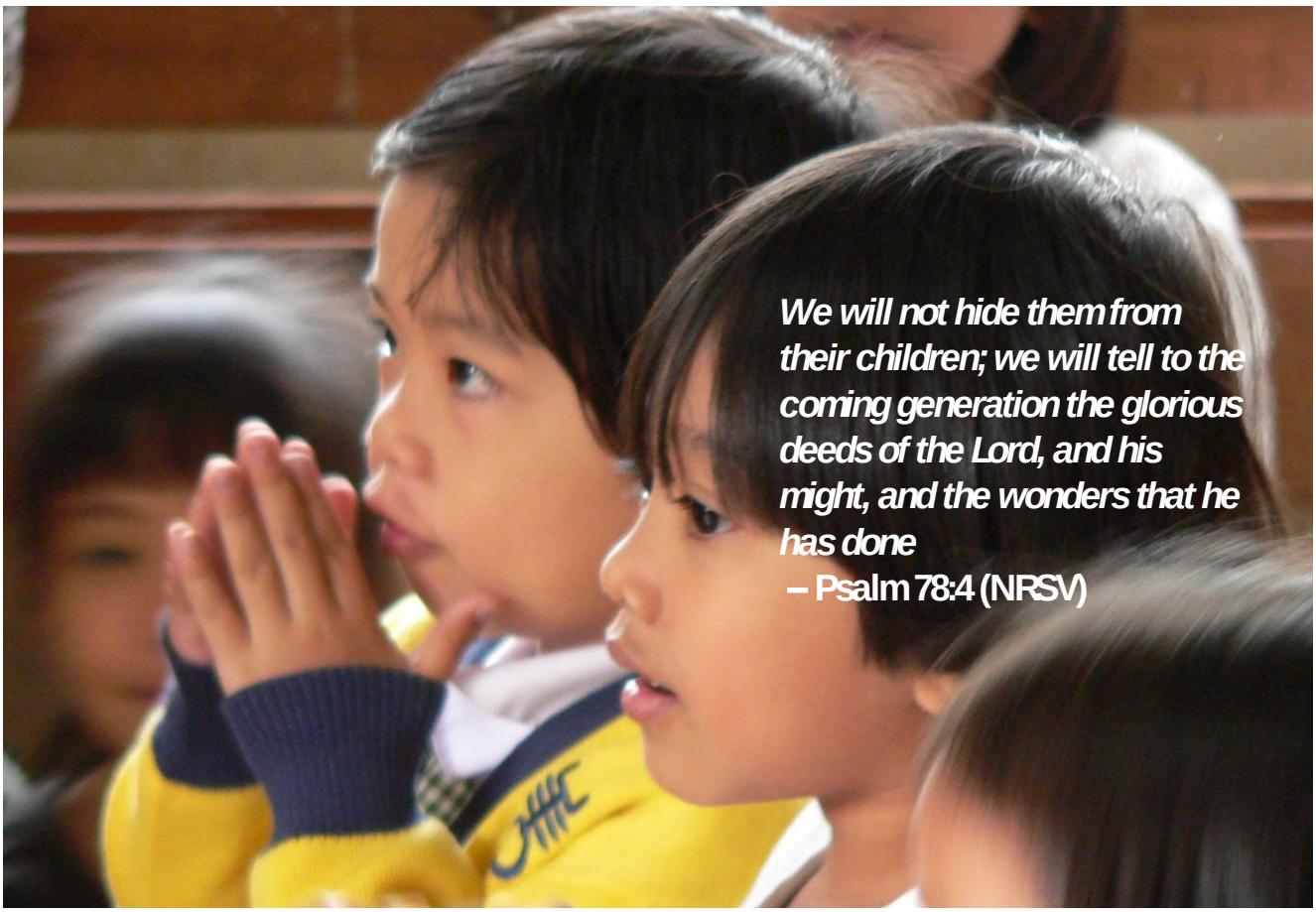
Children's Ministry in the Philippines



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Kids love stories and the Diocese of the Southern Philippines wants to enhance children's awareness of Scripture by producing and distributing DVDs of Bible stories to them. Their program will benefit some 4,500 children around the diocese – some whose families belong to the Church and some who do not. Bishop Stephen Neill wrote that 'life is filled with meaning as soon as Jesus Christ enters into it'. By supporting this program, you'll be able to fill the lives of 4,500 kids with meaning.

In total we are trying to raise $12,500 in 2009

Chances are that if you've been an Anglican for a long time you can trace your faith journey back through a Sunday School or youth program. The Diocese of the Southern Philippines gives children's ministry a high priority: '…most of those who are products of the children's ministry of the Church in the past are the ones who have a deep commitment to the Church's programs at present', they tell us. They want to employ a person to run an effective Children's Ministry Program and are asking Australian Anglicans through ABM to help them do this. This will mean that Sunday School, youth camps and school holiday programs can be conducted for the children of the diocese.

- **$120** is the cost of hiring broadcast equipment for a month
- **$850** reproduces children's audiovisual materials

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Diocese of the Southern Philippines, and in particular for Bishop Danilo Bustamante and his priests and people.
- Pray that children in the Philippines will be able to grow up in safety, without the threat of violence.
- Pray that lasting peace and reconciliation can be achieved in Mindanao through the efforts like Project IMPACT (Interfaith Mindanao for Peace, Advocacy, Change and Transformation), a project of the Episcopal Diocese of the Southern Philippines.

Other Resources:
http://episcopalchurchphilippines.org/edsp.aspx

Robert McLean - Church to Church Manager

Robert has often described himself as a professional Anglican who has worked in a variety of Church contexts. His motivation is to help the Church to become stronger, more vibrant and focused on growth.

Although the development sector is new for him, Robert finds it both challenging and rewarding**.** His most significant moment at ABM was hearing a first-hand account of the plight of the people of Zimbabwe from the Bishop of Harare, Dr Sebastian Bakare. Robert is grateful for the generous support that ABM donors give to this project and to the Church to Church Program.

As the manager of the Church to Church Program, he is able to develop the skills he's acquired working for the Anglican Church during most of his adult life. Robert says that whether it is through his contact with Anglicans in Australia or in our partner Churches overseas, he knows that he is working with members of his own family.

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OUR PROFILE ABM is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia.
We work with Anglican Church Partners to develop and provide for the spiritual, social and material needs of people, both overseas and within Indigenous communities in Australia. We help the Anglican Church and the wider community realise and respond to the call for each of us to be a part of God's hope for the world.