



SEED Harvest Report

Student **E**vangelization, **E**ducation, and **D**evelopment
For the Children of the Philippines

A Ministry of *Arise & Shine Evangelistic Association*

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This report is produced quarterly as a means of informing our wonderful sponsors of "what's happening" at our schools. We would also love to hear from any of you if you have something to share about your part in our program! All of us at ASEA thank you for helping us help the children of the Philippines.



"To give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

Isaiah 61:3

Arise & Shine Academy 15th Commencement Exercises

It's hard to believe we have now completed 15 years of educating the children of the Philippines! God has tremendously blessed this ministry and we are so excited to see the results. This year, in addition to those who graduated from Arise & Shine Academy, we had three SEED students complete and graduate from college! Amy Rodriguez completed her Bachelor of Science, Secondary Education Degree with a Major in English. Gerlyn Mollaneda completed her Bachelor of Science, Secondary Education with a Major in Technology and Home Economics. Mark Agbada graduated as a Computer Technician. This is something to shout about! We are very proud of all of our students who have worked very hard to accomplish their goals.

Our High School Graduates that will continue in the SEED Program for college studies are: Ivan Lacsam (Mechanical Engineering); Hezekiah Lagazo (Accountancy); Catherine Cantalejo (Management and Entrepreneurship); Erwin Abinal (Physical Therapy); Jireh Dagdag (Secondary Education); Fey Carl DelosSantos (Secondary Education); and Rebecca Cacao (Nursing).



High School Graduates



Sixth Grade Graduates



Preschool Graduates



REMEMBER!

Your sponsorship payments should be sent to:

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Correspondence for your Student should be sent to:
SEED: Your Child's Name
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Welcome to all our New Sponsors! We thank God for you and your desire to help us reach the children of the Philippines!

If you would like to contact ASEA regarding this report, you may write or call the address on the back, or e-mail Dirk Wood: DirkEWood@msn.com. We would love to hear from you.

The Journey to Graduation



Jirah Dagdag – Praise and honor to our Almighty God for the splendid work He accomplished in Jirah Dagdag during her fourth and final year of High School at Arise & Shine Academy. Jirah, a student in the SEED Program, shares a glimpse from the days before her final school year began. Her idle moments always found her mind dreaming of Graduation Day – marching up on the stage with satisfaction for her accomplishments. She always prayed to God for His hand to move mightily upon her. And so her journey as a graduating student began. God granted Jirah responsibilities as she was chosen as the Student Council's Vice-President. She was also an assistant leader of one of the Teams in the Christian Leadership Training Program. During the first and second quarters everything went fine. "It's not that tough," she thought!

Jirah had met her PACE requirements for the first half of the year. She had passed her conventional subjects. She was the top student in her class at mid-year. Then, the third quarter came, the busiest time of the school year. Jirah had a large role in the Student Extravaganza. She was appointed as a Team Leader for the Sports Fest. Then, the ACE National Student Convention came up and Jirah competed in various events and was chosen as the School Representative. This quarter proved to be so difficult for her to meet all the requirements. Yet, by God's grace she still maintained her academic stability. Now, as the last quarter comes to an end, she has made it. God's has generously blessed all of her hard work.

Fey Carl DelosSantos – This young lady from Golden City was once a very timid girl. Yet, by the grace of God and the influence of her teachers, she is now a very active student of Arise & Shine Academy. Fey was elected as President of the Student Council for her final school year. She worked hard with the Concerned Parents Association and the faculty of Arise & Shine Academy, initiating projects and activities that benefited the students and school as a whole. As a student, she always kept in her mind the advice given by Pastor Conrad, her monitors, teachers, supervisors and parents – "Go on and do the best that you can do." We know her parents are proud to know she did just that. Fey Carl has been inspired by her teachers and wants to become one. She desires to bring out the potentials of her students and be a part of their lives.



God is Our Great and Powerful Provider

John Erick Apolinar is one of our sponsored students. He has just finished Grade Six. We would like to share with you how God really blessed him and his family. Last October, John Erick became very ill. His aunt sent him to the doctor because she discovered a lump behind his neck. The doctor told them that he had a cancer that needed to be operated on as soon as possible. But, first he needed to take a strong antibiotic for two weeks. After two weeks of the medicine, nothing had changed with his lump. The doctor recommended a surgeon who did a lot of tests. He discovered that it was not a cancer, but a problem with his lungs. Praise the Lord! The doctor recommended he continue with the medication for six months. It was so hard for his family to provide for this medicine. They didn't have enough money, but with God's help, everything Erick needed was provided. Our pastor had a friend and God used him to donate enough medicine for three months. Now he is gaining a little bit of weight. He still needs three more months of medication. Thank you for praying for Erick!

Wilbert Gelliego has been at ASA for six years. He has honestly loved the school, learning a lot of things – sometimes embarrassing, sometimes exciting, sometimes awful and sometimes sad. But, through all this he has grown up to be a better person, a better student, a better son and most of all, a better Christian. When Wilbert started studying here, his father had no permanent job. His mother was only a laundry lady. He has one sister and four brothers and Wilbert is the oldest. His mother passed away last year. Without her guidance, it was really hard for him to be the oldest son. He was helping his father raise up his brothers and sister, but his father is not a Christian. At this time of his life, the school plays a very important role. It helps him to learn about God and His love that cares for him and comforts him when he needs it. What a blessing it was for him to be in the school during those times. Wilbert is very thankful to God for ASA which is training him academically, helping him to be more disciplined and responsible, and teaching him about God's plan for his life. He would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that God has used to mold his life and make him a better person – his teachers, supervisors, our Principal, our missionaries and his sponsor. Most of all he would like to thank our loving Heavenly Father for giving him this school. Just recently, Wilbert began living at the church (along with several other young men) and he is getting some help for his daily needs.

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