



Family Circus Children's Ministry Update
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"Met at the Door!"

Hello again, friends.



It was early Wednesday morning. I had finished exercising and was at McDonald's, just finishing a cup of coffee and two hot cakes with peanut butter and chocolate chips. As I walked out the door, a thin street child met me at the door and gave me a gentle hug. Rainara is about

12 years old. As I greeted her and the small group of street kids that she mothers, I turned to get on my motorcycle, but then another smaller child came running over and screamed to Rainara, "Your baby brother is in the street! He was hit by a car and he's dead." Rainara ran to her brother and scooped him up in her arms, weeping as the policeman intervened and instructed the driver to take her and her little brother to the hospital. By that time I saw that the little boy, nicknamed Rocky, was moving and thankfully not dead as feared.

I followed the driver to the hospital and checked on Rainara and Rocky while they were in the emergency room. The driver said, "They are just irresponsible children playing in the street." I did not get into an argument with them, since they were taking responsibility for the expenses, but I felt like saying, "No, they are some of the most responsible, precious children you'll ever meet. Yes, they live on the street, but they find their own food, they take care of each other, and when they are hurt they do what any adult should do,

they try and do their best to help each other. They demonstrate more responsibility than many adults."



There are 5,000 of these kids living on the streets of our town. Most of them don't act like angels. They act like kids. Hungry, needy kids.

We canceled services at Family Circus about a week ago for one weekend. No, it wasn't a holiday. We simply did not have the funds to bring the kids in. It costs to pay for *jeepneys* to go out and pick them up from the different crowded low income areas around town, and we didn't have the funds. We've canceled services before (a year or so ago) for the same reason, but it still hurts. We never know if it's the last time that some child may have a chance to hear about God's love. For more than a week I did not see Rainara or her brother or any of the little family that she watches over. **(In May we stepped out by faith to have the city install 3 phase electricity for the bakery/cafe/teraria, the expense has impacted our finances. Thank God two thirds of the \$11,500 installation fee has been miraculously provided).* Also thank you to those who have picked us up or increased us in monthly support!

Thankfully last Wednesday while finishing another meal at McDonald's I looked up to see Rainara and all her little children excitedly peering in the window, waving at me. Rainara had Rocky in her arms. She showed me where Rocky had been scraped from his head to his feet by the pavement when the car ran over him. Thankfully he's healing well.



What did Jesus say? "When I was sick, you visited me...Whatever you did for the least of these you did it for me." It's not rocket science, it's simply making the same decision every day. Following Jesus, reaching, teaching, feeding and loving the least of these.

For the King & His kids,
Darrell & Sandy Blatchley

P.S. For those who remember the "Update: Bill Problems":

He is gaining strength but will need to be on expensive TB (liquid) medicine for 5 – 6 months. We've been informed that the government provides the BIG TB tablets for adults for free, but not for children. I understand that it's about \$6 a bottle @ week for his liquid medicine, and his 5 year old brother John Lee at 2' 8" only 23 lbs desperately needs it as well plus they both will need five other medications. I don't think they'll make it without someone helping. It rips at me to see kids dying...and it's preventable. We'll do our part, and we ask you do your part and to pray that God supplies the resources.



There may be shortages on Wall Street, but God isn't broke.



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