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Spring has Sprung

In my last newsletter I mentioned how I felt that God was moving me into a new season. During Spring many of us will have a “spring clean” as winter ends and we prepare for summer. Spring often brings the hope and prospect of something new and this has certainly been a feeling for me.

I know God continues to have big plans for City Gates and its role in the Philippines and it such an honour to be a part of that. We are beginning to see our sphere of influence grow and new opportunities given to us to reach more people.

The academy continues to grow from strength to strength and I feel that as a staff we have really bonded this year. For some it is now their 4th year of teaching at the academy and I am able to encourage them to build on the confidence they have developed over the past few years and it is making a big impact on standards of teaching and learning.

Watch this space... it is an exciting time!



Celebrating Filipino Week 2018 – amazing costumes!!!



Recent outing with Teachers and Staff during a National Holiday... worth the 3:30am start! It is a blessing to work with these amazing people

Blessings,

With love always x x x

Lynette

Baby Eze



Not being a mother I cannot really truly begin to imagine the dilemma faced when your child is sick and you not only have the concern of your child and their treatment but also the thought of where you will get the finances to pay for the care. With no NHS and a poor public health system, for which you still have to pay, that was the reality for one of our teachers when her 2 week old baby got very sick. I am so thankful to the family of God that extends across the globe who prayed, provided and encouraged this family during a very difficult time. Baby Eze is now home and doing amazingly well and getting chubbier by the day! Thank you to all who prayed and supported.

CGA turns 13!

City Gates Academy is now 13. Celebrating an anniversary always gives you an opportunity to reflect, evaluate and review the previous years. As I spent time doing that this year I have been overwhelmed by what God has enabled us to achieve. This year we now have more than 130 children coming through our doors between Antipolo and Coron campuses and we are building deeper and stronger relationships with our parents.



Reading partnerships at CGA



As I mentioned in my last newsletter plans were beginning for a reading programme with several groups of ladies in Manila. I am delighted to report that in August this plan became a reality! Every Wednesday morning 4 volunteers from various womens ex-pat organisations in Manila come out to City Gates and spend 2 hours listening to our children read. It has been highly successful and we are seeing such improvements not only in the children's reading but also in their English and confidence to converse in English with adults.

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