



LIVE TO LEARN becomes **BELIEVE** International

BELIEVE International Core Values:

- Trust
- Excellence
- Accountability
- Self Reliance
- Mutual Respect
- Service
- Maintaining Positive Family Relationships
- Leadership

Our Mission

BELIEVE International is committed to helping impoverished Filipino youth become productive, successful adults and leaders who exhibit a positive influence in their communities. This is accomplished by providing the needed resources for the very poor to attend school, encouraging excellence in academic studies and creating opportunities for students and their families to internalize positive core values and leadership skills.

A New Name

This has been a very exciting year for the Live to Learn Foundation. Many things have changed – including our name.

Since our inception in 2001 we have provided educational support to impoverished children in the Philippines, hoping to create self-reliance and job opportunities among our sponsored students.

In five years, 62 students have graduated from high school and now many are working or pursuing further education. Numerous lives have been changed, but we know we can do more!

In December 2006 we changed our name to **BELIEVE International** to reflect a new focus on helping youth understand and internalize core values and develop leadership skills. In addition to providing educational assistance, our volunteer coordinators periodically meet with the students and their families and teach core values. Students are encouraged to seek to understand and live these and practice them in their home with their family.

The name “**BELIEVE**” stands for **B**uilding **E**ffective **L**eadership, **I**ntegrity, **E**xcellence and **V**alues through **E**ducation.

Expanding Throughout the Philippines

In April of this year, two of our volunteers from the United States (Carvel and Betty Whiting) visited the Philippines, retraining all of our local volunteer coordinators in the new, expanded approach (teaching **BELIEVE** core values) and opening eight new areas, which more than doubled the number of cities where we have students.

With this expansion, effective last June for the 2007-2008 school year, we are now sponsoring students in fifteen different cities across the country and include the following:

- Antipolo, Rizal
- Lemery, Batangas
- Nasugbu, Batangas
- San Pablo, Laguna
- Siniloan, Laguna
- Lopez, Quezon
- Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte
- Daet, Camarines Norte
- Naga, Camarines Sur
- Tigaon, Camarines Sur
- Santo Domingo, Albay
- Kalibo/Numancia, Aklan
- Iloilo, Iloilo
- General Santos, South Cotabato
- Koronadal, South Cotabato

2007-2008 Statistics

- Total number of students currently being sponsored = 294
 - Elementary Students = 108
 - High School Students = 168
 - College Students = 16
 - Special Ed Students = 2
- New students this year = 130
- Since 2002
 - High School Graduates = 62
 - Total one-year sponsorships granted = 1,001



BELIEVE
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*Building Effective
Leadership Integrity
Excellence and
Values through
Education*

A 501(C)(3) Non-profit Organization

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Student Spotlight



*James Lopez, Graduated
Sponsored Student*

James Lopez was a sponsored student during our first year of operation and graduated that year from high school. He continued to study at Bicol University in Legazpi City as a journalism student. It was a challenge financially, and at times he only had one meal a day. In March of this year he graduated cum laude! Today, James is teaching English at Camarines Norte State College. Perhaps the neatest thing about James' story is that he wants to help others succeed in the same way he has. Presently, James is supporting the education of several college students and the university he attended. We are very proud of James!

Profiles in Caring

BELIEVE International will be featured on TV this fall or winter in a program called Profiles in Caring. In July, Kimberly Perkins Klintworth and Doug Jardine of Profiles in Caring visited the Philippines to document the work of three charities, one of which was **BELIEVE** International.

They captured on film a glimpse of the changes we are bringing into the lives of our students. They were accompanied on this trip by Stephen Kirk of **BELIEVE** and Wendy Bird of Pearls With a Purpose (a charity affiliated with **BELIEVE**).

You can learn more about Profiles in Caring as well as broadcast stations in your area at: www.profilesincaring.org

Did You Know?

According to the Philippine Department of Education, approximately only 50% of students who begin elementary school will graduate from high school.



Kimberly Klintworth and Doug Jardine of Profiles in Caring

We Need Sponsors . . .

We are in need of more sponsors as we expand our services across the Philippines. If you would like to sponsor additional students or have friends or family who would like to sponsor a student, please refer them to our website: www.believeinternational.org or have them email us at: info@believeinternational.org.

We appreciate your support!