

World Champions in the Philippines!

One of OM's ships, the Doulos, visited Cebu city in the Philippines in 2001. Many homeless people lived in the port where the ship stayed, and crew members soon befriended the street children living there. They organised games, gave away clothing and books, and talked with the children about God's love. One family made such good friends with the people from the Doulos that when the mum had a baby, she called him Doulos! It was difficult for people to say goodbye when the ship left.



But God can use anyone to do His work, not just missionaries! Some young people from Cebu saw how much work had been done with the street children, and decided to continue it themselves! So they got together and started a Saturday afternoon club for those children.

Soon they saw street children in other areas and started clubs there too.

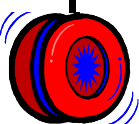
Now there are clubs for street children in seven areas of Cebu, and OM works with the young people to show God's love to them through special outings, camp trips, sports festivals, parties and Bible studies. As well as all this, their parents can now get help with job training and opportunities to make money for their families, education, and medical help. All this because God chose to use a few young people to do His work!



This girl is reading a book about Jesus that people from the Doulos gave her. It's English title is 'The Greatest Story ever told'.



The yo-yo was originally used as a weapon in the Philippines.



Did you know?...

People in the Philippines greet each



Philippines has over 170 languages!



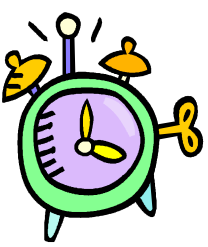
NEVER point at something if you go to the Philippines—it's considered to be very rude!



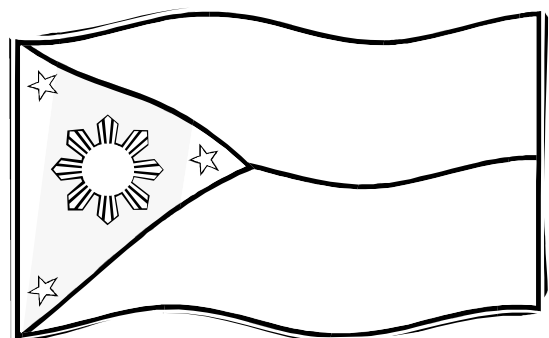
Balut is a favourite delicacy in the Philippines. They take duck eggs a few days before they hatch, boil them, then eat the unhatched duckling!

In the Philippines, you are seen as too eager if you arrive on time to parties. The more important you are the later you are expected to turn up.

Some people come up to two hours late! (This doesn't count for school though!)



The sun and stars on the Philippines flag are yellow while the background is white. The stripes on the flag are blue and red. Blue is always on top when there is peace in the country, but red goes on top when there is a war!



Golden Heart — A World Champion in the Philippines!

Golden Heart is a ten-year old boy who lives on the streets in Cebu. He attends one of the clubs that OM and young people in Cebu run every week. One week, he was asked what his dream was to be when he grew up. He said that he wanted to be a pastor. He was asked a few more times, and every time he had the same answer—he wants to be a pastor when he grows up. We know that God can use anyone to do His work. Pray that Golden Heart's dream will come true and that he will be able to serve God as a pastor one day.



Rice is one of the main foods eaten in the Philippines. Try this easy cheesy rice recipe that Filipino children LOVE! This recipe serves four people, so find three friends and have fun!

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- 2 cups hot cooked rice
- 1/2 cup grated cheese
- A pinch of salt and pepper
 - sour cream
 - bacon bits

Put the rice, cheese, salt and pepper together in a saucepan. Keep stirring and cook until the cheese melts.

Top each serving with 2 spoons of sour cream and 1 spoon of bacon bits.



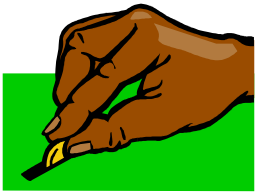
World Champions... Pray!

Please pray for the children in the Philippines.

Pray for the clubs for street children in Cebu, that children there will be safe, well fed, and healthy. Most of all, pray that they will learn to love Jesus and that He will use them to do His work, while they are children and when they grow up.

Pray also for the Doulos, which travels around the world sharing God's love with people.

How shall we remember to pray for the Philippines and the Doulos this month? Well, how about every time you see or eat rice, pray for the Philippines! Whenever you have a bath or a shower, look at the water and pray for the Doulos!



World Champions... Give!

Would you like to help the children's clubs in Cebu to keep helping street children and telling them about Jesus?

You can by giving! They need money for things like food, clothing and to help pay for camps for the children. If you would like to save a bit of money for them, send it to us and we'll make sure they get it.

These Filipino children are standing in a rice paddy, a field where rice is grown in water.



World Champions... Go for it!

Do you believe that God can use YOU to do His work? Or do you think you're not old enough, or not smart enough, or don't know enough about God? Remember the theme of this month's newsletter. God can use ANYONE to do His work—that means even you! Don't take our word for it—look in the Bible. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 and remember this month's memory verse. If we are God's children, that must mean He thinks we can do His work!

We must also remember that God chooses people to work for Him that we may not expect, people like Joy and Golden Heart. Maybe there are other Christian children you know who you don't really like. Remember that God can also let them do His work. This should change how you act towards them as well.

So think about how you can be a World Champion and work for God this month in your actions, thoughts and in what you say. School holidays are coming up—how can you show God's love to other people then? Perhaps there is someone you know who others don't think much of. Remember that God loves them and can use them. What can you do to show love to them as well?

***Why not make a big sign of this month's memory verse to stick on your mirror?
Whenever you look in the mirror and read the verse,
you can remember that God can use ANYONE to do His work, even YOU!***



'World Champions' is made by OM New Zealand, where we want people of all ages to be a part of the wonderful things God is doing around the world. Why not contact us and see how else you can get involved?

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