

IDF Child Sponsorship Program

life for a child with diabetes



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Thank you to all our sponsors for your continued support of the Program, which is assisting children with diabetes in developing countries. The program is progressing well, and we expect to have tax deductibility for the program within a couple of months.

FIJI

Fiji does not yet have any formally trained paediatric diabetes educators. Mrs Angela Middlehurst, an experienced paediatric diabetes educator at Diabetes Australia-NSW, visited Fiji in November 2001. Angela spent two weeks in the country, visiting the three main hospitals - Lautoka and Suva on the main island of Viti Levu, and also Labasa on the island of Vanua Levu. Between them, these hospitals cared for all the children with diabetes in the country. Angela participated in workshops attended by trained nurses and dietitians, and personally met many of the children and their families being supported by the program.

THE PHILIPPINES

Dr Graham Ogle was able to visit the three centres in Manila that are receiving funds from the program. These are:

- Philippine General Hospital / University of the Philippines, which receives referrals from all over the country.
- The Philippine Center for Diabetes Education - a unique clinic situated within the prestigious private Makati Medical Center, that cares not only for wealthier families but also many children and adults from impoverished situations.
- The Institute for the Study of Diabetes at the University of East Ramon Magsaysay, which manages many poor patients, and educates health professionals.

Dr Ogle was able to meet most of the sponsored children, and all the diabetes doctors and nurses looking after them, as well as the HOPE *worldwide* (Philippines) staff who look after the financial aspects of the program. It was gratifying to see that all aspects of the program are going according to plan.



Dr Jose Miranda measuring Eiffel, one of the sponsored children in the Philippines.



Four sponsored children at the Philippine Center for Diabetes Education are shown with Roland Thompson. Roland is a long-term survivor of diabetes, having commenced treatment 55 years ago in the early days of the Joslin Clinic. He is active in the Diabetes Association, and an inspiration to the children.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The two children living in the highlands - Jacklyne and Muo - are doing well, thanks to the supplies from the program, and dedicated physicians in the country. One child is being looked after at the Summer Institute of Linguistics clinic in Ukarumpa, the other is now more secure, living with her father in Kundiawa, and managed by telephone and fax contact with HOPE *worldwide* staff in Port Moresby.

Thank you for your support of the program!

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