



John D.V. Salvador  
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# The John D.V. Salvador *foundation*

## Rising to the Challenge



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DEAR FRIENDS,

The year 2007 was an incredible time of progress for the JDVS Foundation and the St Martin de Porres Home for Children. The boys are now inhabiting the new dormitory built for them in 2006. The construction and completion of the girls' cottages has been an exciting endeavor. Designed to create a smaller and more intimate atmosphere, the cottages will allow the girls, under the supervision of SMDP staff and volunteers, to develop the skills they need to care for themselves and others and grow into independent, self-sufficient young women within a family setting.

Self-sufficiency is a core value at St. Martin. Together, the girls and boys are cultivating the food that they bring to their communal table. Working alongside the SMDP staff and volunteers, they are now cultivating and maintaining the arable farmland that surrounds their residence. They are now growing vegetables and rice and learning how to tend the property's fruit trees, and they have also built a pond and a coop for the chickens and ducks that round out their diet.

The children have made great strides in learning to provide for themselves in healthy ways. But much of the credit for their success goes to the dedicated SMDP staff and volunteers who are helping them heal the wounds from the adult neglect most of them have suffered. The network of supportive adults with whom the children interact was enriched this past year when the Manila branch of Deutsche Bank Asia paid them a very special Christmas visit. By treating them to a day of celebration and entertainment, the 120 Deutsche Bank employees brought truly priceless smiles to the children's faces.

Though the children were not on hand to witness it, another demonstration of concern for their welfare took place half a world away in London last May, when the JDVS Foundation hosted its first wine tasting and auction at the Lanesborough Hotel. A huge turning point in fundraising for 2007, the evening of wine tasting and aggressive bidding helped the JDVS Foundation raise roughly £67K. Thanks to that night alone, plans for building an on-site schoolhouse for the children in 2008 are well under way. We are also working to develop a vocational training program in order to give the children more opportunities to learn skills that will help them secure a prosperous future. This year will also see the construction of a chapel where the children of SMDP will be able to deepen their faith and express gratitude for all the blessings bestowed upon them. Helping SMDP Founder Father Boyet's mission to strengthen the children spiritually by giving them a place of worship are donations from Deutsche Bank Asia, KPMG, and many generous citizens from around the world.

As always, my gratitude is endless for all the friends, volunteers and financial supporters of the JDVS Foundation. The members of the JDVSF board join me in extending their thanks for your financial support, as well as the powerful word of mouth you've helped to generate. Your ongoing commitment to the children of St. Martin made 2007 a banner year for the children, who are now living a life they never dreamed possible. For us at the JDVSF, your support enabled us to deliver on our commitment to develop and complete the girls' dormitory by year's end. For children who were forced by the adults in their lives to fend for themselves, every promise kept helps heal the trauma of their early lives. Thank you for helping us rise to the challenge of building them a home where adults see to it that children can be children!

We look forward to continuing that very important work in 2008.

With my best wishes and respect,

M. Lizelle Salvador, *Chairman*

### The John D.V. Salvador Foundation

A commitment to give at-risk children the opportunity to thrive.

### The Mission

As children grow, they enrich the lives of those around them, and once they mature they have the chance to make a difference. But in order to fully develop this potential, children need and deserve a healthy, secure, and supportive environment. The John D.V. Salvador Foundation (JDVSF) works to establish, fund, and support programs to benefit children who, without the consistent care of loving parents, might fall victim to the poverty, disability, and abuse that could thwart development of their innate, unique gifts.



## Letter From Father Boyet

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE POOR,

Throughout 2007, the children of St. Martin saw their lives continue to change along with the physical transformation of their surroundings. Far superior to the makeshift shelters they used to inhabit on the streets of Manila, the small home that St. Martin's children used to share is now far less cramped as new quarters are being built. The expansion of St. Martin is concrete proof of God's love, mercy, and compassion.

The Spirit's continuous guidance and inspiration can be seen in the boys' "Our Lady of Akita" dormitory, which was built thanks to the generosity of the John D.V. Salvador Foundation, Deutsche Bank, and the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines. After the dormitory's inauguration, the boys excitedly moved into their new home, where today they are flourishing. Clear house rules, loving supervision, and material comfort provide the foundation for their continued healing, as does an expansive music room, where, under the tutelage of Prof. Jomer Castro, the boys work to become more proficient players of the rondalla, the marimba, and the violin.

Through the kindness of the JDVS Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie and May Deischer, two more friends of the mission, some girls of St. Martin also have a new home to call their own. Constructed in honor of their late house mother, Angelita, a cosy cottage called "Casa Angelita" offers eighteen girls the opportunity to live communally as one big family, learning to care and cook for one another. Guided by Dutch volunteer Juliette Kwee, the girls are marvels of self-sufficiency, doing everything from household chores to homework together.

Though God is the architect of all these enhancements to the children's lives, all of us at St. Martin will forever be indebted to you for the valuable assistance you've provided. Thanks to you all, the children's dreams of having a real home and a brighter future are now being realized. God bless you.



FATHER BOYET

## A Note from The Treasurer

WITH THE JOHN D.V. SALVADOR Foundation's accounts settled for 2006/2007, I'm happy to report that once again, the Foundation in the U.K. and the U.S. had a successful fundraising year. Together they raised a total net of US\$241,955, a 2 percent increase over the funds raised in 2005/2006, the Foundation's first year of operation. These gains were largely attributable to the successful wine tasting and auction held in London on May 10, 2007.



From left: Carmelita Salvador, Mia Theresa Quimpo (architect), Leoncia Maneja (engineer), Hugo Bänziger

On the cost side, our administrative expenditures dropped to US\$7,943. Compared with our first year of operations, this represents a 65 percent decrease in the costs borne during our first year of operation, which saw a substantial outlay of legal fees associated with the Foundation's launch. Nevertheless, we still achieved an efficiency ratio of 96.7 percent, just slightly under the Board's stated goal of 97 percent.

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## Year Two for JDVSF



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Given the Foundation's healthy financial position, we were able to increase our contributions to the expansion of St. Martin de Porres. In 2006-2007, we spent US\$92,345 to fund the construction of two family-sized girls' dormitories, following our 2005/2006

expenditure of US\$79,816 on construction of a dormitory for the boys.

The Foundation ended its second fiscal year with net asset values of US\$275,653. These funds are now being used to fund the completion of the second girls' dormitory—a cottage-

type facility to encourage communal living—and the commencement of the St. Martin de Porres school, which is set to begin soon and will consume the entirety of the JDVSF 2007/2008 funding budget, US\$250,000.

Hugo Bänziger, *Treasurer*



## 2008 Goals: CONTINUING TO THRIVE—AND STRIVE

THERE ARE MANY initiatives under way this year to help the children develop their interpersonal, social, livelihood, and musical skills. This summer, they will attend a five-day retreat at a wellness center in Zambales, Philippines. Under the tutelage of a professional clinical psychologist, they will hone personal relationship skills through experiential learning. To sustain all that they will learn in Zambales, a series of activities involving group dynamics and group counseling will take place upon their return to St. Martin. These are being developed by Father Boyet, along with a clinical psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, a teacher, and a doctor, who will continue to help instill in them Filipino values, including respect, good manners, and proper self-conduct, as well as personal care.

Ten selected children between the ages of 12 and 18 years are now taking part in a newly established mentoring program created by Deutsche Bank Manila. Each child is matched with one compatible adult from Deutsche Bank who will meet with him or her every two months and correspond in between those visits via mail. The opportunity to connect with professional adults and to establish friendships and role models outside of their immediate environment is sure to prove tremendously fulfilling.



*A perspective of the on-site school house at SMDP.*

Over the summer months, the children will continue to develop their skills. Six times a week, two tutors will teach 1.5-hour classes in grammar, reading and comprehension, and mathematics. Technical Education & Skills Development Authority (TESDA), a firm that sets the technical education standards in the Philippines, will also offer onsite instruction to the children in traditional Filipino food production, meat processing, candle-making and more. The children will also

get more involved with the propagation of plants and vegetables under the supervision of the SMDP gardener and staff.

Music lessons will continue three times a week. The addition of many new instruments to the St. Martin orchestra has made an activity that the children all treasure even more rewarding. St. Martin de Porres' longtime local benefactor Mrs. Marivic Concepcion bought the children an angklong, a set of native bamboo instruments. And the Filibata Foundation of the Netherlands generously donated a mandolin, a mandola, and a special oversize banduria.

With a full summer schedule and many more initiatives to come throughout the year, the children are looking forward to the rich and varied year ahead. These opportunities and support are positioning the children of St. Martin de Porres to develop to their full potential.

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