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Navitaire has signed on to support a third class of FHM students. Software developers who prepared the kids to dance in a December global fundraiser became heroes to many FHM kids. Other loyal employee friends from other countries visit the school and see the

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Food for Hungry Minds School Opens In Honduras

On February 8, the first class of Honduran FHM 4th- graders became the newest members of the FHM community. The support of many made this possible. The Villanueva mayor's office provided use of the building. Board members and volunteers were involved in the student selection process, interviewing parents and children.



Cargill not only supplied launch funding, but employees pitched in to advise FHM staff on renovation and security projects, paint the building a warm blue, and install electrical wiring. Philippine FHM Principal Candice de Aussen joined Honduran Academic Director Fernando Briceno Mackay and his team to pass on educational best practices.

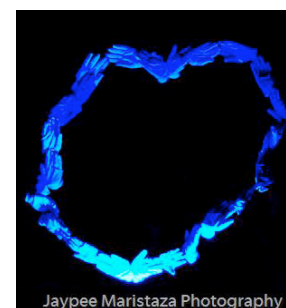
Congratulations and all best wishes to FHM-Honduras!

The Heart of the FHM Education: Our Teachers

What is this blue-light heart made of? Children's hands, choreographed by Teacher Mel. Her dance coaching often spills into time in the community with kids.

Even outside the classroom, the genuine concern of FHM teachers for their students shows up:

- When a transportation mix-up threatened to keep kids from an event,



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 impact of their company's CSR investment "up close and personal." Next year, the FHM graduates from the first Navitaire class will begin looking at colleges. Thank you, Navitaire!

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teachers pooled their own funds and enlisted drivers to make sure students didn't miss out

- When text messages alerted them to a fire in Paco, teachers showed up in the morning with bags of underwear for children who had lost their homes
- Though teacher salaries in the Philippines are no better than their global counterparts, FHM teachers are among those supporting scholarships for our graduates.

What do you see in the eyes of Teacher Amie, reunited here with a graduate back from high school?



Students Bring Learning to Life: Young Entrepreneurs

One morning, a teacher engaged students in a conversation about things they could do differently. Later that day, several kids picked up the dialogue. "Let's do a small business." But what could they sell?



Several months before, the students had visited a factory where discarded paper was recycled into paper products, Papemelroti. "Let's make recycled memo pads." With a prototype ready, a student explained the impromptu team's progress to date. "We collected used paper. Then we whipped it with water in a blender. We followed the instructions we heard at the paper mill factory. We dried the paper on a screen just like they did. Then we used a glue gun and made the pad." Work had stopped while the students reviewed exams. But here are students who are carrying learning into life.

Servant Leaders in the Making

A fire swept through the Manila community again, destroying many of the make-shift homes. In the chaos, Nomar's mother worried. Why hadn't he shown up yet? Around night-fall word reached her. Nomar had rushed to help a FHM family whose father had suffered a stroke.

No one asked him to do this. But FHM staff, parents, volunteers and donors have modeled the joy of serving others.

When children in the Bulacan FHM school heard that other FHM students were left homeless by a fire, several decided to act. They spent a Saturday together collecting cans, bottles and papers, as well as donations of old clothes. The recycled materials sold for P225, funds they used to buy canned goods and noodles. The kids reported, "We're happy because we like what we're doing!" Teacher Maricel said, "Two years ago they weren't like this. They have become sensitive, compassionate." We see their resourcefulness, as well. These kids know they can make a difference – and they are.



Student artist Randel drew the church that served as backdrop for the Malolos Christmas party. To be ready for the performance that students would offer parents, guests, volunteers and donors, Rendell and another FHM Dad stayed late in school to paint the entire thing.

Volunteer Ken Chua Experiences Giving: The Full Cycle

Ken Chua often drives fellow volunteer to tutor students at the Paco Community Library. For employees working long hours in a global company, giving up a Saturday morning is substantial. But Ken has joyfully led the effort.



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On this particular Saturday, the rain poured down. Before long, the water began to rise. Ken started to think about his car. At this rate, it would be underwater soon. The tutors piled in and drove to the highest spot around. For hours they sat in the car while the worst floods in 50 years hit the Philippines.

Finally, there was a knock at the window. "Do you want to park your car in my driveway?" Invited into this home, they began to talk. Before long, the group made the connection: the good neighbor who offered his driveway to the volunteers caught by this natural disaster had a niece who was studying in the FHM school. Rarely does a kindness given circle back so personally. Ken, it could not have happened to a nicer guy!

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