Our Highlights

Chalice

2023-2024 Tondo sponsor site, The Philippines

This fiscal year saw development at the site in many ways, especially in the following areas:

SPONSORSHIP



1.944

sponsored children



1,048

sponsored girls



896

sponsored boys



98%

of sponsored children were enrolled in school



101

sponsored children graduated secondary school



94

family circles

NUTRITION



103,300

meals served

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CRITICAL NEEDS



8

beneficiaries had medical critical needs funded

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS



1500

children will benefit from the Baseco Feeding Program



Simbang Gabi (Night Mass): A Filipino Christmas tradition

On December 16 every year, many families begin Simbang Gabi: going to dawn Masses for nine days until Christmas Eve. The Masses are 4:00-5:00 am, when the rooster crows. It's a community affair! After Mass, people meet up with friends in the church plaza and buy special rice cakes (Bibingka and Puto Bungbong, pictured) to eat for breakfast.

The Simbang Gabi is more than a religious ritual, it's a cultural experience that shows the warmth, unity, and strong faith of the Filipino people especially during the Christmas season.