

## **Community Based Rehabilitation Foundation**

Located in 10 parishes in the Diocese of Iba, the staff and volunteers provide services to 800 people with disability and their families.

It is a ministry of the Diocese of Iba in Zambales, Philippines

### **Vision**

We envision a society wherein people with disabilities are an integral part of the everyday realities of life.

### **Mission**

To mobilise, advocate and uphold the rights and welfare of people with disability.

### **Approach**

The programs serve as a complimentary approach to the genuine rehabilitation and development of people with disability, their families and the community where facilities are unavailable. CBR is about bringing rehabilitation out of the centres and into the home and

## **Services and Strategies**

Provide needs-based training, seminars, conferences, consultancy, monitoring and education.

To partner parishes & groups

Develop and implement rehabilitation services.

To each member within the home and the community

Provide access to resources, networks and social services.

As needed by members

Adopt the social model of disability.

Free from discrimination, disability is not a hindrance for living according to His will

Organise communities and provide advocacy services.

Enable people with disability, their families and community to

## **Programs and Services**

1. Education
2. Rehabilitation, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
3. Assistive Devices
4. Assistance through Medical Means
5. Home Visitation and Counselling
6. Sign Language
7. Community Organising
8. Advocacy and Networking
9. Public Awareness
10. Capability Building
11. Socialisation
12. Finance Generation
13. Social Services
14. Financial Assistance
15. Religious Works

### **Some of the People helped by the CBR Foundation**

A 14 year old child with epilepsy-controlled by donated medicines

A mentally retarded and epileptic 16 year old child

A deaf 3 year old girl

A girl with burned hands when 1 year old. Now 15 years old.

A deaf & mute epileptic child 14 years old.

A man with a stroke

A 3 year old child with cerebral palsy .....Many more.....

We visited the Philippines in November 2006 and saw first hand some of the many activities of the Columban missionaries there.



One of these activities that we decided to support is the Community Based Rehabilitation Foundation in Zambales.

Our target is to raise \$2,800 per year which could be used to buy 10 wheelchairs or 2 therapeutic ultrasounds or employ another therapist for 12 months or ....

### **Want to help?**

100% of all donations will go to the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Foundation and are tax deductible.

## **The Aims of the Columban Partnership**

Engage first hand with poverty and oppression to develop an understanding of the causes and the possibilities of Christian action to remove them.

Develop lasting partnerships of mutuality in the global village with respect for diversity of individuals, cultures and beliefs. Participate in ongoing projects and activities.

### **Want to help?**



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Donations can be made at:

The Bendigo Bank, Station St., FTG.

Acct. name: FTG Columban

Partnership

BSB #: 633-000, Acct. #: 131684334

by cash, cheque, direct debit or internet transfer

## **Ferntree Gully Columban Partnership**

St John the Baptist Parish  
19 Forest Road, FTG, 3156

### **The Church in Australia Working with the Church in the Philippines**



Melody crawled on her stomach into Our Lady's Church in Olangapo. Fr Fintan said we must do something about this. The Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Foundation was formed.