

Box Of Hope, ICM Trip

I visited Bacolod city in the Philippines with the charity ICM.

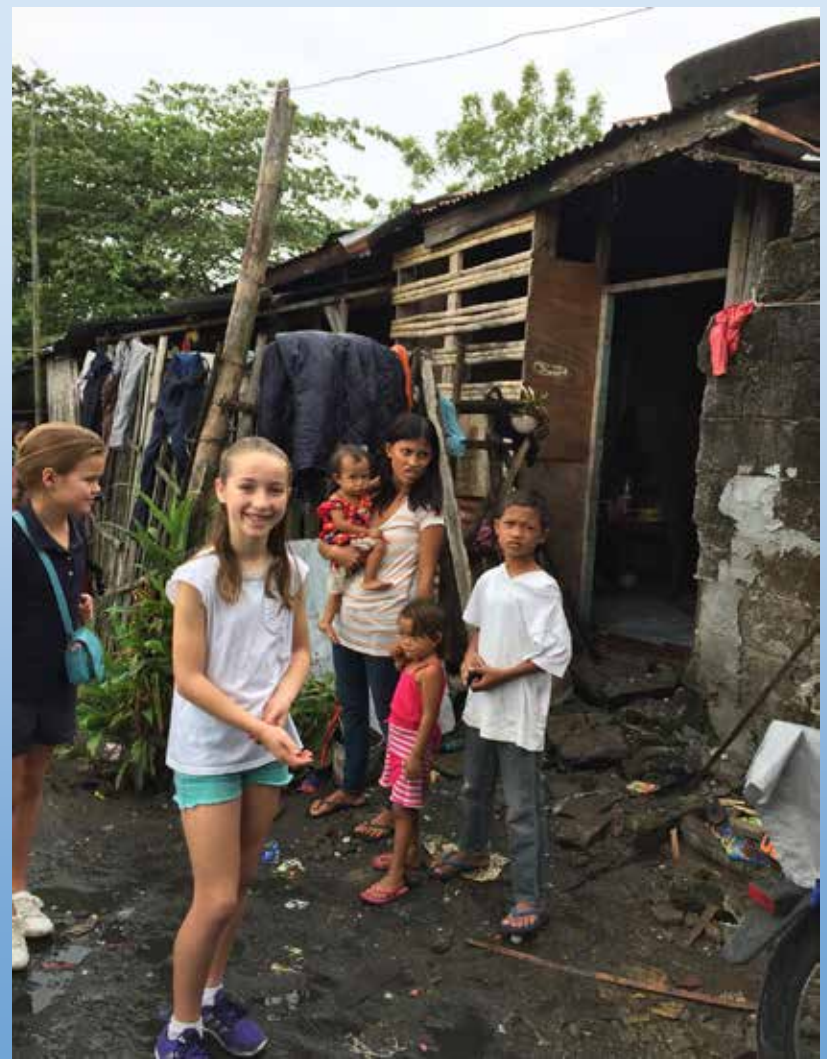
Did you know?

- There are over 7,000 islands in the Philippines
- Over 100 million people live in the Philippines
- More than one quarter of the population live in poverty.



ICM and the work they do

- ICM (International Care Ministries) is a charity that supports the ultra poor - families living on US\$0.50 per day in slums (shacks), without access to clean water, and they are in poor health. They partner with local churches in slum communities and provide education to both adults and children.
- ICM make sure all the Boxes of Hope reach the children



Visiting the communities

We visited children in their homes and watched them being taught the ABC and their numbers. We also taught the kids and great time.

I really enjoyed it because teaching these children and giving them the education they need gives me joy to know that I'm part of helping.

These children are ultra poor but they are given the opportunity to have education and maybe one day be able to follow their dreams



Playing games with the children

After visiting families we went to the local churches to hand out boxes of hope but before that we played some games like Granny's footsteps and Musical chairs and did arts and crafts. It was really fun!



Handing out Boxes of Hope

Handing out the boxes of hope was by far the most rewarding experience I've ever had.



I found a box from our neighbour in HK and gave it to Alexis!

At the church

The local pastor helps bring the community together.



Success story

We had dinner with 12 teenagers from the ICM choir. These children have grown up in the slums and ICM has helped them for 6 years, giving them an education, which has changed their lives. It was amazing to hear them speak about their childhood and their dreams and what they want to be - e.g. nurse, teacher, singer, ICM volunteer. It just shows us that one charity can change thousands of peoples lives.



Things to think about, things I learnt

1. Why do we need an education?
2. Why is public transport so important?
3. Why should we do the Box of Hope and ICM?
4. Imagine not living our life and being born in a slum?



Pictures



Thank you ICM, Box of Hope
and thank you to everyone we
met in Bacolod City for this
opportunity!