

# HELP INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES E-NEWS!

OCTOBER 2008

## *A Washlady's Hands*

Tita Ching was our *lavandera* (laundry lady) for perhaps five or six years in the middle of the 1990's. She died a week ago of esophageal cancer. She was barely 60. Many of her grandchildren had been born either in our home or at Shiphrah Birthing Home. Standing at her coffin I was struck by her hands. Her hands told the story of her life. Now lying peacefully at her side, fingers slightly curled, wrinkled not so much from age or illness but from the scrubbing and wringing of thousands of garments over the years, many of them ours, white from countless hours in bleach water, they were, even in death, muscular, confident hands.

## *Our Newest Volunteer*



Jhing was born in our house back in the days when our house was also the birthing home. Her mom is Belen, our longtime cook. Belen, in addition to serving up fabulous food, keeps our crazy home running with some measure of order. Jhing and her mom have lived with us since Jhing was born. Jhing is now 15. She dreams of becoming a doctor – a missionary pediatrician. Her passion is to help people. An honors student, no one who knows her has any doubt that she will achieve her dream. This week is semester break and Jhing has asked to volunteer at both *Shiphrah Birthing Home* and *the little children's home* so she can get

firsthand experience as to what a life in the service of others is like.

## October Forever Family



Are these all the Kidd's kids?? Not quite. Mom Jocelyn and Dad Michael with new daughter Nicala and Kuya David (behind Mom) along with some of the *tlc* merry band.



First tooth-brushing (tongue brushing?) and bath with Mom Jocelyn. That Nicala! What a ham!

Nicala and David with Dad Michael and their *tlc* aprons.

Sorry about your head, there, Michael.

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### *International Donations:*

We've temporarily deleted the international fund transfer information. The intermediate bank was Wachovia and since that bank's failure, we've been having great difficulty getting accurate transfer information from our local bank here. So, as soon as we are confident that we've got this sorted out, we'll send out a fresh newsletter. We are hoping to have accurate information within the week. I've held off sending this newsletter for several weeks in hopes of having correct fund transfer info, but feel that I cannot wait any longer to get it out to you.

***THANK YOU SO MUCH!***

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