



## Proposed New Birthing Home

ACTION is trusting the Lord to be able to build a new birthing home in 2009. The land next to the current facility was purchased in 2006. Now a perimeter wall has been erected. Blueprints are ready and permits are being obtained. The building will be constructed in three phases as funds are available on a no-debt policy.

**Phase I** Ground preparation, drive way, foundation, infrastructure, laundry room, waste disposal area and main level examination and birthing rooms

**Phase II** Main level reception area and offices

**Phase III** Upper level classroom, additional offices and dormitory



Bible studies with new moms

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## Shalom Christian Birthing Home

Delivering hope among  
the neglected poor



# A Vision is born

Shalom was started by ACTION missionary Mavis Orton. Mavis is a nurse and midwife from England, who came to the Philippines in 1986. As she observed the high mortality rate among women giving birth and their newborns, a vision was born to develop a place where good maternity care could be available for those living in poverty. In January 1992, Shalom Christian Birthing Home was started in Mavis' home.

ACTION missionary and nurse Cindy Gingerich joined Mavis in 2002. What makes Shalom distinct from other birthing homes is that each patient hears the Gospel and is prayed for by Mavis' team. The birthing home now has a good team of missionaries, midwives and nurses. A nearby church works closely with Shalom's staff and has seen many trust Christ who are now actively involved in church.

Mavis received the distinguished award of "Member of the British Empire" from Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of England in 2007 for her outstanding ministry among the poor.



Mavis & Cindy with newborn in small birthing room

Current Birthing Home



*Imagine giving birth on a dirt floor, vacant lot or street...*

Now imagine a loving, God-honoring birthing home.

The Shalom Christian Birthing Home was established to provide a God-honoring birthing experience for impoverished Filipino women. The passion of the ministry is also to lead many women and their families to Christ and help them join nearby churches.

### **Growing pains, anxiously awaiting the arrival**

Shalom now has a good team of midwives and nurses. However the present facilities are over-crowded and threaten to turn needy women away. When the birthing home first opened, eight babies were born a month, now approximately 120-150 babies are born monthly. Shalom has limited space with only 2 rooms for pre- and post-natal check-ups and deliveries. So after much prayer and planning, ACTION started a project to build a larger facility to provide rooms for check-ups, deliveries, classrooms, laundry, waste disposal and record keeping.

A conveniently located lot of 1,165 square meters was purchased for the new building. Now we're trusting God for funds to build the new well-equipped birthing home.

Additional missionary midwives, nursery nurses, and a birthing home administrator are needed.

You are invited to join the Shalom Christian Birthing Home Project through prayer, giving and serving.

The new facility will provide these services:

#### **Mothers**

Pre-natal check-up  
Delivery of baby  
Post-natal check-up  
Parent skills teaching  
Family planning  
Relaxation classes  
Community follow-up  
Basic laboratory

#### **Babies**

Post-natal check-ups  
Immunizations  
Well baby clinic

#### **Midwives/nurses**

Training  
Internships

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