



Host a Philippines Feast

with our dinner party pack



Mercy in Action

Rescuing children, transforming communities

Filipinos love a good party and food is a key element for any social event!

We have therefore come up with a fun, food and Philippines themed fundraiser, for anyone to run!

This pack contains:

- Information about hosting a 'Philippines Feast'
- Facts about Mercy in Action for you to share with your guests
- Child sponsorship leaflets
- Profiles of children who are waiting for sponsors
- Copies of the most recent Mercy in Action Newsletter
- Gift Aid forms
- Recipe cards



'I really enjoyed preparing a Filipino feast with my friends. Everyone invited donated some money for the meal, and it was great fun raising money for a fantastic cause.'

What is a 'Philippines Feast'?

A Mercy in Action 'Philippines Feast' is simply a dinner party that you can host to inform your friends and family about the work that Mercy in Action does, raise money for our projects, and have fun all at the same time.

You can invite as many people as you like to the event – it only depends on the size of your house and the level of confidence you have in your cooking ability! You could even 'Super-Size' your event by holding it at your local church, community centre or sports building.

The event can be as Philippines themed as you wish. You could simply cook your favourite dinner party dish to wow your guests, or if you're feeling a bit more adventurous, why not give some of our Filipino recipe cards a go? These can be found at the back of this pack. Filipino food is tasty and fairly easy to cook. It isn't very well known in the UK and so the opportunity of trying a new international cuisine could attract more guests. Many more recipes can be found online.

To help you promote your 'Philippines Feast' via email or social networking sites, you can download the invite on our website.

www.mercyinaction.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising-packs



How to raise funds for Mercy in Action by hosting a 'Philippines Feast'

As part of this pack we have included information about our work in the Philippines, our most recent newsletter and child sponsorship leaflets.

During the course of your dinner party you could share the information about Mercy in Action with your guests. Some key facts and figures from 2013 are mentioned at the end of this pack, and the most up to date information can be found on our website www.mercyinaction.org.uk

We suggest that you encourage your guests to make a donation to Mercy in Action, instead of bringing a bottle of wine or a gift for the host. You can either suggest a recommended donation, or allow your guests to donate what they like. The most important thing is that your guests know that whatever they give will dramatically transform the lives of street children and those living in poverty in the Philippines.



“After visiting the Philippines with Mercy in Action I wanted to recreate some of the dishes I made there for my friends.

Good food, good friends, lots of fun and we helped make a difference to street children living in poverty. What an amazing night!”

Key Facts and Figures about Mercy in Action:

- Mercy in Action has two children's homes, providing long term loving care to more than 25 children.
- Mercy in Action sponsors over 400 children to attend school
- Mercy in Action's drop in centre provides a safe place for street children to shower, play, eat and learn
- Our fully qualified teacher and social workers, as well as a team of volunteers, provide the children with excellent care, love, fun and education
- Over the years, Mercy in Action has built over 50 homes for those families most in need
- Mercy in Action's 'Source Mums Group', a support group for women living in local slum areas, now has on average 655 clients every month

In 2013 Mercy in Action:

- Served 70,440 hot meals
- Enrolled 107 new students onto our schooling programme
- Gave medical and dental assistance to 229 people
- Gave financial and practical help to 1273 people

In 2014 Mercy in Action:

- Opened our very first library. A quiet place for children on our schooling programme to finish school assignments
- Plans to open the first and only rescue home for trafficked boys in the whole of the Philippines
- Hopes to build another children's home providing long term residential care for street boys who regularly attend the drop in centre



After the Event

Simply post a cheque (made payable to Mercy in Action) for the amount that was raised to:

**Mercy in Action, Jubilee Centre,
Lower Bristol Road, Bath, BA2 9ES**

Please also include any completed gift aid forms. For our records, please state what event was held and who hosted it when you return the cheque.

We would love to hear your feedback! Email any photos, stories or comments to f.poulton@mercyinaction.org.uk.

You may even be featured in our newsletter or on our website!

**Thank you again for your involvement with
and support for Mercy in Action.**

**Without supporters like you, we couldn't be
anywhere near as effective at changing the lives of street
children in the Philippines.**

