



Shekinah Cerebral Palsy Support  
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# THE BEAUTY OF CARING FOR OTHERS



## Meet our new Trustees

Hello! I'm Neil Wilson, chairman of Trustees and founder of Shekinah Cerebral Palsy Support. I retired early from teaching and am now a full time independent tutor. I'm married to Jifelane from the Philippines and have two children - Isaac & Hannah.

**Great Oak trees grow from small acorns!**

Our new team of Trustees is small but we all believe great things can grow for our charity over the coming months and years. So, we welcome Karen Brown and Stephen Kitt to Shekinah...



Hi, my name is Karen Brown and I'm delighted to be a trustee for Shekinah Cerebral Palsy Support. It is a privilege to be involved.

I am married to Robert. We've been married for 30 years and we have two amazing grown up daughters.

Hello, I'm Stephen Kitt. I have spent much of my working life teaching English as a foreign language. I am well travelled and have also served as a Christian missionary in India, the Caribbean and South America. I speak both Spanish and Portuguese.

I have known Neil for well over thirty years and am very happy to 'come on board' with Shekinah as a trustee.



# OUR PARTNERS



**This is the Marmol family ... Jessa (left), Theo (centre) and Marvin (right).**

Jessa is the President of the Cerebral Palsy Epilepsy Family Awareness Support Group in the Philippines. They are registered as a non profit organisation, promoting Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy awareness.

For the past six years, the day workshops that they organise have been a huge help to many families impacted by Cerebral Palsy across the Philippines. They provide health education, social networking and practical resources.

Jess contacted us via social media back in 2018 after we shared our vision for the first time. We determined then that we would look to extend their work to Bohol, where we had just bought some land. We worked together there for the first time in April this year and look forward to developing this partnership!



## WHY BOHOL?

Our connection to Bohol has blossomed ever since our first visit back in 2011.

Bohol is in the Central Visayas (see map), is about the same size as Wales and has a population of about 1.5 million. It's the 10th largest island in the Philippines.

We visited for a holiday and to check out a piece of land that we had the opportunity to purchase. I fell in love with the place and had a strong sense that God had plans for us in this place.

We bought the land and initially, I thought we might build some kind of centre for cerebral palsy families or a school. But now I realise the land was God's way of getting us there! We have returned to Bohol a number of times since 2011 and Jifelane's parents have built a small place on the land.

We hope that the kingdom of God will grow here!



## MEET THE ANGIES ...

**Angelie Fajardo** (left of pic) has a BSc in Physical Therapy and is the managing director of PALMS Children's Centre, Batangas, Philippines. She has also been a clinical supervisor and has worked with cerebral palsy children and families for over 10 years.

**Angelica Pineda** (right in pic) is a consultant Physical Therapist who has been licenced since 2013. She has completed the International Bobath Certification course and the Bobath Pediatric Advanced course.

Both 'Angies' are regular volunteers and supporters of CPEFASG. It was great to meet them in Bohol in April, to see their love for the children and their enthusiasm and dedication to their work.



## NEWS

- Our application for charitable status is now in the hands of the Charity Commission. We're hoping for good news soon!
- Consider joining us as a **volunteer**. Different roles required. Please email via the website or call.
- We are planning for a workshop in Ubay, Bohol next April. It's at the opposite end of the island from our workshop in April this year and hoping to have families who couldn't get to this year's workshop.
- Look out for a charity fundraiser in the New Year. We'll need to raise some funds for next year's workshop.

