

The Philippines schools project 2016

It just gets bigger!

Could it get any bigger after last year? Well the answer seems to be “yes” since, despite our efforts to cut back, you kept on supplying us with wonderful gifts, and 23 boxes were despatched in early September. We suffered a little hiccup when two of the boxes got separated from the main batch, so only 21 boxes



were waiting for us when we arrived in the Philippines. Our despatchers

are quite confident about where the two remaining boxes are but, at the time of our leaving, they still had not arrived. That is disappointing and it means that, assuming they arrive at some point later in the year, they will remain locked safely away until we arrive back once more in 2017.



100-plus hand-made bags, donated by an ex-student of the school, now working in Singapore. Her Filipina friends out there clubbed together to buy the material. She then sewed them together and arranged to have them transported to the Philippines, for us to collect and distribute



Everything we do is all thanks to you!



Jo came up with a great idea! There was a small space in between one of the existing classrooms and the Home Economics



room we built last year. Without too much effort or expenditure we were able to utilise this space to make a new stockroom, a place

to keep those essential items that are not used every day. At the same time, of course, we gained a clinic!





A nurse and dentist visit the elementary school periodically. However, there was no suitable facility for them to work in, so they usually held their clinics in the Principal's office, which wasn't the most convenient, practical or private.

Additionally, the Department for Education and the Department of Health were jointly putting in place a process to identify under-nourished students and putting them on a 120-day feeding programme, based on their BMI. Typically, their plans did not include any provision for a clinic or materials to facilitate all of the above, insisting that the school should provide these resources locally.



There was an existing classroom, which had developed into a stock room for currently unused or under used items. We felt that this would make an ideal clinic. Once cleared, it only took a bit of labour and a lick of paint to transform this room. Then we supplied a bed, curtains, scales, first Aid cabinet

and we had a purpose-built clinic. This doubled as the room the nurse and dentist would use, with the facility to weigh, measure height and monitor the student's health.



We are rightly proud of the Home Economics classroom we built last year, but it needed a few finishing touches. We started off by adding floor tiles, which made it look much smarter. One corner is furnished like a sitting room, giving the students

the opportunity to tidy



around as if it were their home. We then added a water chiller and an oven. The students rewarded us by cooking cakes for us while we were there. Yummy!



The separate feeding programme run by the Barangay Health Workers



continues, and we think it



worthwhile. We as the charity have been happy to support this programme with cooking and serving materials over the years. However, we do not think that the



charity should provide food. If it did, we could probably consume the whole of our budget every year on this alone. So, while Jo and I are in the Philippines, we make a donation for the food used. At other times this is sourced locally, with varying degrees of success.



Also at the Barangay Hall, is an area where a midwife and nurse attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They work in rather cramped conditions and we hope, in the future, to be able to provide

something better for them. In the meantime we support them as best we can. This year we bought them two oximeters, a Doppler scanner and a medical chiller to keep their vaccinations in (they have a process of vaccinating all the children in our village, a bit like painting the Forth Bridge!)





The white marks are where the sun is shining through holes in the roof.

The Elementary had a makeshift canteen already, but perhaps it needed some upgrading if it was to be used to cook meals for students every day.

Work started on the ceiling even before the roof had been repaired!

For a start, the roof was full of holes!



We renewed that, and added a ceiling and some fans.

Then we provided them with cutlery, plates and the like plus some additional food

preparation utensils and a storage facility.

Ideally this room needs tiling

as well but we run out of time and funds - maybe next year! The toilet area was separated off for use from outside the building.

This cooking is done by volunteer mums and dads on a rota, and we bought them each a uniform, colour coded for different days of the week.





Gifts ready to go, and the teachers help to distribute

One of the best times for us is distributing all those wonderful gifts you gave us, which we then freighted out from the UK. Here's "D-Day" in the High School!



Students wait patiently in line, every one receives writing paper, pencil or pen and assorted gifts



Smiles all round from the students



and a little something for the teachers too!



Distribution time for the Elementary and day care classes



The hand-made bags are a big hit with the day care



We bought ice-cream and fruit as a special treat!



Our special guest, Hannah Pullman, gets great delight from handing out some gifts



Writing pads and pens, clothes and even toothpaste are all gladly received



The new "K to 12" meant a re-appraisal of the way we work the scholarships, but we were able, thanks to your generosity, to increase the number of scholarships to 210. As before, we drew lots, this year 18 from each class. This provides for lots of smiling faces, not only from students but parents too!

INCOMING GRADE 7A	INCOMING GRADE 8B
1. Arenas, Justine Mae C.	1. Concepcion Lopez
2. Balmediano, Glory Z.	2. Bernard Nipal
3. Cayabyab, Charlene S.	3. Antonio Veloria
4. De Vera, Trisha Mae O.	4. Ronjet Berida
5. Delos Santos, Mary Jedith	5. Jerico Tarlit
6. Dominguez, Melvin V.	6. Hedalyn Paris
7. Espirita, Joyce D.	7. Mark Ellie Arenas
8. Gutierrez, Joana Marie P.	8. Razzelle Jay Ordonio
9. Lopez, Laurence B.	9. Danny Fernandez Jr.
10. Magtanong, Mhike T.	10. Lilian Nicolas
11. Medrozo, Maria R.	11. Nathaniel Sarzava
12. Najera, Jade B.	12. Timothy Majoneros
13. Tuliao, Billie Rose N.	13. Noe Tarlit
14. Vallesteros, Daniel B.	14. Angie Morano
15. Cervantes, Christine O.	15. Champagne Cruz
16. Cruz, Isabella Mae A.	16. Angel Joy Dacasin
17. Gordo, Jade Hershey L.	17. Daniel Fernandez
18. Palaganas, Desiree M.	18. Arnold Garalde

INCOMING GRADE 7B	INCOMING GRADE 8C
1. Jovanette Jean R. Padilla	1. Jordan Soriano
2. Jeffrey V. Nicolas	2. Reymund Ramirez
3. Marjunette S. Montemayor	3. Jayson Soriano
4. Marisol F. Capinpin	4. C-Jay Pacheco
5. Rica A. Berida	5. Nathaniel Valencia
6. John Carlo L. Rampas	6. Anthony Arzadon
7. Jay-R T. Mercado	7. Jennifer Paiste
8. Antonio B. De Vera Jr.	8. Rolando Enriquez Jr.
9. Rhealyn B. Villota	9. Mark Carlo Dela Cruz
10. John Carlo R. Serioza	10. Jhon Von Soriano
11. Kristine-Lyn S. Nicolas	11. Jeriza Mae Capinpin
12. Jinky S. Lopez	12. Kim Clifford Mayo
13. Pamela V. De Vera	13. Aldrin Elesorio
14. Mike Baldwin M. Soriano	14. Dianna Mae Teredanio
15. Jannah Rae A. Capinpin	15. Harold Barcellano
16. Noel R. Tarlit	16. Benjie Tolentino
17. Maricel R-Palaganas	17. Jeric Palaganas
18. Jennifer M. Lopez	18. Jenwyn Diane De Vera

INCOMING GRADE 8A	INCOMING GRADE 9A
1. Daniel Sabangan	1. Jerwin Ordonio
2. Enalyn Soriano	2. Dominic Lugo
3. Margaux Villota	3. Janet Camacho
4. Oscareto Villanueva	4. Marlon Murillo
5. James Ordonio	5. Des Madio
6. John Lloyd Gordo	6. Carla Mae Villanueva
7. Airyl Cabico	7. Ryan Ivan Forteza
8. Gazelle Lou Dela Trinidad	8. Daniella Bruan
9. Gerald Paris	9. John Ray Candame
10. Mirea Joy Santos	10. Alvin Flores
11. Shenna Fernandez	11. Wilgen Fe Callanta
12. Marvin Aquino	12. Selwyn Mendoza
13. Madonna Aquino	13. Wynona Villafania
14. Sophia Bruan	14. Valerie Joy Buendia
15. Karen Joy Devera	15. Mayann Barcellano
16. Judy Ann Flores	16. Jerry Arenas
17. Razhell Soriano	17. Vincent Espirita
18. Carlos Miguel Olimpada	18. Reina Sheine Darapiza
	19. Mary Joy Ramos
	20. Jinky Joy Najera

INCOMING GRADE 9B	INCOMING GRADE 10A
1. Ushyll Nastor	1. Jen Jen Padilla
2. Jomar Balmediano	2. Mike Clipson Bruan
3. Christian Dave Valles	3. Willy Lopez
4. John Lester Guillermo	4. Lyka Jane Bruan
5. Mary Rose Lopez	5. Rose Ann Cabia-An
6. Jeric Edward Dejito	6. Rj Castro
7. Lemuel Mayandoc	7. Angelica Flandez
8. Jessa Muerong	8. Martin Garcia
9. BJ Tolentino	9. Dave Aeron Berida
10. Lovely Jacel Cruz	10. Mark Joseph Balao
11. Rochelle Mallari	11. Carl Joshua Olilang
12. May Soriano	12. Jemelyn Turcato
13. Bryan Ray Bauzon	13. Karen Bruan
14. Gladly Macalanda	14. Raul Cruz jr.
15. Christian Pacheco	15. Krysta Jane Zapatero
16. Mark Adrian Santos	16. Ian Christopher Tarlit
17. Joshua Carino	17. Unick Nastor
18. Mark Jayson Ordonio	18. Mely Macatantan
19. Rachele Quibrantos	

INCOMING GRADE 9C	INCOMING GRADE 10B
1. Romela Joy Flores	1. Trisha Mae Alejo
2. Ericka Majiares	2. Kristelle Mae De Dios
3. Jenny Lopez	3. Angel Theresa Perez
4. Christine Cao	4. Lenard Zulueta
4. Juvilyn Berida	5. Roseinda Joy Flores
5. Angela Paz Tendenilla	6. Michael Joy Agsaoay
6. Jeilah Mae Rabara	7. Jonalyn Pascua
7. Ashey Zulueta	8. Rovic Kyle Jabonete
8. Rowena Manalo	9. Antonnete De Vera
9. Geraldine Carrera	10. Melanie Teredanio
10. Mavilyn Berida	11. Joana Yawan
11. Rochelle Soriano	12. Maria Claire Medrozo
12. Julyien Zulueta	13. Sherwin Tarlit
13. Clarissa Palaganas	14. Daniel Barcellano
14. Raquel Villota	15. Diane Enriquez
15. Jaime Najera	16. Anjo Quibrantos
16. Mark Villota	17. Benedick Espirita
17. Archie Ferrer	18. Juvelie Arzadon

INCOMING GRADE 9D	INCOMING GRADE 10C
1. Lee Ann Morante	1. Joan Cruz
2. Clarissa Dela Cruz	2. Recame Nipal
3. Inah Mariah Ervie	3. Ericka Cayabyab
4. Emerick Zulueta	4. Danica Zapra
5. Jerramelle Catungal	5. Melody Palaganas
6. Rommick Castro	6. Jamaica Rabang
7. Justine Deyto	7. Aira Mae Valles
8. Jay Jay Casi Lang	8. Jamaica Gabriel
9. Napoleon Caragay	9. Jodalyn Fernandez
10. Cris Anthony De Vera	10. Warren Lopez
11. Jhon Louie Nogales	11. Noemi Balmediano
12. Lyn Malongat	12. Kevin Rosario
13. Christian Arevalo	13. John Elbert Bauzon
14. Tricia Portugaute	14. Larkielyn Gutierrez
	15. Jobert Balmediano
	16. Christine Joy Diaz
	17. Jeric David
	18. Ericka Cyril Zulueta



The feeding room is next to the canteen, and here the students get to eat in comfort. We didn't have to do much to this room, just providing plates, cups and eating utensils, plus a couple of ceiling fans.

It's more fun in the Philippines! Here's just a few pics of the way we transport the goods between our house, or the shop, to the school.



We got the carpenter to make some shelves as requested by the teachers, and some fans for both schools



As we always say to our sponsors, thank you so much for making all this possible.