

# The Philippines schools project

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Another long journey out to the Philippines, but at least we get there quicker than our parcels!

On return from the Philippines, we always begin the search for more toys, gifts and goodies to fill our boxes. All the soft toys or clothes we send are washed so plenty to do before they get packed away. Jo, as always, does our packing in such a way that we get the maximum we can into our boxes before they are taped and strapped. After these are collected



from us they go into storage ready to be loaded in to the next available container. The sea journey usually lasts for 6-7 weeks before the containers are unloaded in Manila. After they have cleared customs they are collected by our freight company and once more go in to storage until there are sufficient goods awaiting transport to our part of the country, a six-hour journey north from Manila. Eventually, they arrive at their destination, some 8 to 10 weeks after leaving us. It makes our 25-hour trip seem a complete breeze!

Of course, it's all worth it when you see the smiles of the students as they enjoy the results you have enabled us to achieve.

***Everything we do is all thanks to you!***

Loaded up in the UK, ready for their long journey out to the Philippines



Jo always manages to safely cram as much as possible into the boxes, using her tensioning system



Safely arrived in the Philippines, another twenty boxes from the UK.

Family and neighbours help to pack the bags with goodies



Our Singapore-made bags, packed with soft toys, colouring books and crayons, pencils, books and candies



When we go shopping for some of the bigger items, we usually hire a jeepney for the day. First stop, five printers and a couple of mics.



Next, to the book store for some reams of paper and other stationery items.....



.....and some paint for the outside of the new-build.

All loaded up!





The high school got some LCD screens, which were soon mounted on the walls.



Printers for the high school and fans for the new classroom



steel cabinets for the high school



The elementary school got 18 First Aid cabinets full of supplies, as requested



We upgraded the washing facilities in the high school, which necessitated a new water pump



## Starting the new classroom



The foundations are dug by hand, and all the reinforcing struts are fabricated on site.



The walls go up, first fix electrics and reinforcing mat for the floors. After that the walls are rendered.





Window frames and roof supports all fabricated on site



Roof, ceiling and tiles all underway



Our new classroom is finished inside and out and the official opening by our trustees is always a big day for us. This is the first classroom to have two toilets!



The classroom that teaches catering is now quite well equipped, but difficult to keep clean with a cement floor. Solution, we tiled it!

Move everything to one side of the room, and tile the other half. Then move everything to the tiled half. Simple!



Once completed, it looked a lot smarter and tidier, and of course, much easier to keep clean



Although our area has a very low crime rate, it is worth protecting the facilities we have invested in



Steel grills for the rear school windows were again fabricated and painted on site.



The rear of the school building with the grills in place



8-camera closed circuit television rounded off our security initiative





# We now have over 80% of high school students in receipt of our scholarship benefits!



Here's the student advisors with the grants for the various activities



Another wash facility in high school

Blood pressure monitors and stationery for the health workers



Plus, of course, all the fun of distributing the gifts to both schools, always a highlight of our visit



We completed a steel security compound for the high school





The high school and elementary school both put on programmes for us, most entertaining



which always includes traditional folk and modern dancing, a wonderful way to end our stay in the Philippines



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