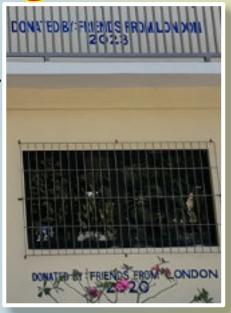




January 8<sup>th</sup>, the build has started!



The picture tells the story! We completed the ground floor in 2020, and the one above this year, thanks to covid.



Floor tiled, toilet in place, lights and fans installed.

February 27th, it's finished!

2023

Happy teachers!



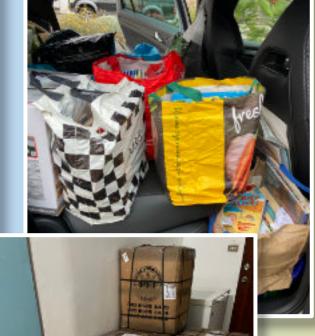
Of course, we had not been idle during our Covid-enforced quarantine in the UK. Mysterious parcels would arrive at our door, from friends and neighbours leaving gifts



Once some outside contact was permitted we began to visit and collect donations from our wonderful friends all over the UK.









Then it was Jo, packing all the boxes, and we freighted them out......

....a couple of months later, they arrive at our house in the Philippines!



The scholarship scheme we had previously employed had grown to an unwieldy degree, and it seemed easier to see if we could just supply each student in the

school with some basic requirements that might well see them through the year. The first thing was to ascertain how many students we were going to have to supply. That, in itself, was no easy task! 1,300 students, with varying needs through the differing academic years.

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We ordered 1,300 pens, pencils, writing pads and notebooks from the National Book Store, and had them delivered!



On the days when we distributed the supplies, it was a mammoth effort from Jo and our helpers to ensure each grade year got their respective stationery requirements









we give out the gifts.











And get lots of smiling faces



Of course, we don't only supply the requirements of the students, we try to supply the teachers with equipment that will facilitate their day-to-day activities with their students

A large-screen smart TV,



some printers and bulk hand-cleanser for every classroom





water dispenser and a fan



Racking, DVD player and speaker and storage facility



We built six additional toilets in varíous classrooms to províde male and female facilities



Lots of improved welding supplies



A large-capacity food mixer for the catering students





The teachers asked for bespoke cabinets and book-cases, which were still being finished as we prepared to leave.....



Lapel mikes for the outside classirooms



More chairs and racking





Racking assembled

A small bamboo unit for quiet reflection, if students need extra tuition or just some "time-out"





Smart TV and fans



Hardware for the classrooms





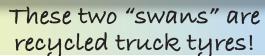
we had seven of these, handmade to a design to dispense drinking water in the classroom



## Recycling and horticulture are both on the curriculum



And these flowerpots are the tops and bottoms of soda bottles





The students are responsible for the upkeep of the gardens

We were asked to build a pond for water storage



They grow vegetables and maintain a seed bank



As usual, the students from both schools put on joyful shows of appreciation for all that you help to provide.





Jo and I are so lucky to have all these wonderful memories from the school,



but none of it would be possible without the support of the donors, sponsors, contributors and helpers who never fail to amaze us with their generosity.

We can only say "thank you", which seems inadequate, but it is backed up by the voices and thoughts of 1,300 students. Their hopes and dreams are our inspiration.