



## *Maria & Joseph's Ministry to the Poor*

606 Hardy Pl

Lincoln, CA 95648

*B.U.R.O. Project (Building Up Reaching Out)*

### *Year End Report 2015*

There is a world that most people rarely see. It is the hidden world of hunger in which parents cannot feed their children an adequate meal, struggling families cannot afford to buy vitamin rich food, and pregnant mother's passing that malnutrition to their children.



On any given day in the Philippines a total of 12.1 million Filipino families considered themselves poor, while 9.3 million families said they were food-poor, according to a National Statistical Coordination Board-Regional Division VIII

Meanwhile, in Leyte where we are located, it was included in the top 10 provinces with highest percentage of poor families in 2009, with one in every three families is considered poor this percentage increased after 2013 super storm typhoon Yolanda.

The B.U.R.O. Project (Building Up Reaching Out)™ has been working hard to combat the problems of malnourishment in the Philippines since 2009. A non-profit organization, the B.U.R.O. Project has been raising awareness, funding programs, and providing vitamins to pregnant women, lactating mothers and children.

Malnourishment and water-borne diseases are sometimes an invisible disability, adversely affecting health care; parents job prospects, living conditions, and even a child's education. Thanks to the commitment of over 24 local partners, the B.U.R.O. Project helped more than 117,000 children with vitamin A, 4,500 women and children with multivitamins every year and has help them to become more healthier productive members of society. In addition, **with**

**your help** the B.U.R.O. Project has donated fresh clean drinking water after the Super Storm typhoon Yolanda and with the flat bed truck we purchased delivered numerous school and medical supplies to help improve the quality of life in their communities.



Since our inception in 2009, MJMP dream was to reach out and build up the lives of others. The idea of the B.U.R.O. Project (Building Up Reaching Out) became the cornerstone of our mission, all the while we are trying to build a company that honors and glorifies God. We do this by not judging people but by loving them

*Maria & Joseph's Mission for the Poor (MJMP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization who's ongoing humanitarian mission is to build up the lives of underserved children in the Philippines, empower their families, and improve the quality of life in their communities. All donation are tax deductible as allowed by law. Fed tax ID # 27-0597437*



## *Maria & Joseph's Ministry to the Poor*

606 Hardy Pl

Lincoln, CA 95648

*B.U.R.O. Project (Building Up Reaching Out)*

### *Year End Report 2015*

right where they are in life. Also to develop a company with humble leadership and praying for guidance along the way we have slowly improved our capacity and the ability to help others, but not without many trials.

This past November 8 marked the second year anniversary of Typhoon Yolanda, approximately 14.1 million people were affected, 4 million of which were forced to flee their homes, over 6,300 individuals had lost their lives, and 5.6 million survivors were at risk of food insecurity. In Tacloban, one of the hardest-hit areas southeast of Manila, the destruction is still evident: A cement house lies partially submerged in the ocean. Large ships are grounded right next to the main street. Debris fills abandoned shops that have not yet reopened. Permanent housing and general reconstruction are a work in progress, with a long way to go. World Food Programme (WFP) provided over 35,000 metric tons (mt) of rice to 2.95 million affected individuals in 138 municipalities throughout 10 provinces in the Visayas region, closely working with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) by providing rice and nutrition commodities to supplement DSWD's 'family pack' which also included canned sardines and instant noodles. Typhoon Yolanda for the people in Leyte will be remembered forever. The storm did pass, and under very difficult circumstances the international communities come together and are continuing support.



So many people come together after the storm with all sorts of assistance; our prayers were answered when *you came through for us!*



After the typhoon Yolanda MJMP was the only organization in town that had a running water filtration system. It was modified with a generator and we produce clean drinking water for our little village, as word got out to other villages a line formed over a mile long. We produced fresh water for as long as our equipment and fuel held up.

MJMP was extremely appreciative of the generosity assistance Barlean's offered in 2014's water program; it turned out to be a blessing for so many. While many families had no choice but to drink contaminated drinking water from polluted wells, you help us reach out to countless families (and smiling children like the Maria and Lyn in the Picture) and you helped us deliver over



## *Maria & Joseph's Ministry to the Poor*

606 Hardy Pl

Lincoln, CA 95648

*B.U.R.O. Project (Building Up Reaching Out)*

### *Year End Report 2015*

fifty thousand gallons of fresh clean drinking water to typhoon Yolanda victims. With every gallon of water delivered you can be assured that that day a child wasn't getting sick with water borne diseases and especially during those times medical assistance was no were around.

#### ***PROJECT ACTIVITY & ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

Maria & Joseph's Ministry to the Poor has sponsored vitamin programs across the Philippines, conducted medical & dental missions (Medical Mission) to the Province of Leyte and Samar, and delivered thousands of gallons of fresh clean water. The programs are hosted by the Maria & Joseph's Ministry to the Poor, and completed in partnership with:

- Maria & Joseph's Ministry Philippines Foundation
- Missionary of Charity
- Franciscans Friars of the Divine Mercy (Samar)
- Sisters of the Divine Mercy (Samars)
- Kiamba Natives Organization Worldwide, Inc.
- Rural Health Unit (RHU) Altos Alamenos
- Malinao Inc. Cagayan de Oro
- Bhojting Enterprises
- Farmers Best
- Lanoy Construction
- Javier Leyte Provincial Government
- Local Government Units from the municipalities of Abuyog, Duero Bohol, Davao, Mandaue City, Cebu

#### ***Medical Services***

Under Medical Mission Services, MJMP team consisted of medical doctors with various specialties, registered nurses & nursing students, and other support staff. Many of the volunteer doctors were residents of the local communities who were familiar with the common ailments of the area which helped the medical examinations move faster. The nurses and nursing students screened the patients, measured their blood pressure, temperature & pulse rate; conducted blood sugar (Diabetes) testing; and noted medical complaints. The doctors provided physical check-ups, treatment for illnesses and prescribed antibiotics, other medicines and vitamins. MJMP working as pharmacy staff filled the prescriptions. Other staff helped transport the patients from rural areas to the mission sites, control the crowd, and distributed leaflets and other reading materials relating to general hygiene to patients waiting for service.

#### ***Dental Services***

Under Dental Services, the team consisted of dentists, dental assistants and nursing students. The dentists applied a mass production strategy to hasten the flow of dental patients. The patients were first screened by the nursing students for illnesses that might prevent them from having dental surgeries. The first group





## *Maria & Joseph's Ministry to the Poor*

606 Hardy Pl

Lincoln, CA 95648

*B.U.R.O. Project (Building Up Reaching Out)*

### *Year End Report 2015*

of dentists then interviewed the patients and applied anesthetics to those who qualified for tooth extractions. Then the second group of dentists did all the extractions with the help of dental assistants who held the patients' head steady and focused a flashlight on the tooth being pulled. The patients were then prescribed antibiotics and pain killers which were filled by the Mission's pharmacy with pre-packed medicines and "after dental surgery care" instructions. Other dental assistants freed up dentist time by sterilizing dental equipment and replacing surgery supplies after each tooth extraction. They also gave dental hygiene instructions and free toothbrushes and tooth pastes to dental patients.

#### ***Blood Pressure Measured***

All patients were screened by nurses and nursing assistants before being seen by the doctors or dentists. Patients were asked health related questions and their blood pressure, temperature and pulse rates were taken.

#### ***Eyeglass Distribution***

The Sacramento Mabuhay Lions Club from District 4C-5 made available, a total of 5,000, pairs of graded eyeglasses at the mission sites. Groups of patients were given 10 minutes to choose the pair they liked, and then asked to go on to other mission services. Patients flocked to choose the right pair that would help them see clearer, but many just came to check out the eye wear that looked best on them. For many, it was good enough to get any pair of eyeglasses, even if the eyeglass grade is not the right match, because the frames are very expensive in the Philippines.

#### ***Wheel Chair Donation***

Wheel chair, walkers and crutches were donated and delivered to a patient in Javier.

#### ***School Supplies Donated***

Variety of children reading books, notebooks, pens, crayons and other school supplies delivered to Javier elementary school library.

#### ***Barlean's sponsored Water Project***

After the purchase of the 14' Isuzu Elf flat bed pickup truck our water project delivered over fifty thousand gallons of fresh clean drinking water, we placed a 250 gallon stainless steels tank on top the truck and delivered to different location throughout the day, several days week.

#### ***Barlean's Building donation***

Building of the MJMP Center was schedule to begin in May, although we had several modifications to site location and building design, it eventually began in September. Location of final site and design of building was altering by the engineers; the orientation of the building was facing the east and the wind blew from the east, so an approved redesign and strengthening





## *Maria & Joseph's Ministry to the Poor*

606 Hardy Pl

Lincoln, CA 95648

*B.U.R.O. Project (Building Up Reaching Out)*

### *Year End Report 2015*

of the roof structure had to be made. Ground breaking began with a mass and blessing of the property, equipment, and personnel. The town mayor offered his personnel shovel to break ground. (Picture above)

The construction of the MJMP Center is now underway we previously stressed to the contractor the important of a safe and secure building structure, many building earlier were built to a sub-standard level to save on cost, but later, just to be destroyed during the storm. We have coordinated with the city for permits, building inspections and engineers to ensure we are following the new Filipino building code implemented after the 2013 typhoon Yolanda. The main building is well ventilated, consisting of walls and floors constructed from reinforced rebar concrete columns and sealed concrete block construction. The building was raised one meter above the highest historical flood level to protect our investment against flooding.



Once center is complete it will be the home of all the B.U.R.O. Projects,

- Medical & Eye clinic,
- After school and adult learning center,
- Main vitamin distribution,
- Feeding and fresh water station.
- Prayer and Evangelization
- Children playground
- Women's empowerment through employment development
- Disaster relief

January and February 2015 MJMP partnered with a Canadian mission and St. Paul's Hospital for two medical missions. Sacramento Mabuhay Lions Club donated over 5,000 glasses through Lions District 4-C5 for the mission sites. The new Elf Truck delivers clean water to each mission along with vitamins and other supplies.

Overall, a total of 109,755 children received vitamins in 2015, 4,000 children received a 30 day supply of multi-vitamins during the medical mission, 3,580 women received prenatal vitamins, and over 72,140 gallons of water was produced. We estimate water production at one gallon of water per person; overtime one person might have received multiple gallons. From which 190,475 services were rendered by MJMP mission volunteers. A total of 313 volunteers made this happen. As of September MJMP was

*Maria & Joseph's Mission for the Poor (MJMP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization who's ongoing humanitarian mission is to build up the lives of underserved children in the Philippines, empower their families, and improve the quality of life in their communities. All donation are tax deductible as allowed by law. Fed tax ID # 27-0597437*



## Maria & Joseph's Ministry to the Poor

606 Hardy Pl

Lincoln, CA 95648

B.U.R.O. Project (Building Up Reaching Out)

### Year End Report 2015

a 100% volunteer organization, in September one full time caretaker was hired to oversee security of construction property and supplies and one part time nurse to oversee vitamin distribution.

Service areas/ offered	Vitamin A	Multi- Vitamin Children	Prenatal Vitamins	Water Systems 1 gallon per person	Eye Glasses	Total Served
Javier	3,180	2,500	1680	50,000		57,360
Aboyug	13,500					13,500
Samar	1,375	200	100			1,675
Alaminos	10,375	300	200			10,875
Cagayan Valley	27,000	300	300			27,600
Davao		300	300			600
General Santos	21,600	300	300			22,200
Cagayan de Oro		150	150			300
Mandaue	3,750	400	400	3,640		8,190
Bohol	20,375	150	150	16,500		37,175
Tacloban (MM)		2,000		1,000	3,000	6,000
Samar (MM)		2,000		1,000	2,000	5,000
<b>Total services rendered</b>	<b>101,155</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>3,580</b>	<b>72,140</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>190,475</b>

<b>Water Project 2014:</b>		Budget	Actual
		US Dollar	
<b>Income:</b>			
Barlean's		\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
MJMP		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,280.00
<b>Funding total</b>		<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,280.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
4	Tanks	\$1,209	
1	Pump	\$250	
1	Generator	\$1,860	
	Fuel: Php 52 per 1 liter \$4.57 per gal	\$1,494	
1	Rental/Borrow vehicle 3 months	\$750	
1	PT employee \$200 month	\$600	
<b>Expense</b>		<b>\$6,164</b>	
<b>Remainder for down payment of Truck:</b>		\$7,836	
Robins Family contribution		\$7,280	

*Maria & Joseph's Mission for the Poor (MJMP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization who's ongoing humanitarian mission is to build up the lives of underserved children in the Philippines, empower their families, and improve the quality of life in their communities. All donation are tax deductible as allowed by law. Fed tax ID # 27-0597437*



## *Maria & Joseph's Ministry to the Poor*

606 Hardy Pl

Lincoln, CA 95648

*B.U.R.O. Project (Building Up Reaching Out)*

### *Year End Report 2015*

Purchased Truck	Isuzu 14' Dually 2 Ton Diesel	<b>\$15,116</b>	
Total Water Project			\$21,280.00

The construction of the MJMP Center is going well; we are currently in phase two, everyone is very excited with the progress. As I mentioned the site was relocated due to excessive amount of money needed in developing the land. The new site was donated also, but needed little development. We are saving a little on land development, but we are spending a little more to build the building one meter higher to compensate for any excessive flooding beyond the historical highs. Roofing was also strengthened and redesign to compensate for wind shear because of the easterly direction the building was facing. I've attached a budget and summary

The truck we purchased is getting a workout: our overall outreach of vitamins decreased sense the storm but diversified our assistance to include fresh water and delivering of needed supplies for additional medical missions we were able to reach an additional 11,000 people with services. Without this truck we wouldn't have been able to move the large quantity of supplies. The groups from Canada and Tacloban were very appreciative of the assistance. Volunteers thanked us for being there and the ones we served were also very happy. The truck has also become an incredible part of the construction project, making it easier to deliver supplies when needed.

### ***Challenges***

The planned building will be used for as water and vitamins center, medical clinic and other projects. In other rural areas, MJMP have already installed several water filtration systems to combat safe drinking water deficiencies. The biggest challenge for us is the amount of natural disasters that frequent the area. Fortifying a build to withstand heavy winds and rain is a challenge in itself. Our engineers have addressed this and also addressed the need for stringent codes to be implemented when installing wells and septic tanks. The systems we plan to use have a max capacity of over 3500 gallons a day, however the areas' susceptibility to natural disasters require a fortified structure to maintain and secure the equipment necessary to produce clean water. It is also necessary to have a self-sustaining power source (backup generators or solar) for the many blackouts that occur in the rural areas. With the building of this center we will be meeting this challenge.



## *Maria & Joseph's Ministry to the Poor*

606 Hardy Pl

Lincoln, CA 95648

*B.U.R.O. Project (Building Up Reaching Out)*

### *Year End Report 2015*

#### **Invitation to Join our Medical Mission 2016**

I've attached a copy of our medical mission itinerary for June 2016 and would like to invite you or a member of Barlean's to join us. The mission will be held at the newly construction center, with a dedication ceremony honoring our sponsors.

Our mission is setup with an educational outreach in mind, and with an attempt to get the public involved in what we are doing. Hope and faith is a very strong emotion characteristic among Filipinos; many sites we will visit will be religiously historical in nature, other sites visits will be to show the beauty of the islands while the mission sites will show the overall need for assistance. We will be conducting a three day medical, vitamin distribution mission with medical, dental, surgical and a pharmacy (as described above), three separate days and locations of vitamin and food distribution to some of our very poor mission sites, along with a tour of some very beautiful areas of the Philippines.

Travelers do not need to have any special education or qualification to join, just a desire to help. MJMP has developed strong relationships with LGU, NGO's and Foundations, The teams will be composed of medical as well as non-medical staff, which will be made up of MJMP volunteers (USA) and non-MJMP volunteers we will assist professional personnel in accomplishing our (their) mission.

Overall I'd have to say this has been a very exceptional year.