



Registered association for the promotion
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Dear members, dear friends, and supporters of Mabuhay!

My parents had barely arrived safely back in Bonn when Lisa K. came to visit us on April 4th. She was studying health education in Freiburg and was doing her internship there until July 30th.



Welcome with a flower Garland

She quickly made contact with our elderly and young patients and was able to take on small tasks in the clinic.



In stark contrast to this time last year, the rice harvest this time was a disaster. The incessant rain prevented the rice from being dried in the sun, so farmers had to take the rice to the rice mill for drying, which again represented an additional expense for the farmers.

On May 8th - Mother's Day - Typhoon Bebang raged over Catarman, leaving everything under water.



Flooding

The field without flood

Our nutrition program is gaining increasing popularity, and for the first time, we were able to enroll more than 50 children. There is a high rate of malnourished children in Bugko, so we are grateful that mothers bring their children to us. The program is primarily run by our volunteers, who lovingly care for the children and also teach them hygiene. The program is partially supported by the German Club in Manila (Welfare Committee), headed by Mr. Per Andre Hoffmann. We are very grateful that the German community in the Philippines supports us in our efforts to help the malnourished children in Bugko.



Sr. Veronica with the participants and mothers

In connection with the nutrition program, our fluoride prophylaxis program is also very important. The program, run by the German Dentists' Aid Organization under the direction of Dr. Winter, is ongoing, and now that all children in kindergarten have been registered, we were able to expand the prophylaxis program to include children in elementary school. It is the only program in the Philippines based on the use of fluoride salts. Unfortunately, these fluoride salts are not available here, and we are therefore very grateful that we receive them regularly. Our volunteers play a key role here, too.



Like last year, Pentecost was once again celebrated as a grand family celebration in the diocese. This year, our bishop invited us to Catarman, and the turnout was particularly large. The theme was part of the "Year for Youth" proclaimed by the Philippine Bishops' Conference.

The bishop once again deployed us as a first aid team. This year, over 5,000 participants were counted, and I'm always happy when we can drive home at 5:00 a.m. without any major incidents.



The Pilgrims



Bischof Trance visits our First aid booth

As in my second newsletter last year, I have sad news to share. On June 13, Patrick died suddenly.

He was in the hospital for two weeks with a stomach upset, and on the day of his discharge, complications suddenly arose. We are all very sad, especially since he visited us during his school holidays and looked so healthy. It continually reminds us of our limitations and that, despite all our efforts, there is still a higher power.

With our volunteers and the children who spent the last year with him, we drove to his house to say goodbye. After all, we accompanied and greatly influenced his life for two years.

This is how we remember him.



On June 29, we organized a dental mission here in Bugko. Five dentists treated 240 patients. It demonstrated once again how urgently dental care is needed here. Our volunteers worked tirelessly, working almost nonstop.



I think the three examples above describe the situation well. We were happy that we were able to help so many people with the mission.

And in this context, I have the good news that since July 19th, we now have a dentist here in Bugko regularly for one full day a week.

With best wishes for a wonderful summer, yours,

Sabine Korth

Once again, Salamat (thank you) to everyone from Bugko!

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