

Registered association for the promotion of medical care and social support in Northern Samar, Philippines

Bugko, December 2013

Dear members, dear friends, and supporters of Mabuhay!

On September 30, the DOH came to our visual inspection, by the Fund of German Dentists (HDZ) funded laboratories. They were very happy and thought: "it's a" nice laboratory ". We were very pleased at the compliment and have the official certificate only too happy to put in reception when not on 8 November Haiyan or as the typhoon is here called "Yolanda" would be pounced on us. The delayed sending the certificate.





Actually I wanted to write this letter about our two interns. Now this is only to a limited extent, since the third October Alex W. has left surprisingly and without saying a word. He was too young to perform missionary work here and wanted to be active in school settings rather than in health. Theresa R. was up to the 5th November with us and helped where she could. They stocked our new patient records, helped in the clinic, gave swimming lessons and support our two guys at the garden work.









In addition to the clinic she had insight into our various programs, such as the nutrition program and the dental clinic.

Our nutrition program is continuous throughout the year and is sponsored by the German Club in Manila. Unfortunately, malnutrition is still a big issue here and many of the sick children that we see every day, are in a greatly reduced nutritional status and therefore susceptible to disease. The children will be dewormed, get vitamins and a hot meal every day.







On 8 November, we were, as already mentioned, by super typhoon "Yolanda", internationally known as Haiyan , haunted . It was the strongest typhoon worldwide in 2013. We flew at high wind speeds (over 250 kph) almost gone and so you can / you surely imagine how it went the people here in the bamboo huts. 50 people were evacuated to us because they were worried them flying off the roof and her house is destroyed. Sr. Veronica and I made several laps with the car to inspect the damage and to bring people to us. Some roads were impassable by fallen trees almost, power lines lay on the ground and roof parts flew into the streets. The power went out. Fortunately, there were no personal injuries here. People were unimaginable fear. Their great concern was their animals, they left behind and the things in the house, since such a situation is, unfortunately, often exploited by thieves. Followed by the strong winds heavy rains came to us who set the farm and cottages under water. Many of our banana trees and papaya trees fell, and the fruits were lost. The rice fields were destroyed and destroyed crops. It was a " Monstertaifun " . We helped where we could. Buildings huts on again , distributed rice, canned food and other relief supplies, such as Candles and spent much needed medications. When the situation was here in the handle, we were asked by our bishop to help on our site also . We coordinated with the Social Action Office of the Diocese of Catarman . We made three trips with our volunteers in severely affected areas and brought, supplies, food, and led by Medical Missions . 700 patients per day were the cut. Many patients had wounds they suffered

when they held somewhere to brave the strong wind and the water. In some areas a v. near Tacloban the typhoon was followed by a storm surge The images we will never see vergessen.es with your own eyes is certainly different than on TV . Destruction everywhere, like after a bomb , only missing the crater. Dead by the roadside, often covered only scantily. Everywhere calls for help for food and medicines. The eyes of those affected empty, hopeless, or looking down. Many had really lost everything. Nature, too, was like a desert landscape. The coconut trees that are almost as symbol of the island here, were destroyed and with it the livelihoods of many people here, because they live on the coconut crop. It will take а lona time to recover the palms of the storm. Thank you all one more time in this way, who thought of us as the typhoon was reported around the world in the news. We received calls from Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Argentina, Nepal, the U.S., etc. You / You were all with us. Even now there is still no Strom.um to bring the letter on the way , I had to drive into the city. Diesel was in short supply in many areas also the drinking water and food . Really in every respect a state of emergency. Our help for those affected stops and there is still much to do.









Evakuation Station











Pictures from Bugko













Our Volunteers packing supplies and medicines













Distributing of supplies to those affected by the typhoon

Now the latest news. While you / is your gain this letter a great relief supplies from Germany on the way to us. It comes from Bavaria, district Kronach, Wallenfels and Steinweisen. With P. Robert Jauch, OFM as an intermediary, to be sent from a Caritas nursing facility utensils in a container to us. Bernhard M. and Uwe F. as key actors packed by hand the objects in the container.





This is the first container transport is sent directly to us. Correspondingly extensive was the correspondence with the customs authorities in Manila. Thank God came to us a friend to help, so we had not even in Manila representations. The tools we will use in the clinic and in the future planned maternity ward. Once the transport Bugko achieved, I will write more about it.

Another year comes to an end and the end was really more than turbulent and shocking in every way. I thank you / you all again very much, on behalf of all Bugkoano, because without the many helping hands and the financial support it would not be possible to carry out such a program here and maintain. Especially in times of crisis, we have so much noticed how much you / you are connected, we can count on you / you. It was a wonderful experience all the misery the help

and solidarity.

And so I am with best wishes for a happy new year and a merry Christmas your / your

Sabine Korth Malipayon nga Pasko (Merry Christmas) from Bugko!



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