



**Eingetragener Verein zur Förderung medizinischer Versorgung
und sozialen Betreuung in Nord Samar - Philippinen**

Bugko, in September 2012

Dear members, dear friends and supporters of Mabuhay!

The mid-year was characterized by many structural changes in order to use the available space better.

We renovated the kitchen and when that was finished, we enlarged the treatment room and rebuilt part of the diagnostic center, so that we fulfill the requirements for accreditation of laboratories by the DOH (which is the local health authority).

All the changes were worth it and we got a lot of space at present. Here are the pictures:



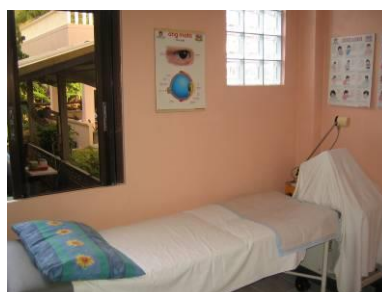
Kitchen before



present



Treatment room before



today...



In all renovations Karl-Heinz H. called "Kalle" helped us and brought in many ideas.



Laboratory



new



On 13 June Deacon Michael Kaluza from the parish of St. Sebastian in Bonn-Poppelsdorf came to us. The Parish is already supporting our work a long time and he wanted to see personally what we are doing and support us in our work. From the beginning he was actively involved in our work and quickly found friends among young and old. He stayed almost 3 months with us and flew back home on September 6.



Arrival



with patients



Linen washing



During home visits with patients



gardening





With children in Bugko



With friends during Mass



Assisting the dentist

In the next newsletter he will report about his stay here. He will be greatly missed here.

In addition to the clinic, we have started to run a small farm. It covers our own needs and saves money for the purchase of vegetables. Tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, peanuts, watermelons, eggplant, avocado, Ampalaya and others grow very well and we had the first year good harvest.



Through the generous funding of the Organization of German Dentist (Hilfswerk Deutscher Zahnärzte) headed by Dr. Winter, we were able to build a treatment and swim-learning pool in July 2012. It is unique in North - Samar and we are very grateful to the Organisation. The idea to build it came thru an increasing number of swimming accidents in Bugko. 80% of the Filipinos don't know how to swim, we frequently got drowned children brought to the clinic whom we could not save anymore. Swimming lessons in schools are not taught and by undercurrents here in the sea, the children quickly are lost. In addition it will be used as a therapy - or rehabilitation pool, because we also have many patients with paralysis after stroke and accidents. Guided water treatment will help them to improve their motoric skills.





From August 21-24 Klaus De Cassan and his wife Michaela were here with us. Dr. De Cassan come already many times to train our volunteers in the fluoride prophylaxis program. This time, he instructed them with o the new tooth cleaning devices. These were also donated by the Association of German Dentists (Hilfswerk der deutschen Zahnärzte), so we can expand our services in the dental clinic here and work continuous to stop the usual catastrophic dental hygiene here.



August 30 and 31 we had again a medical / surgical mission. This time, five doctors from Manila came with different specializations. We cooperated with "International Initiative for Philippines", which has its headquarters in New York. The large flow of patients was overwhelming. In addition to medical examinations, minor surgical procedures were performed on an outpatient basis. Our volunteers worked tirelessly so that we could register a total of 586 patients and provide them with drugs for free. Before six o'clock in the morning, the first patients arrived and waited patiently often several hours just to see a doctor and to be treated. The medical care in Northern Samar is still insufficient. We see it every day in our normal clinical practice, since patients often travel about 50 km, only to come to us. Here are a few of the images.



The Team



Registration



Waiting patients



Examination



pharmacy



drugs issue



The Operating Room



On August 31, we were surprised by an earthquake measuring 7.7. The epicenter was in Eastern Samar, not so far away from us. Everything shook and the transformer outside the house swang like a church bell. As a result, many people here fled to the mountains and inland, especially as a tsunami warning was issued. In one hand they had a cooking pot, in the other a child, while others took the motorbike or bicycle. The evacuation went on all night and the next morning the people came back to their homes. Unfortunately, some thieves also took advantage of the situation. Catarman, the capital of the island had the most incidents.

Thank God we did not suffer any structural damage and also our neighbors were spared. We had stayed in the clinic, in case our help was needed. It was scary and thankfully after our mission, otherwise surely there would be a major panic among the patients.



We are happy that we could help so many. Thank you all again because only by your support that everything became possible for us to do. So once again, Salamat (Thank you) to all of you from Bugko!

With best wishes for a beautiful golden autumn, I am your

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