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Dear members, dear friends, and supporters of Mabuhay!

For the second time, dentist Dr. Carsten Hansen and his wife Doris from Wildeshausen came to us from April 21st to May 2nd to provide dental care. They brought a lot of dental equipment with them, which was quickly put to use. Patients were already queuing up before 6 a.m. In contrast to his first visit in 2012, Dr. Hansen was able to perform far more tooth-preserving measures this time. A total of 370 patients were treated. Our fluoride prophylaxis program, initiated by the German Dentists' Aid Organization, met with great interest. Every year, more children are enrolled, examined, given fluoride, given dental care if necessary, and undergo regular check-ups. Dr. Hansen confirmed that with this program, we are on the right track to improving the dental status of our residents. Another positive development is that patients are now coming for dental prophylaxis every day. Public awareness of healthy teeth, and how important they are for the entire body, is growing.



Welcome



Many Patients are coming



and wait patiently



Fluor- Prophylaxis-Program:



As soon as the Hansen family left, we and our volunteers packed teaching materials for 1,000 students from kindergarten to sixth grade. This was done as part of the Typhoon Relief program to help the affected families. Each backpack was individually packed and equipped with the necessary materials for each grade.



The handover took place on June 2nd. All the students were delighted, inspected the contents, and proudly brought their backpacks home. Once again, a heartfelt thank you to the German Dentists' Aid Organization.





On June 9th, our former helper at the house "Carlita" died. Many will remember her well. She died of illness and was only 53 years old.

On July 2nd, dentist Dr. Lindner from Bad Krötzing came to our clinic. He came to us through the German Dental Aid Organization. Even though Dr. Hansen hadn't been gone long, many people came seeking dental care again.



Many people were able to receive help, and we are very happy that Dr. Lindner will be coming back to us in January. He will stay for six weeks. His stay was only marred by Typhoons Glenda and Henry, which caused extensive damage here in Bugko in quick succession. I reported on that separately.

As a result, we had no electricity for two weeks, and I don't need to explain what that means.

Our last visitor this summer was Svenja from Olpe/Sauerland on July 30th. She was doing a three-week internship with us before starting her studies in anthropology in the fall.



For the first time, an optician from Catarman visited us for two days in August, and we were able to supply nearly 100 patients with glasses. Mr. Werner Horst from Bonn had been collecting them for us for many years, and now the frames were being used. Amazingly, many children who could no longer read the blackboard at school also came. Many of these children had severe vision problems, and it's surprising this wasn't noticed sooner. The patients were first examined with a computer refractometer and then manually examined. Finally, they were allowed to choose their new frames.



Thank you also to everyone who supported us in the BBraun Hygiene campaign "What Touches Us." This time, we received more votes than ever before, and people voted for us around the globe. Hence the proud result of 3,118 votes.

And more good news reached us at the end of August. The German Dental Aid Organization, led by Dr. Winter, is covering the costs of building a new multi-purpose building on our premises. I will report on the background and progress of the new construction in my next newsletter.

Once again, we were able to help so many people and also carry out new campaigns, which is only possible with your support. So, once again, Salamat (thank you) to everyone from Bugko!

With best wishes for a wonderful autumn, I am yours,

Sabine Korth

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