



LANTAW-UGMA OUTREACH

Children coming to the knowledge of their Hope and Future in Jesus Christ!

Greetings in the Lord, family!

I hope you all had a wonderful celebration of Christmas and New Year! The board of LUO greatly values the display of your love and support throughout the crisis that LUO had encountered in the last 2-3 months. Your prayers most significantly carried us through. Our ministry team at the local front (in Honan, small town in Isabel, Leyte, Philippines) has also been strengthened as we ALL join hands in doing His Work. For that, we are deeply grateful and thankful to our dear Lord God for each one of you!

Ministry Updates

Right now, the LUO Rebuilding Project has begun. Unfortunately, due to another storm that struck the same region on January 8, work was placed on hold temporarily. The plan is to rebuild the structures (2 classrooms, kitchen/dining area and restroom) that have been destroyed by typhoon Haiyan. There is also a plan to build a multi-purpose building to hold fellowship & ministry services in the future, upon availability of funds and God's direction. *Please keep this endeavor in your prayers.*

The attendance of the children participating in LUO's programs has increased significantly since the start of our relief operation on November 26. From 25 average attendees in November 2, LUO now is caring and mentoring over 60+ children. We are so thankful for the opportunity to serve more children, and we just hired an additional teacher on January 1st to meet the growing needs of the ministry.

Two typhoon relief operations were successful when 100 and 200 packages were delivered on Nov 26 and Dec 7 respectively. Not only families of LUO children benefited from these efforts, but also the elderly, infant and very poor people in the local community.

Evangelism and Prayer Focus

Our primary focus is still about sharing the deep love of our Lord Jesus Christ to all children who attends LUO. We are very excited and we know that you are praying with us and for us about seeing God's Glory and His Purposes being accomplished in this small community where LUO ministry is. We have no doubt that this is His Mission and the Work is His!



LUO Christmas Party was held on December 25, 2013 at LUO site.

Over sixty children attended the affair including some parents.



Children not only received special Christmas gift items, but also canned goods as additional relief goods for their families. These children had so much fun as they gathered for meals, games & prizes.



Most of all, these children heard the beautiful story of the Reason we celebrate Christmas.

What a blessing!!

Praise!

We got a word from our field ministry workers that about half of the LUO students are so excited about the Word of God and requested that they have their own Bible, so about 40 Bibles were purchased, and will be distributed in the next scheduled session. Glorious news indeed!

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Jesus said. "Let the little children come to me..." ~ Matthew 19:14a

We shared before that right after the typhoon hit central Philippines, folks everywhere were overwhelmed. We were too, but our God was and is faithful! Now, more than ever, we know that all He desires for his peoples are for them to delight in Him. There is Power in His Word, and so we trust that all peoples impacted by LUO's activities in this community will sing praises unto His Holy Name, and that God's mission for these peoples becomes an adventure of joy, passion and joy for ALL of us as well!

We continue to pursue God's wisdom in how to improve the delivery of the other programs (*feeding, mentorship, academic tutorial, hygiene education, physical education, arts appreciation, and social skills*) where children's lives would be impacted causing them to bring worship to God in a most intimate way. Each time we see smiling faces and joy in the hearts of these children when they sing praises unto the Lord, we're reminded of the reason why we're blessed with the gift of salvation—this is so, we could be a blessing to others to the Glory of God! To witness the change in some of these children **from despair to hope** at this early stage of the ministry's life is an answered prayer and already a reason to celebrate. Join us as we rejoice in the Lord declaring His Glory among the nations!

Other News

So many of you have expressed desire to be active participants in the Work that God is doing in this part of the world—for that we are so blessed! At the moment, the critical need is and will always be: **Prayer**.

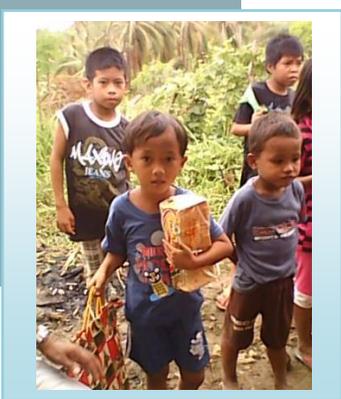
Alan is scheduled to come home this February 2. Please continue to keep Alan in your prayers for safe travel and good health.

"The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice..." – Psalm 97: 1a

In Christ,

Your family at Lantaw-Ugma Outreach

Left: LUO kids receiving their Christmas Give-away food items for their family.
Bottom: Carmelita, LUO's faithful ministry caretaker/On-site ministry coordinator since February 2012.



"But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy..."

– Psalm 5:11a



LUO session held on Jan 4, 2014 at the LUO temporary shelter. Attendance: 59+ 3 new students.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.
- Psalm 67:5-7

'LANTAW-UGMA' means "Looking into a bright Future"



11/26/13 Typhoon Relief Operation distribution.



12/7/13 Typhoon Relief Operation distribution.

If you're inspired to partner with us in God's Work, and would like to make a Pledge or One-time Gift to LUO for this year 2014, any amount payable to "Lantaw-Ugma Outreach" would be appreciated. **God bless you!**