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To Whom It May Concern:

From a small coastal village named Baybay, Roxas City, Panay Island, located in central region of the Philippines, a box of fortified rice from **Risen Savior Missions** was brought in by Wilfredo (Boy) Valencia, a volunteer of Risen Savior Missions and a past Governor of Philippine Luzon District of Kiwanis International to a small fishing community for a start up project to feed fifty (50) malnourished children.

Intertwined closely with **Kiwaniis International mission statement of Serving the Children of the World**. The Philippine South District of Kiwanis International comprising the major regions of Visayas and Mindanao started a partnership through a "handshake agreement" that flourished and grew enormously over the last five years all by the grace of God.

Indeed, "**a bundle of small things becomes big**". Like manna from heaven, the mission headed by founding Chairman of Risen Savior Missions (RSM) Jerry Krosnowski and wife Barbara took notice of the need to sustain the program when we were truly blessed by receiving by a dozens more of "balikbayan boxes" of nutritious fortified rice casserole coming through RSM from Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Foundation. Since then, more and more thousands of boxes by the forty foot container loads keeps oncoming to help save our starving children.

Gradually, we expanded the feeding program to several coastal areas and remote mountain villages in the Island of Panay, Philippines. We branded the project with a local twist called by the name of **Balay ni San Jose (House of St. Joseph) – RSM Kiwanis Kids Feeding Program** by linking through a network of more than sixty (60) Kiwanis clubs of the Philippine South District in the Visayas and Mindanao regions through a strong partnership with hundreds of non-government organizations, Christian-interfaith based organizations and local government units, youth volunteers, school teachers, private donors. It is a "hands on, doable project" which had magnetized thousands of volunteers to actively participate during the feeding sessions in the villages.

Over the last five years, we have enrolled an annual average of sixty (60) thousand wasted and severely wasted malnourished children or **a total of 300,000 feeding children at more than 1,200 day care centers and public elementary schools (feeding site locations) throughout the Philippines.**

We reverently acknowledge not only the passion and commitment of Risen Savior Missions by delivering food to the ground, **the boundless generosity of RSM and FMSC by proving food to starving children** but also the thousands of grassroots volunteers who are involved "hands on" day in and day out to lend their helping hands by feeding every in our feeding sites.

It is our deepest hope that FMSC and RSM in direct partnership with the network of Kiwanis clubs throughout Philippines shall continue serving the poorest of poor children and to restore back their health through our feeding programs and save as many children's lives as we can wherever it is needed in our country and to take these children from hunger to hope, so that they can dream about their future again.

Truly yours,

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