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Exciting News!



Risen Savior Missions is excited to announce that we have launched a holistic feeding project on Marinduque Island in the Philippines called **MARINEL**, which stands for **MAR**-Marinduque **I**-Integrated **N**-Nutritional **E**-Educational **L**-Livelihood. With key players like Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), Hapag Asa (Table of Hope), Assisi Development Foundation and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, our goal is a comprehensive program to reverse malnutrition on the entire island! This joint effort marks the first time ever that the local churches, government, and non-governmental organizations have worked in the Philippines together on a project of this magnitude.

But let's take a look back to see how we arrived at this important project for the island of Marinduque. RSM has worked hard over the last seven years to serve the poor of the Philippines, and our efforts have met with great success! Some poor villages that once had hundreds of families living on top of garbage dumps no longer need our help after 3½ to 5 years of supplying them with nutritious FMSC food and our holistic learning and livelihood programs. They have become self sufficient and no longer need our support.

We could now take those resources and branch out to other areas in the Philippines, and we thought, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could reverse malnutrition on an island completely? Marinduque seemed like the perfect island for such a project, with almost a quarter of a million people living there on a land



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mass about the same size as St. Paul, Minnesota. It is safe from terrorist activity, and many committed volunteers have come forward with excellent leadership abilities and organizational skills.

We actually began our feeding program on Marinduque in 2010, trying to reverse malnutrition for the starving children and pregnant mothers. Through the success of our sustaining, holistic approach and continuous partnership with FMSC, that number of malnourished children and mothers has been cut in half.

This success inspired our mission partners and attracted new volunteers to dedicate themselves to the whole island, and our goal is in sight! If we could raise \$25,000 annually over the next three years to pay for the cost of shipping donated FMSC food, we could reverse malnutrition in all children, infants, and pregnant and lactating mothers on Marinduque, and also feed all the TB patients! By the grace of God we could wipe out starvation for them and maintain it until they no longer needed our support. By feeding them, their families could save enough money to feed everyone in their household and improve their lives through education and small businesses. They will become healthy enough to take on these ventures!



But we don't want to stop there! Our last remaining obstacle for this island is the senior citizens that are dying from lack of nutritious food to eat. We have the food — we just do not have the funds needed to ship it to them. For only \$12,500 more per year in shipping expenses, we could send the desperately needed meals and complete our work there. We could totally conquer starvation on Marinduque for everyone.

Great work has begun toward this end. The Diocese of Boac on Marinduque has completed a new storage warehouse to better accommodate our ongoing monthly shipments of 300,000 servings of food. We have the volunteers and distribution system in place. All we need to heal everyone on this entire island from the ravages of starvation is your

help! Together we can give them a hand up to stand on their own once again! Then this island will be a wonderful testimony to the way God blesses the cooperative work of good churches, good government, good charities and good people striving together in unity to spread the Good News of God. By His power, this island-wide holistic feeding project could be the positive tipping point and example of what can be accomplished for the wellness of the Philippines.

Please help us continue our much needed work in the Philippines with your prayers and financial contributions. We thank you on behalf of these dear children!

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November newsletter will feature details about our upcoming mission trip and an update on progress in Mindanao!

