



**RISEN
SAVIOR
MISSIONS**

Feeding Jesus in His Starving Children

*A kindly eye will earn a blessing,
such a person shares out food with the poor.*

Proverbs 22:9 (NJB)

In October we reported on Typhoon Mangkhut, hitting the Philippine island of Luzon on September 15, 2018. This Category 5 super typhoon was the strongest typhoon to make landfall in the Philippines since Typhoon Haiyan in 2013.

RSM sent 400,000 MannaPack Rice meals to the province of Isabella in Northern Luzon from our Manila warehouse as an emergency first response, but more needed to be done. The devastation of their nipa huts (homes) and crops was so widespread.

Through your generous help of \$1,400.00, RSM was able to procure and distribute enough building materials for 12 extremely poor families to rebuild their lives. With new cinder blocks, cement, steel sheets for roofing, and construction nails, new homes could be built that were much safer than before.

Without our help, it may well have taken these families two years to save enough money to enable them to do this. Think about sleeping under a plastic tarp in the tropical sun and rain for two years! Imagine how many meals your family would have to miss just to save enough money to rebuild a small shelter!

Now they can build a better home and begin to rebuild their lives. Their home will be stronger and healthier for them, enabling them to lead healthier lives. They will also be able to devote more future resources to expanding their farms instead of constantly repairing their homes. They will have more resources for feeding their families and sending the children to school. In time, they will have more to share with others in their village. Now that is definitely something for which to be thankful!

Thanksgiving After Typhoon Mangkhut



This family's home was completely destroyed by the super typhoon.



Today they are so thankful for a chance to build a new, safer home.

RSM Remembers Nena

Risen Savior Missions lost an amazing member of our mission family in the Philippines. Mercy Sunico, affectionately known to us as Nena, lost her battle with cancer on October 30, 2018, at 64 years old. The Good Lord called her Home after gifting us with over 11 years of her incredible service and compassion.

We first met Nena in 2007 while she was volunteering at her church in a suburb of Manila. Nena was a successful entrepreneur, and she wanted to share the talent and treasure that God had given to her. She enjoyed volunteering there, but Nena felt deep down inside that the Lord



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RSM Remembers Nena (continued)

was inviting her to go out into the deep water and serve the poorest of the poor.

When Nena had heard from RSM missionaries Boy and Virgie Valencia that RSM was going to be establishing feeding programs in the Muntinlupa area, her heart stirred. Approximately 90,000 people lived there on a garbage dump site. Here was her opportunity to serve the extremely poor who lived in the shadows of Manila.



From left to right: RSM Feeding Site Volunteer, Barbara Krosnowski, Cathy Crea Huizar, Jerry Krosnowski, Nena Sunico, and Boy Valencia

Nena started right away, training to be a volunteer RSM feeding site manager. As she spent more and more time with these terribly poor families, she discovered how difficult it was for them to feed themselves while earning wages of only a dollar a day. Their intense suffering motivated her to rapidly open and manage nine additional feeding sites.

But Nena didn't stop there. She wanted to address the long-term effects of malnutrition. She witnessed children dying from starvation and poor health, and she knew she was being called into even deeper water. Nena recruited doctors and nurses to volunteer their services, and she established a medical clinic that served only impoverished families. These families could now get medical help, when before they couldn't even afford simple antibiotics.

Her next focus was livelihood. Realizing that these poor families needed better paying jobs and livelihood training, she put her entrepreneurial skills to

work. Nena rented a warehouse and filled it with reconditioned Japanese commercial sewing machines. She started a non-profit business that employed the extremely poor to create shopping bags, purses, and hospitality industry linens. Nena trained the employees how to sew, and suddenly they were earning up to \$200 a month!

Before her death, Nena was setting up more feeding sites on the Philippine island of Catanduanes. While lying in her hospital bed, she still continued to be His loving servant for the poorest of the poor, imploring her dear friends and family gathered around her to continue her work when she was gone.



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Nena. We thank God for allowing us to know her and her family. We will miss her joy, warmth, and untiring compassion. She was an unbelievably strong and amazing woman who answered Jesus' call to serve Him in a very real and hands-on way. Nena was a shining example of what God's dedicated RSM volunteers in the Philippines are all about.

A Jewish precept says, "Whosoever preserves a single soul, Scripture ascribes to him as though he had preserved a complete world." Only God knows how many "worlds" Nena saved with Jesus, but we know our "world" will truly miss her.



“Be the Key” Gala

There are few things more frustrating than when you can't find your keys. We turn our homes upside down to find them, searching frantically, because we are so dependent on our keys. More often than not, they end up being somewhere out in the open, right before our eyes.

The starving children of the Philippines are also dependent on their keys, and that key is each and every one of us. On October 20 at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville, MN, we discovered the many ways that we can truly be the key to unlocking a future for those dear children. We can help them get healthy food and much needed programs that teach about Jesus and sustainable life and work skills.

We learned from keynote speaker Bishop Junie from Marinduque, that RSM's program works! In fact, he startled everyone by saying, "Quit sending us food!" He reported that his entire island was now becoming self-sufficient, and urged us to take our programs to the next island. "In just a little over five years, my island recovered from malnutrition," he said. "Without you and RSM, we could only think about food. Now we can dream about the future! It's time to help another island find hope again."

We were also surprised that evening was an achievement award presented to Risen Savior Missions by Feed My Starving Children, honoring our work of 12 years as food missionaries.

Congratulations, Raffle Winners!

\$1,000	Hazel R. from Apple Valley
MN Wild tix	Thomas K. from Apple Valley
\$200	David F. from North St. Paul
\$100	Susan W. from Apple Valley
\$100	Savannah M. from Minneapolis
\$100	Joan D. from North St. Paul



On behalf of the starving poor in the Philippines, we thank you for supporting the Risen Savior Missions Gala. It was a huge success, thanks to everyone who answered the call to "be the key!" There were over 150 people in attendance, and we raised \$42,000. In 2019, RSM plans to ship 15 million meals to the Philippines, and our Gala proceeds will cover 25% of the meal shipping cost. Praise God!

Please Pray for RSM

Loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please bless the work of Risen Savior Missions and give us the gift of Your daily bread. Help us to feed You in the poor children and their families.

We pray that Your sons and daughters who hunger and thirst for Your love, may become healthy again and strengthened in mind, body, and spirit.

Please guide and protect all the volunteers doing these works of mercy for Your glory. Provide us with the graces needed to feed You in the distressing disguise of the poor.

May our prayer and charity unite our mission family in serving You throughout the world.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Our Wish List

This is the time of year when many people start thinking about their wish list. At RSM, our list seems to get longer with wishes each year!

Yet we all know that the best way to receive a gift that you *really* want is to share your wish list. On this page we have pictured some of the families and children we would love to reach with our feeding and livelihood programs.

Your donation could make all the difference in the world for one of these poor children. Please consider a special gift as 2018 comes to a close.

Maybe you want to honor a friend or loved one with an amazing tribute gift. Maybe you are looking for the perfect stocking stuffer. A gift to help save the life of a child is always the right size and color, and it may inspire someone to re-gift! Thank you for supporting Risen Savior Missions and helping us give the gift of health and hope to a starving child!



Rodgie and Mark Joseph Bonayon



RSM missionary Sr. Marivic sits with the Bonayon Family in their shanty. This floor serves as their kitchen table and as their bed.



Pictured left, Nigel Ebrada and Winalyn Bolanos are very small for their age. At 6 years old, Nigel weighs 22 pounds. One-year-old Winalyn weighs 12 pounds. Proper food can reverse their poor health.

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Pictured right, Jay Liipata Baluyot from San Roque in Northern Samar is 6 years old and weighs 27 pounds. His mother was severely malnourished during her pregnancy. He was born with no arms.



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