

*Risen
Savior
Missions®*

Glorifying GOD by Helping Starving Children!



Risen Savior Missions is so blessed to have amazing volunteers that give so much of themselves to our work in the Philippines. They are continually working so hard to make a difference and save the lives of thousands of children each year! Whether it be serving poor children nourishing FMSC food in Manila's shanty towns or raising money to ship meals and much needed supplies to the Typhoon Haiyan victims, RSM's volunteers are an invaluable inspiration and example to us all.

RSM Missionary Heroes



One such amazing volunteer is Elizabeth Borges, RN. She has been a part of the RSM team for three years now, helping out on medical missions, speaking at events, and fundraising for various projects. Recently Elizabeth donated her time and talents for a whole month as a lay missionary in the Philippines. She brought her nursing and medical skills to the poorest of the poor on the islands of



Leyte and Marinduque. Her compassion knows no bounds, and her smile brings hope and healing to everyone she meets.

Another remarkable and multi-talented volunteer is Executive Missionary Sr. Victoria Destacamento, SFCC. We know her as Sr. Marivic, and she has lovingly served the poor of the Philippines with RSM for eight years. No task is too big for Sr. Marivic, and she currently manages 218 holistic feeding sites with Fr. Lino for 9,865 malnourished people on the island of Marinduque, in concert with the Social Action staff of the Diocese of Boac. Sister works tirelessly with the poor, traveling to their villages to teach the Word of God. She climbs mountains and rough terrain to reach out to feed and help save these people, with the Jesus at her side. Sr. Marivic truly brings life and joy wherever God's mission brings her.



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RSM Missionary Heroes (continued)

Then there are Tom and Teresa Stamman. They fundraise year round for RSM through their organization **Impact Ministries International**. Over the last three years their efforts have enabled RSM to ship enough MannaPack Rice from Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) to feed well over 10,000 malnourished and starving Philippine children annually. Honestly I have never met a couple that is so God-centered, servant-minded, and dedicated to saving the lives of little children.



These are only a few of the volunteers that generously donate their time to RSM. They are truly heroes to the starving and malnourished children and families of the Philippines. Has God been calling you to become a lay missionary?



"You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden.
No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub;
they put it on a lampstand where it shines
for everyone in the house.
In the same way your light must shine
for the sight of men, so that,
seeing your good works,
they may give praise to your Father in heaven."
The Jerusalem Bible, Matthew 5:14-16



Come explore the many ways you can get involved at RSM, whether it's at home or in the Philippines. The possibilities are endless! Together with God we can accomplish much! For more information on how you become a part of the Risen Savior Missions team, call Jerry Krosnowski 952-432-3359 or Pam Germ 651-330-0498.



Risen Savior Missions is staffed only by volunteers. Why not join us?

Super Typhoon Haiyan left a wake of total devastation that may take a decade to repair, especially for thousands of hungry Filipino children on the Philippine islands of Leyte and Samar. With so many children still going hungry and starving this summer, food relief is desperately needed.

RSM is trying to address this incredible need. More food shipments are on their way this month destined for these islands, but we need your loving help!



Sr. Eloisa David, OSB, MD is a doctor at Divine Word Hospital in Tacloban, Leyte. She is right in the area hit hardest by the typhoon, and reported on one of RSM's programs that is having success — the effort to re-cultivate the land. In fact, she has found that the Filipino people are doing everything they can to plant wherever they can! Taking a moment from all her patients, she visited the fields. In the midst of a healthy growth of Soya beans and vegetables, she reports that it's really a race against time in the struggle with starvation. While their efforts are fruitful, there is still much more to be done, and more donations are needed to buy more seeds.



Another need is to rebuild the houses, schools, and churches that were destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan's 200 mph winds and tidal surge flooding of 10 to 30 feet high that lasted over 4 hours. To answer this call, RSM is assembling an interfaith construction crew to do this great mission work during the last week of January and the first week of February next year in 2015.

Are you feeling God's call to lend a hand? Then come with us to volunteer for a week or two! Call and ask for Aimee at 952-649-0611 or Jerry at 952-432-3359 for more fun details on how you can be part of God's RSM lay missionary volunteer construction team to help rebuild the hope and future of the people of Leyte.



Three different religious orders in the center of the typhoon aftermath in Tacloban, Leyte.

"[We are] requesting an urgent plea for more emergency food relief for the typhoon victims of Haiyan."



Not so sure about your construction skills? Then come along and help out with our food mission work during that time! There will be plenty of opportunities to make a difference in the lives of the poor. Give us a call at Risen Savior Missions and we will fill you in on all the details so that you can get ready for the experience of a lifetime! Call Jerry at 952-432-3359 to join our team!



What if I can't go on a mission trip?

By Pam Germ

trip, but everyone can become a lay missionary — and the outcomes are nothing short of amazing!

There are SO many things you can do right here, stateside, that are truly invaluable. I am inspired every day by the ways folks step up and help the poor of the Philippines. The Church of St. Peter in North St. Paul, MN, conducts a garage sale every fall to raise funds for the church. When they are wrapping up the sale, they invite RSM to come in and take all the leftover items that we want for the missions, free of charge! Praise God!

At that same sale, I was talking to a parishioner about RSM, and she took it upon herself to conduct an underwear drive at her place of work. She collected new and gently used undergarments, AND she received some donations to pay for the shipping. When she handed me the bags filled with clean underwear, I was overjoyed with the generosity, but she was thanking *me* for the opportunity to serve the Lord and spread the news about RSM's work. She was joining the ranks of RSM's lay missionaries, and the experience touched her.

Other groups have also stepped forward to help. The St. Paul Deanery of the Council of Catholic Women collected hundreds of stuffed animals and flip-flops last fall for RSM. They just kept coming in! What an incredible way to minister to a child who has never had a toy before or spends his days walking on unsafe glass and garbage. It means the world to these children, and it gives the St. Paul Deanery a chance to share the many blessings they have received from God.



In fact, other groups have collected many items for RSM as well. Girl Scout troops have conducted medical supply and school supply drives as part of their badgework. The Church of St. Peter Council of Catholic Women has made their "Flip-Flops for the Philippines" campaign an annual event, collecting hundreds and hundreds of flip-flops and sandals for the poor AND raising enough cash donations to pay for all the shipping AND send some food, too!

Families have approached me with beautiful stories. One young daughter asked everyone

coming to her birthday party to bring a backpack to donate to RSM instead of bringing a birthday present. Another family had a young son who, when cleaning his room, took all the money he found and asked if he could donate it to RSM. Don't these children just touch your heart?

These are just a few of the ways we can be lay missionaries without needing a passport. You don't have to go to the Philippines with RSM to make a difference. You can collect books from your school so that the Filipino schools can better teach their students English. You can have a garage sale to bring awareness to your neighborhood about the needs of the poor. You can conduct a "penny war" just like Ava and Maran did at their middle school or at your place of work to raise funds to pay for nutritious meals for starving children. You can invite a RSM speaker to come to your club or organization's next meeting.

And then there's prayer. We thank God for all the folks who lift us up in prayer. You are our most important lay missionaries! We truly NEED your prayers for the success of our work. Please ask the Lord to bless RSM's efforts to feed starving children, to clothe the naked, to teach about God, and to heal the wounds of poverty.

And who knows, maybe you will someday be able to join us on a mission trip. I'll never forget my first trip, but it did take many years of lay missionary work at home before I could go!

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Thank you!