

*Risen
Savior
Missions®*

Glorifying GOD by Helping Starving Children!



An Overwhelming Experience

potential sites for RSM's food ministry. One particular site left an indelible mark on them: Maasin City garbage dump on the island of Leyte.

Pascal Canning, one of the volunteers who partners with RSM to run feeding sites, brought the team to the Maasin City garbage dump where he manages the feeding site there. Terry Derosier recalls,

"Immediately all my senses were overloaded from what I was seeing and experiencing. The stench was horrific, and here were people living right in the midst of a sea of garbage, just trying to find anything that could be salvaged or sold for food."



And these families are the lucky ones. These poor children have hope and can go back to school now because we are providing nutritious food for them, instead of digging through garbage for something to eat. Even though we have seen all this before, the sheer numbers and life threatening seriousness of this stressful desperation on so many Philippine islands are something a person can never get used to seeing. Such extreme poverty can be so overwhelming.

Jerry Krosnowski relates one story that especially moved him during the two days of interviews and video work that the RSM mission team was doing at the Maasin City garbage dump.



"While I was reaching for some hand sanitizer in my front jeans pocket, my wallet accidentally dropped on the ground on one of the trails through the garbage dump. Fifteen minutes later, not realizing I had lost it, a little boy approached me and lifted up my wallet to me. With a big smile, he asked me if it was mine. Inside were all the things I needed for our mission trip: I.D., credit cards, cash, and so on. Nothing was missing from my wallet!"

That wallet could have provided for the boy's family for years, and yet he returned it! And so

it serves as a wonderfully touching reminder of why we must work ever so diligently in serving our brothers and sisters in Maasin City and in the other feeding sites of RSM. We need to support the dignity of the extremely poor. We minister to each other.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR RELIEF EFFORTS WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND DONATIONS.
HAPPY EASTER FROM RISEN SAVIOR MISSIONS!**

Where Is My Mommy?

At the Maasin City garbage dump we met a little one-year-old who really touched our hearts. She has been on our feeding program for four months now and is finally getting healthy again despite her terrible living conditions.



Another mother of five children scavenging for something to eat or of value to sell for food in the same garbage dump.

We wanted to take more photographs of the little girl to share with our RSM donors, but she was so sad and upset, asking for her mother. Then we discovered that her mother, Melissa Fores, had been in the local hospital for the last five days with no improvement. With the grace of God urging us on, we raced to the hospital.

Melissa was lying in bed struggling to breathe. Around her were nine other patients sharing the plain, public hospital ward. The only care the physicians could provide for her was a saline drip of fluids. She was dying.



After extensive inquiries we learned from the nurses that Melissa had pneumonia, bronchial asthma, and heart valve complications.

Shockingly we found out that she was on no medicine whatsoever, because she was extremely poor and could not afford to pay for any. She was just left there to slowly die in the hospital.

Thinking of her desperate condition and the possibility of her poor child becoming motherless, we just had to take action. The hospital did not even have the kind of medication and nebulizer she needed to survive! By the grace of God we were able to find a pharmacy that had just what she needed, and all it took was \$85 to give Melissa and her child a fighting chance.

(story continued on page 4)

February 2016 RSM Mission Trip Highlights



Terry Derosier taking video footage in garbage dump



Malnourished girl living in the
Maasin City garbage dump



1,327 patients were seen
during the RSM-4M Medical
Mission, including this severely
malnourished infant in Laguna.



Two kids waiting for the
MannaPack Rice to arrive



Dr. Reuben Fermin doing surgery for
the RSM-4M Medical Mission



Fr. Jim Perkl and Peter Yurek help
serve at a RSM feeding site.



Five-year-old begging
for food for his family



Fr. Jim Perkl prayed with Joyce and her family for a healing for
her skin disease, caused by malnutrition.

Where Is My Mommy?

(continued from page 2)



A child reaches out from the sea of garbage. Will someone help?

Please pray for these extremely poor people and the RSM volunteers that minister to them. Please pray that more donors and volunteers here in America will come to their aid and give them a loving hand up out of their misery.

Melissa Flores' heart condition was caused by her early childhood malnutrition. When a young child suffers from severe starvation during the first three years of life, their vital organs and brain become underdeveloped, and their autoimmune system is weakened and compromised. Unfortunately, these effects cause disabilities for the rest of their lives.

After being on the prescribed medicine for week, Melissa recovered and went back to her child and home at the garbage dump. Pascal Canning, our RSM volunteer, is helping her with further heart checkups at a better hospital in Ormoc, Leyte, a couple of hours drive away from Maasin City.



You can save a life!

As our mission team walked through the huge garbage dumps, we kept asking ourselves why is this happening in so many places all over the Philippines? How can we help the mothers and fathers who spend their lives constantly digging and sifting through garbage to find something to eat for their family?

We have seen first-hand the serious effects of starvation. We have seen the life-threatening disease and the pain of starving to death. We have also seen the life-saving effects of nutritious food. Together we can help these families that are fighting for survival. Good food is the beginning to an escape from extreme poverty, and **every \$10 donation given to Risen Savior Missions will ship enough food to feed one of these poor, little children for an entire year!**

By the grace of God, we can be the way for many to find health and hope. You can be a part of this meaningful mission work that achieves great results. Please join us in answering their prayers for help. Thank you on behalf of the dear ones you will save!



Send your tax-deductible gift to:
Risen Savior Missions
812 Springhill Drive
Burnsville, MN 55306

Donations via credit card may be made on our website:
www.risensaviormissions.org

100% of your donation feeds starving children!