

*Risen  
Savior  
Missions®*

*Glorifying GOD by Helping Starving Children!*



## **“We need food desperately!”**

### **In the wake of Mayon Volcano**



On October 12 a lava flow was seen from Mayon Volcano, an active volcano in the province of Albay, on the island of Luzon in the Philippines. Mayon is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, having erupted over 49 times in the past 400 years.

In most recent years the sight of lava flowing from Mayon generally means that an eruption is imminent, usually within two weeks. Mayon's legacy of sulfur dioxide emissions and explosions of burning ash can be devastating, but it's nothing compared to the lethal lahars or mudslides that can result.

Lahars are extremely destructive. After the 2006 eruption, lahars covered a large portion of a suburb of Legazpi City with mud up to the rooftops, and many perished.



With a sighting of a second lava flow on October 21, over 14,350 families have been evacuated from the area, resulting in more than 61,000 people being displaced from their homes. These island families are so extremely poor. They have nowhere else to live. Without their farms, they are left starving in constant fear of the perilous lava flows, ash fallout, and deadly mudslides.



*“We have thousands of starving families still impacted by eruptions of Mayon volcano, 46,487 people are trying to live in 46 very poor evacuation centers for more than a month already. Please, we need food from RSM desperately, for feeding the volcano evacuees. Thanks, please help us! God bless!” ~ Fr. Bob Barnes*



Would you like to respond to this desperate plea? Please join us in sending a gift to these families in need. Mark your donation as volcano relief, and RSM will send life-saving food on your behalf.





## **Charcoal for Sale**

In our last newsletter we introduced you to Mylen, whose family survives by making charcoal to sell. During every visit to the Philippines we are so painfully and deeply touched by the sorrowful condition of the starving children and orphans living in and around these garbage dumps, trying to make charcoal out of busted up shipping pallets and scraps of wood, so they can earn enough pesos for a small bowl of rice to eat.



Every time I am with them or think about them my heart breaks because of their terrible plight and living conditions that they must survive in, day in and day out! I know what would happen to these children if we stop sending them our nutritious, vitamin-packed FMSC MannaPack Rice food.



Their stomachs would hurt so bad that they could not sleep at night. They would become so weak and dizzy that they would be no longer able to walk to school or seek help. Then they would realize that they have no chance or hope for a future, become extremely sick, and very slowly and painfully die a terrible death alone.



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making pieces of charcoal and putting it into small bags so that they can walk through nearby shantytowns yelling out "Charcoal! Charcoal for sale!" They sell it as cooking fuel for five pennies a bag to poor families, and they must sell at least six bags each day to earn enough for one small bowl of rice for dinner that night.

These young children should be in school, but instead they are

Little children like this really should not have to seriously worry about where today's food, if any, is coming from. And by constantly inhaling the heavy smoke and charcoal dust, they will suffer severe medical consequences, in addition to the effects of starvation AND the terrible danger of burns from the fires and extreme heat.

It takes approximately 3 to 12 months of daily feeding with our food to reverse the effects of severe starvation, to heal a little innocent child from the overall destruction of malnutrition and return them once again back to

their normal growth pattern and health.

By doing so, we also enable those children with parents to save a little money in order to start a better, more healthy business of their own and ultimately escape this vicious cycle. For the orphans, we are able to help them regain their health and find placement in a home through Father Matthieu's orphanage, one of our RSM partners, located in the Tondo area of Manila on the island of Luzon.

The truth is, we are winning the battles for thousands of children's lives, but we need your ongoing help to finally win the war! The real question for all of us is, how will these children survive without your loving help?



**We are thankful for the gift  
of your compassion!**

**May your holidays be filled  
with God's blessings,  
and may your 2015 be filled  
with God's grace and peace!**

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## The Price of Poverty

When Father Edwin Laude found the burn victim Mylen, featured in RSM's October newsletter, he had also discovered another child in dire need in the city of Guihulngan on the island of Negros Occidental in the Philippines. This young girl was suffering from a terrible case of pneumonia in her family's Nipa hut (home). Because her family is extremely poor, they could not afford the 80 cents to pay for the penicillin and doctor care. Father Edwin tried to find help locally, but to no avail. He then appealed to RSM, sending us a picture that he took, but it was too late. She died three days later, and all she needed was penicillin. Extreme poverty is a murderer!



**The good news is, that your donations saved another child!**

## There Is Hope!

We met little Edeloisa in September of 2013 suffering from severe malnutrition. At eight months old, she only weighed 6 pounds. We found her on the island of Marinduque because of our MARINEL project, a comprehensive island-wide feeding project in collaboration with local government, churches, and our mission partners like FMSC and Hapag Asa.

Because of the FMSC vitamin-packed MannaPack Rice food RSM has been able to ship to this island, she gained almost 9 pounds over a span of six months.



Look at her today! In only 12 months she has become a healthy child! And this all happened because you cared enough to pray, volunteer and/or donate. Your compassion and charity are truly pleasing to God.

For every dollar we receive from you we can ship \$30 dollars of nutritious food to the Philippines. That's like 50 nutritious, vitamin-packed meals being placed right into the hands of starving children, all by the grace of God. Will you please join us in helping to save the lives of these precious children?



Send your gift to:  
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**Thank you! You have no idea what you mean to these kids. God bless!**

**Jerry & Barbara Kroshowski**

**100% of your donation goes towards feeding starving children. May God bless you!**