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Update on Mylen



Last August Fr. Edwin Laude brought to our attention the tragic story of a sweet little 3rd grade girl named Mylen Fat who lives in the city of Guihulngan on the island of Negros Occidental in the Philippines. Her family of five's sole means of income are small plot gardening and making charcoal out of the scraps of wood and branches they collect from scavenging.

Making charcoal is a very dangerous process, not only due to the extreme temperatures but also due to the tremendous amounts of smoke and soot that fill the air, which make it difficult to breathe and see.

And then the unthinkable happened. Little Mylen fell into the burning pit. Only by the grace of God did she manage to struggle out, with terrible third degree burns covering her legs. Her village hospital had no means to treat burn victims, and because her family is so poor, they could only try to care for her at their shanty home.



That's when RSM missionary partner Fr. Edwin Laude found her, suffering horribly from pain and the potential of life-threatening infection. With his help, she was transported from her home in the mountains to a hospital in Bacolod City, the capital of Negros Occidental. Here, through your donations, she started to receive the treatment she so desperately needed.

Today Mylen has a chance to survive, thanks to you. New skin has begun to grow due to the application of AQUACEL Ag Hydrofiber Wound Dressing. Each lengthy application can cost as much as \$440, and the process is very painful. The road to recovery is a long one, and for now she is trying her best.

Mylen is so very thankful for your outpouring of love. With your prayers and donations for future medical care, she has a second chance at life. Would you like to sponsor Mylen through her months of recovery? Please call Jerry at 952-432-3359 to find out how you can provide hope for Mylen at her time of greatest need!



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Like Manna from Heaven

by Ike Altavas and Wilfredo "Boy" Valencia

In a small coastal village named Baybay near Roxas City on Panay Island, located in the central region of the Philippines, a box of fortified rice from Risen Savior Missions was brought in by me, Boy Valencia. I have been a RSM volunteer for 9 years with my wife Virgie, and I have served as a

Governor of Philippine Luzon District of Kiwanis International. I wanted to bring food to this small fishing community for a start up project to feed 50 malnourished children. I always say, "A bundle of small things becomes big."

I joined RSM because RSM's mission works well with that of the Kiwanis International Foundation: Serving the Children of the World. RSM chairpersons, Jerry and Barbara Krosnowski, noticed the need to sustain the program and sent dozens of "balikbayan boxes" of nutritious fortified rice meals from Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). The Philippine South District of Kiwanis International, comprising the major regions of Visayas and Mindanao, started a partnership through a "handshake agreement" with RSM that flourished and grew enormously over the last five years, all by the grace of God.

"It was like manna from heaven," remembers Ike Altavas. Gradually, we expanded the feeding program to several coastal areas and remote mountain villages on the Island of Panay. We branded the project with a local twist, calling it by the name of Balay ni San Jose (House of Saint Joseph) – RSM Kiwanis Kids Feeding Program. By linking through a network of more than 60 Kiwanis Clubs of the Philippine South District and through a strong partnership with interfaith based organizations, local government units, youth volunteers, school teachers and private donors, we have created what we call a "hands on, doable project," which had magnetized thousands of volunteers to actively participate during the feeding sessions in the villages.

It is our deepest hope that RSM and FMSC, in direct partnership with the network of Kiwanis clubs throughout Philippines, shall continue serving the poorest of poor children and to restore back their health through our feeding programs and save as many children's lives as we can — wherever it is needed in our country — and to take these children from hunger to hope, so that they can dream about their future again.



Ike Altavas, a 5 year volunteer, serving the poor of Visayas

The Land of 10,000 Volunteers

RSM is blessed to have some of the best volunteers in the world. Good thing — because we are completely staffed by volunteers! We have over 10,000 courageous volunteers striving to truly make a difference in the Philippines. For more than five years they have been helping to save the lives of thousands of starving children.

In fact, over the last five years, six of our volunteers have enrolled an annual average of 60,000 severely malnourished children at RSM feeding sites, for a total of 300,000 children being fed at more than 1,200 day care centers and elementary schools throughout the Philippines. These amazing volunteers are Boy and Virgie Valencia, Ike and Josie Altavas, Allan Sira, and Nena Sunico.

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The Land of 10,000 Volunteers (continued)

They come from many walks of life and have put their talents into the service of our Lord. They have established hundreds of feeding sites, started a medical clinic for the poor, and helped to supply books to create libraries in very poor neighborhoods.

Through the help of the thousands of volunteers that they have recruited, and through their own personal heroism, they are truly making a difference in the lives of so many starving children and suffering families in many parts of the Philippines.



Allan Sira, a 5 year volunteer, in Mindanao



Nena Sunico, a 9 year volunteer, serving the poor of Manila/Virac

The Blessings that RSM Brings: The Vincent Trazo Story

by Rudolfo and Ammie Fermin

We met Vincent Trazo at our feeding program at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Calocan City in the greater Manila area when he had just turned three. He and his 9-year-old sister Lende live in a poor shanty town with their dad, Jun Trazo, who earns a meager daily wage as a security guard, and their mom, Leah, who stays at home to care for Vincent. To help her family get by, she set up a small "sari-sari" store selling packaged snacks through the only window of their dwelling, while Vincent lay on a mat spread on the floor beside her.

Before the feeding program was launched at SJTWP, Vincent had a very difficult time eating. His mother fed him only porridge and salt, because that was all they could afford and that was all Vincent could take in.

RSM opened the feeding site on October 2, 2012. Vincent's mother was hesitant to come to the feeding program, but her neighbor was persistent, "Take Vincent to the RSM feeding site!"

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As Leah began coming regularly, feeding Vincent as much of the nutritious, vitamin-packed MannaPack-Rice FMSC food as he could tolerate, she noticed that Vincent was steadily becoming

healthier. And we noticed that there was more we could try to do for Vincent!

The Vincent Trazo Story

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We learned more about his physical condition (cleft lip, cleft palate, hydrocephalus). What appeared to be his front teeth were small jagged little white things sticking from his gums that were protruding outside his mouth. On top of this he had a hernia. Little Vincent also could not walk. His mother would cradle him in her arms the whole day, and his head had flattened at the back partially because of this. Yet, despite his condition and whimpering, Vincent would try to smile at us. That's when we knew that we just had to help him!

RSM partners went right to work to get his cleft lip operated on, and the operation was quite successful. Then we set to work with Fr. Bobong to find a better home for his family. Today, the Trazo family has a sanitary dwelling place to live in. Vincent has recovered, and he celebrated his fifth birthday. He will continue on our feeding program at least for the next 12 months until he fully recovers his health.

God loves to do his work with and through all of us!

You can bring blessings, too!

up, bring the heart of Jesus within us and volunteer our hands and feet in loving service to the poor, to help finally end evil and heal this world?

RSM is still on track in 2014 to reverse malnutrition in 70,000 starving Philippine children on our regular feeding programs at over 1,000 sites AND continue caring for 35,000 Super Typhoon "Haiyan/ Yolanda" survivors in the ravaged islands of Leyte and Samar until their first full food crops can be harvested once again in March of 2015.

Plus we are completing our second year on the unique MARINEL project to maintain and sustain a whole island holistic feeding program for the island of Marinduque, Philippines. Over the next six months we hope to bring this entire island, with its six cities and 218 villages of nearly a quarter of a million people, to zero malnutrition and starvation.

You can be a part of this meaningful work, and lovingly save them one child at a time! We are winning battles against starvation for these poor, innocent children, but RSM still needs your help to win the war! For every dollar we receive from you we can ship 50 nutritious vitamin-packed meals and place them right into the hands of starving children.

Will you please help us save the lives of these children? With the grace of God, there is SO much we can do together!

Send your gift to:
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www.risensaviormissions.org

**Thank you,
and may
God bless you!**

Jerry & Barbara
Krosnowski



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