

President's Introduction

It is my great honor to report on the activities and successes of the Datu Wali Mission (DWM) Foundation for the first full year of its operation, 2007.

Together with my wife and fellow board members, we are delighted with and blessed by the pace at which this organization and its directly-related ministry, Datu Wali Mission in the Philippines, attracted the interest and generosity of numerous individuals and other organizations. God has, through this ministry, accomplished more in the space of one year than we anticipated or dreamed probable.

Acquainted with how organizations often initially struggle to find their footing and invoke actual programs, we envisioned our first year would be spent finding our way, recruiting partners, stumbling and picking up fallen pieces as we moved through it. However, that has not been the story for the DWM Foundation and we could not be more pleased. Many people rallied alongside us to launch this ministry through their prayers and financial contributions, making it an incredible experience and blessing to our target beneficiaries, the poor and indigenous peoples of the southern Philippines.

Instead of finding our way, we were challenged to keep up with God as He immediately began executing His strategy and plan for this ministry. Frankly, our greatest effort has been to hang on to God's coattails as He proceeded to move among his people – both our partners in the U.S. and our beneficiaries in the Philippines.

This report is presented as it relates to the four principle objectives under which God instructed us to establish this ministry. But, first, let me introduce and thank the men who have served this ministry as directors in 2007.

Ken Grubbs serves as a Director, Vice President and Treasurer of the DWM Foundation. Ken and his wife Sherry live in Antioch, California, where Ken is a graphic artist and publisher for a local utility company. The Grubbs were dear friends to me when I myself lived and worked in Northern California. We attended the same church, Calvary Temple in Concord. Sherry is facing the challenges of cancer, and Ken has experienced many years of health struggles. Yet, he eagerly agreed to serve with us on the DWM board and to undertake all the work required to manage the foundation's finances. I am deeply indebted to Ken, thankful for his wisdom and advice, his spiritual influence and personal prayer ministry, and his continued service to God through DWM, in addition to his own ministry involvement.

Dr. Dave Hill serves DWM as a Director, Vice President and Secretary. Dave and his wife Roxanne live in the San Diego, California area where Dave is a nuclear physicist. I first met Dave in 1971 when we landed as Freshmen at Simpson Bible College in San Francisco (now, Simpson University in Redding, CA). Dave and I hit it off from the first moment and have been best friends since, as we have many common interests. During this year Dave changed jobs, relocated twice, watched Southern California wildfires approach their neighborhood (they were spared), saw their first son marry, and experienced significant losses in a home burglary. Dave thinks things through thoroughly and is a big advocate of missions.

God didn't let either of these two men off the hook with their real lives simply because they agreed to serve as DWM directors. In fact, He has allowed them to experience even more personal challenges this year. So, I am humbled and honored that they have this past year, and will continue in 2008, to serve with us in furthering God's kingdom through DWM.

I can't end the appreciative notes without including my wife, Aurea. Many may not believe that our presence here in the Philippines is unrelated to any desire of Aurea. She was very happy with our life in the U.S., and thrilled that our daughter Jennifer had the best schools and advantages in life ahead of her. God spoke first to me about His plans for us here, and then He later convinced Aurea. She spent most of her life in this impoverished place, among diseases that have been obsolete in much of the world for decades, with its oppressive climate, political instability, and battle lines crisscrossing the islands. She was not anxious to return and would probably leave in a moment if God changed His mind about our future. Aurea is my best friend. She is the only person I can truly have an English conversation with. She loves to serve God. We are suited to one another and there isn't a person on earth I'd rather share this experience with.

Finally, but most significantly, a number of people and churches have contributed to the success of DWM in 2007. You pledged and delivered on promises to pray. You have contributed financially, several in a very significant manner. No prayer is too short, and no amount too small, for God looks at our hearts and assesses our abilities far more capably than we can evaluate our own abilities. One couple believed they heard God telling them to give and they said "yes." When they sat down to write the check, they were shocked at the amount God instructed them to inscribe, but they said "yes" again and became a big channel of God's blessings to the poor we help in the Southern Philippines.

When God told my wife and I to spend the rest of our lives serving Him in the Philippines we did not expect He would involve so many other people in affecting His will here. At first it confused us that others wanted to participate, but God allowed us to see that although we are physically here alone, we are not ministering alone. So, I close with what is a weak expression of appreciation, but I'm left with no other way to express it, than "thank you," for your faithfulness, your obedience to listen to God and step out in faith, and for your love and friendship toward us personally.

Humbly and through the Christ for Whom we live and have our being,



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The Datu Wali Mission Objectives

This report reflects activities and success against the four principle objectives of DWM:

NUTRITION	EDUCATION	HEALTH	SPIRITUAL
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God gave us these four objectives when He instructed us to launch this ministry. God presented them in the order listed. We have, therefore, set our work in line with them and in the priority shown. We believe that efforts to lead a person to Christ can be impaired if that person is starving or seriously ill. We also believe God desires to have spiritual influence through this ministry predominately through allowing people to see Christ in us, and through our actions.

Nutrition

We made some assumptions before launching this ministry based both upon God's instruction and clues He gave us, about how the nutrition objective was to be met. Nutrition was clearly a priority of God and we knew we were to convert Aurea's farm land from forage corn (for hog feed) to vegetables to supplement the diets of the poor in this area.

However, to date, the farm operation has been put on hold through a series of events and circumstances. It does not trouble us because we know what we are to do, but not yet certain when God will implement it. The tillable farm land is now fallow, which is giving it a chance to rehabilitate itself after decades of back-to-back rice and corn crops (there is no particular growing season). The soil was abused and must naturally replenish the nutrients required for our future farming operation, which will include western conservation and fallow practices. We have tilled it to control weeds. We continue to work toward equipping ourselves to plant and cultivate vegetable crops. We have a contact now for seed. So, while not yet in active production, we are taking the steps required to begin.

The nutrition objective has not been sidelined, however, and even today is among our most notable successes. We are feeding 350+ elementary school children a hot, nutritious lunch every school day through a program we started in 2006 at Kipalkuda Elementary School (grades 1-6). We supply the rice, supplements (dried fish, seasonings), and cooking supplies, and parents of the children rotate as cooks. The school principal and a parent, manage the program (track inventory and supervise cooking) and we audit occasionally.

Although we initially started the lunch program as a way to keep kids in school (which it has dramatically), it has also improved the health of the children.

We also provide food to local elderly and sick people who cannot provide for themselves. At Christmas we gave out 100 bags of rice, noodles, and sardines that fed more than 500 people. At our urging, the school is teaching students and parents the value of a better diet. And, at our request, school parents have planted a half-acre vegetable garden to supplement the lunch program. As the DWM farm begins to harvest vegetables, we will also be able to supply produce to the lunch program, in addition to the staples we already purchase for it.

Education

Education can be a passport out of poverty that few people here have escaped. Generation upon generation have lived as they did hundreds of years ago: illiterate and, therefore, unable to pursue a better life beyond the jungle in which they are born, live, and die. Most people here would like an education, but for many it seems an incomprehensible goal. And, the quality of an education obtained here would cause many westerners to question “why bother?”

Kipalkuda Elementary is typical: more than 100 children in the first grade, but nineteen in the sixth grade. Many parents can do without their very young children for foraging and farming, so allowing them to attend the first and second grades is not a great sacrifice. In those two years they learn rudimentary reading and writing, which to many people is sufficient for a lifetime of living. Some parents appoint the oldest child as the beneficiary of an education and allow him or her to go as far as the fourth, fifth, or sixth grade, while the other children (often as many as 10 to a family) stay home and work. High school, especially for the T’bolis, is a remote possibility pursued by very few.

The school system here is ten years: grades 1-6, followed by four years of high school. Educational standards are far below western or even other Asian societies, and when you combine that with two less years of schooling than Western children, you can begin to imagine the problems. We estimate that an exceptional child graduating from high school here has, at best, the equivalent of a ninth or tenth grade education in America. For an average achiever, the high school equivalency might drop to a sixth grader in the west. So, although a high school graduate is still ill-prepared to function in a non-third world country, he or she can succeed in the Philippines. And, college just continues the illusion of proficiency. A Philippine surgeon with many years of experience and Philippine training can only work as a nurse in an American facility.

We can do little about the quality of education in the Philippines because the educators themselves have limited training and knowledge. But, we can affect the opportunity for an education and that is how we see the second objective being met: getting as many children in and through school as possible. This is where the lunch program at Kipalkuda school crosses over both our nutritional and educational objectives.

The school lunch program increased enrollment at Kipalkuda by 200% in the first year of operation, and by another 220% this current school year. The drop-out rate (those pulling out after the second grade), is also declining.

DWM provides the lunch, school supplies (paper, pencils, crayons, glue, etc.), and transportation that has made Kipalkuda a model school across the country and a curiosity in the province. National television and radio networks, along with national print news interviewed us and broadcast or published numerous feature stories this past year. The success of this program has brought national attention to the school and our programs, as we point out just how little an effort it takes to make dramatic changes.

Health

We started DWM with little practical knowledge or abilities to influence the health of people. However, God made this our third objective.

Once again, the school lunch and transportation programs have improved the health of children. Never did we imagine that by feeding a few kids lunch, we could penetrate so many needy arenas. The lunch program attacked malnutrition and, essentially, low grade starvation. Kids who were walking many kilometers to school without breakfast, and leaving at Noon because they had no lunch, are now arriving with energy and excitement, and getting a good meal midday. Underweight problems are subsiding, and the overall health and wellness of children attending Kipalkuda school is greatly improved.

Due to the favorable and extensive press coverage we received in-country, a doctor offered her services to conduct a free medical mission to Kipalkuda in late 2007. Nearly 200 people (children and adults) were examined, treated, and given medications for a variety of ailments from malaria to pneumonia. We see future medical and dental missions as one of the best ways of meeting our health objectives.

We also take poor tribal people for medical treatment and buy their prescriptions when they come to us. We try to educate about water safety, hygiene, plus food selection and preparation. The primary staple of the Asian diet is rice. They consume it here 4-5 meals a day, often with little else supplementing it. That amount of carbohydrates and metabolic sugar conversion destroys teeth very early, and causes a large number of poor Filipinos to suffer diabetes, kidney, and urinary tract problems.

Spiritual

The fourth of God's objectives for us, appearing last in priority among the four, caused us to speculate that perhaps our most effective means of reaching people for Christ is by demonstrating Christian principles and Christ Himself, in how we live and work among the people. We believe that is effective and has led us to discuss Christ with a number of people.

We did not anticipate becoming an influential component of the community of Christian leaders here. When we first arrived in Maitum in January, 2007, we spent the first two months serving as guest speakers in a number of local churches. That led to a recurring role in the pulpit of a leading church each month through 2007. In addition, we are routinely invited to give the invocation or speak at various public events, and even lead worship at such events. And, in September, we sponsored Maitum's first community praise and worship concert, led by Dan with all local musicians. There will be other such concerts in the future, and other opportunities to speak at churches and public events.

Through some of the engagements we've had, we have been able to help pastors and worship leaders advance their abilities, and they continue to look to us for counseling and training. And, through the press coverage we have received, many people across the country have heard our testimony about God bringing us here to serve Him the rest of our lives.

Financial Summary

Our financial records are available for review and reports may be obtained by writing to our treasurer, Ken Grubbs, whose address is available on the DWM Web site (<http://www.datuwalimission.org>), and also on year-end receipts sent contributors.

In 2007, ministry overhead was less than half of one percent (.42 %). More than \$.99 of every dollar contributed went directly to ministry in the Philippines. No director or volunteer receives a salary or other compensation from DWM Foundation. DWM founders and directors actually pay some overhead expenses from their own pockets to ensure the highest possible percentage of contributions goes directly to help the Philippine people this ministry has targeted. Dan and Aurea Evans are self-supporting; all of their living and personal expenses come from their own retirement savings.

2007 Summary

Gross income from contributions	\$ 30,134.01
Funds expended (in the U.S.) for foundation operation and overhead *	\$ 125.57
Funds transferred to DWM Philippines for actual ministry projects	\$ 10,000.00
Peso value of funds transferred to DWM Philippines (at the then rate of 45:1)	P 450,000.00
Ministry expenditures by DWM Philippines (in Pesos)	P 249,195.75
Funds remaining in DWM Foundation accounts at year-end	\$ 20,028.29
Funds remaining in DWM Philippines accounts at year-end (in Pesos)	P 338,098.00
Dollar value of DWM Philippines account balances at year-end (at year-end rate of 38:1)	\$ 8,897.32

* Overhead expenses consist mostly of banking fees and printing costs.

The Peso to U.S. dollar exchange rate varied from a high of about 52:1 to a low of 38:1 in 2007. A transfer of funds from DWM Foundation in the U.S. to a DWM account in the Philippines, occurs at a rate fixed at that moment. Expenditures are made against those funds at a variety of rates in subsequent months, making it impossible to rationalize expenditures in the field in dollar values as they are made.

Prospects for 2008

We did not expect to see so many effective solutions and ministry projects implemented in our first year. So, we are very encouraged going into 2008. We have found our place in Maitum, and it is a place of much greater influence and penetration than we imagined. We have found a place within the community of both T'boli and non-T'boli people. We have found a place within the churches of this region, and it is a still-maturing place of leadership and training. The first half of 2007 was shared between ministry efforts, and personal tasks to set up our home, get our child in school, import our farm equipment, and develop relationships. Even so, we consider 2007 a success and have high expectations for 2008.

We will continue to pursue the four objectives God gave to us. We will continue to be open to new directions and opportunities He places before us. We will also continue to keep our partners abreast of our activities, our successes, and our needs.

Expectations for this year include the commencement of farming, possible expansion of the lunch program to a second school, expansion of our education program to sponsor high school attendance by graduates of Kipalkuda Elementary, dental and medical missions, and continued speaking engagements and community concerts to reach more deeply into this community spiritually.

Needs for 2008

Continued prayer by our partners, friends, and family. We realize that no amount of money or other support is equal to your prayers, even though the support we receive is instrumental in operating our ministry programs. Please continue to pray for Datu Wali Mission, the Evans family, and board members. We appreciate prayers for ministry effectiveness, management wisdom, cultural discernment, health, strength, safety, and personal spiritual feeding.

One of our big challenges in 2007, was maintaining connectivity for e-mail and Web site maintenance between the Philippines and the U.S.. We would like to see an affordable solution to this in 2008.

We expect to purchase a second, though smaller, truck to transport high school students from mountain villages to Maitums' high school. We will have to financially assist some with their clothing needs, various school fees, and school supplies. We estimate it will cost us about \$45 per year to put a student through high school, plus our cost to transport them all.

We would like to start farming as soon as possible and pursuing this is a high priority. We must acquire good seed and fertilizer, and build one more piece of equipment for making raised seed beds. Both of these projects are in process.

We will continue, when appropriate and available, to use services from local professionals, such as doctors, to help in accomplishing our mission. As opportunities arise, we will enlist the help of these skilled people to help meet the needs of their own people.

We ask you to join us in prayer for more local assistance with routine tasks, such as a driver to help with school routes. One of our brothers-in-law works for us fulltime (at our personal expense, not DWM expense) as a laborer. We will help him improve his driving skills (he is licensed) so he can drive the high school route when the 2008-2009 school term begins in June. Dan must continue driving the big truck 5 hours each day until another driver is found. The big truck, which often has 100+ children in it, requires special skill, attention to safety, and a love for children to operate.

Without the prayer and financial support of our partners, nothing accomplished in 2007 or anticipated in 2008, would be possible. We need to make our needs known consistently, and trust God for the generosity of existing partners, and new partnerships with those who do not yet know about DWM.

DWM Fast Facts for 2007

- 350+ children fed a hot lunch every school day at a cost of about \$1 per child, per month
- 74 kilometers driven daily to transport students to/from six local schools
- 450+ children plus teachers transported to school daily (combined AM/PM routes)
- Nearly 200 people treated in December medical mission
- One elementary school sponsored with school supplies, used books, used clothes
- Safe drinking water supplied by DWM to entire village of Wali
- 100 families (500+ persons) fed at Christmas
- DWM Philippines featured in stories on two television networks, at least three newspapers and two Philippine Web sites

Wyoming Incorporation

Just a word about the incorporation of Datu Wali Mission Foundation in the state of Wyoming. A non-profit must be incorporated by a state before being recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. Some states offer incentives for incorporating, while others have burdensome reporting requirements and costly fees. The state of Nevada has, for many years, been an attractive state for incorporating because it established itself as a low-burden, low-cost, tax-free entity. When we began taking the steps to incorporate Datu Wali Mission Foundation, we learned that Wyoming offers similar benefits (actually less costly) and we felt that incorporating in Wyoming created a more wholesome legal home-place for a ministry, than did Nevada.

Dan and Aurea Evans, when they sold their home in Arizona, also established their legal connection to the U.S. in Wyoming, by using a mail forwarding service in Cheyenne. Therefore, DWM legal documents and the U.S. mailing address for the corporation and the Evans', appears as a Cheyenne, WY address. Contributors are asked to send checks to DWM via the corporation's treasurer, Ken Grubbs in Antioch, California, simply because that is where he resides, and that is where we maintain the foundation's bank accounts. Checks sent directly to the Philippines cannot be cashed or deposited there, and must be returned to Ken Grubbs for processing.

The Internal Revenue Service recognized Datu Wali Mission Foundation as a non-profit corporation effective January 2007, which makes all donations sent to DWM, tax-deductible for contributors.

Conclusion

We are both surprised and grateful for what was accomplished in 2007. So, in an exercise of faith and a continued commitment to obedience to God's direction for this ministry, we expect even more accomplishments for the kingdom in 2008. We believe God wants the best of us, and we are told to expect the best of Him. So, in that frame, we see a still-developing picture of what God intends for the people targeted by this ministry.

The risks in coming, living, and ministering on the politically and militarily unstable island of Mindanao, are not worth considering compared to God's eternal ambition for the people here. If Dan and Aurea were taken from the earth now, the seeds planted and already growing toward a spiritual harvest, are well along and in God's care. We believe that if we treat and live every day as possibly our last day alive, we plant ourselves firmly in God's sovereign order, and that is a very comfortable and gratifying place to be.

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