

### **President's Introduction**

At the end of our third year of the Datu Wali Mission (DWMF) Foundation and Datu Wali Mission (DWM) in the Philippines, I can report progress in ministering to indigent and indigenous peoples.

I begin by noting the fundamental role of individuals and churches who stand by us in prayer and contribute toward the costs of this ministry. The global economy has affected our income, but God has not failed to supply every cent needed to sustain this work. I am thankful for each person who prayed with us, and for each person and church that contributed financially.

We began 2009 with the resignation of board member Ken Grubbs (Vice President and Treasurer), who continues to be a valuable spiritual resource and source of encouragement. Carolyn Seely, who was elected to fill Ken's position, has done an excellent job for the foundation. Ken and Carolyn transitioned seamlessly. Dave Hill continued as DWMF Vice President and Secretary. He is a great friend to me personally and an asset to the board. My personal thanks to all of you!

My wife Aurea manages our household, cares for an invalid parent, and handles many of the requests of people coming to us for help, as she has command of the language. We consult one another, but it is often Aurea who must search the eyes and hearts of those requesting help to assess their genuineness. Our eleven year old daughter Jennifer is also gravitating toward a personal ministry perspective through opportunities to extend compassion to those she meets.

Although some parts of the Philippines experienced devastating typhoons and threats of volcanic eruptions in 2009, the region in which DWM operates had a fairly uneventful year, with the exception of a moderate flood that wiped out a vital mountain road used by us.

In 2009, we found ourselves facing increased opposition by some sectors of the Philippine populace, while enjoying increased encouragement by others. I would not call the net effect balanced, but God gave us the wisdom, patience, and discernment to withstand the opposition. God always has something to teach us through negative experiences.

Blessings include adequate DWMF income; increased acceptance by Philippine officials of DWM activities; completion of Kipalkuda School's first restroom and erection of a new DWM feeding center at the school; reduced rebel activity; zero accidents and injuries with the DWM school transportation program; and continued opportunities to minister through speaking engagements.

I hope as you read this report, you will find your own expressions of gratitude to God.



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## DWM Fast Facts for 2009

- An average of 250 children fed a hot lunch every school day (at a cost of about \$1 per child, per month)
- 134 kilometers driven daily to transport students to/from local schools
- 200+ children transported daily to school (combined AM/PM routes)
- 19 tribal students sponsored in High School (varied from 19-23 due to drop outs/withdrawals)
- Nearly 100 poor people provided medical aid (prescriptions, clinic transportation, and fees)
- One elementary school sponsored with school supplies, used books, used clothes
- 100 families (800+ persons) fed at Christmas
- Student restroom and feeding center built at tribal school
- DWM Foundation overhead at just 1%; 99 cents of every dollar contributed goes to ministry

## Datu Wali Mission Objectives

<b>NUTRITION</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL</b>
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God has given us four objectives. It is around these that we focus and continually evaluate our efforts.

### Nutrition

In 2009 we addressed nutrition principally through the lunch program for grades 1-6 at Kipalkuda Elementary School. We built a new feeding center that features a secure stockroom, shed, fire pit, sinks, tables, and benches. The Department of Education installed new district administrators who support our efforts and signed an agreement allowing us to operate the feeding program without interference. Every Kipalkuda child is provided with a nutritious lunch each school day. For some, it is their only meal in a day. Teachers attribute improved student health and academic performance to this program.

We supplied rice to impoverished elderly and children as needed. At Christmas we distributed bags of food to 100 tribal families, feeding an estimated 800 individuals. Some have taken our advice and planted gardens, even though they don't have an agrarian tradition.

We made progress in preparing to raise vegetables on my wife's inherited land. We fenced fields, rehabilitated irrigation ditches, and built a tractor implement to make raised seed beds. We are currently in a dry season, which is worsened by an El Nino condition. The drought may make it necessary to irrigate at times by either pumping from the river or by digging a well. Our next step is to plant test beds on the farm followed by small-scale production. When the farm is in production it will be operated as a work-for-food program. Poor families can come and do token light labor in exchange for all the vegetables they can eat. This will be a significant step to improving nutrition in local villages and we will deliver vegetables to our own school lunch program.

### Education

We continue to sponsor Kipalkuda Elementary School. The lunch program increases attendance and keeps children in class all day. We supply school supplies for teachers and children. Through our partnership with the Galing Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia, plus other friends, we have delivered library books and additional school supplies. Ministry partners in Arizona supplied the funds to build Kipalkuda's first restroom and that was completed in 2009.

Our school transportation program continued, but it was disrupted for Kipalkuda students following a flood that destroyed the only mountain road over which most students were transported. The Provincial government is trying to obtain funding to rebuild the road. Until then we cannot transport tribal children from the mountains. We did, however, continue to transport poor children from our own village to school in Maitum.

We currently sponsor 19 tribal children in high school in Maitum. That is a drop from our high of 23; some girls were sold into marriage and some boys returned to the forest. We provide their fees, books, transportation, required uniforms, and school supplies. These kids could not attend high school without this help. The school is a private Christian school, so students also receive daily spiritual training.

Education is receiving greater attention by elected officials. The governor cited failures of the Department of Education as the reason for sponsoring his own supplementary program to improve reading skills among children. More and more citizens and officials are speaking out about problems in education and, while many challenges remain, this represents encouraging progress.

### **Health**

We assisted poor and tribal people in obtaining medications, access to doctors, and by providing advice. Some people solicit funds for medicine then use it for other purposes, so we limit the cash we distribute and make every effort to fill prescriptions ourselves and deliver people to doctors.

We know of several instances this year where our intervention saved lives. But a far greater number of people died of treatable ailments without our knowledge or when we were not available. Most doctors here are minimally trained; some are simply quacks. I went to a local hospital two years ago for an x-ray with a suspected cracked rib. They took the x-ray but said it would be a week before it could be sent by courier to the city for analysis, returned, and reported to me. I took the film, slapped it over their primitive light box, and satisfied myself that I had a minor cartilage injury. Now when I take other patients to the hospital, I am sometimes asked for my opinion on other cases. That is truly ridiculous, but I figure I can at least draw on my own medical history to contribute an opinion.

We counsel people to adjust their diets to address Diabetes and Kidney problems, which are leading causes of death here. We are making a difference among those we talk to, but this is a big country with a terrible track record of diet-related illnesses. The government reports that three in five Filipinos have or will contract, Diabetes. We expect our vegetable farm to make a difference once it is in production.

### **Spiritual**

Until November 2009, I spoke at a Foursquare church in Maitum one Sunday a month, and occasionally at other churches. In December, the Foursquare church was sent a new pastor who is better equipped to help the congregation grow and mature in their faith. We then felt released by God to resume our former practice of circulating among local churches on Sundays. This helps cultivate relationships with pastors and their congregations, and is leading to other speaking invitations and opportunities to influence believers in the areas of obedience and witnessing.

I do not speak here for the purpose of promoting our ministry; that would be fruitless and lead to us being blacklisted among churches. Instead, I depend upon the Holy Spirit to provide a message a particular church needs to hear. We have observed moves of God where I have submitted to this approach. I am privileged to serve God in this manner.

We held no praise and worship concerts in 2009, due to continued rebel threats or our own schedule. We planned a Christmas Eve concert, but I was fallen by Bronchitis and forced to cancel. An Arizona church blessed us with funds to improve our sound system, and we do plan to continue the concert ministry as we have opportunity. I sang at the 2009 community sunrise service by invitation of the ministerial association.

We continue to distribute Bibles purchased with donated funds in 2008. For those who have a little income, we request a small contribution. Some people, though, have virtually no cash and we provide them with Bibles or New Testaments as we feel led by the Holy Spirit.

### Financial Summary

Financial records are held by our Treasurer who resides in Chandler, Arizona. Records are available for review, as required by the IRS, and you can call 480-786-3365 to make an appointment. The chart below is an abbreviated summary. Publishing more information could result in security problems for the Evans family, who reside in a terrorist-active region. A more extensive summary is available, but limited to U.S. residents. Request one by sending an e-mail to: [datuwalimission@gmail.com](mailto:datuwalimission@gmail.com) or by calling the Treasurer.

2009 ministry overhead was about one percent (1 %), meaning that 99 cents of every dollar contributed went directly to ministry. No director or volunteer receives a salary or other compensation from DWMF, and directors pay some overhead expenses from their own pockets to ensure the highest possible percentage of contributions goes directly to ministry. Dan and Aurea Evans are self-supporting; all of their living and personal expenses come from their own retirement savings. No DWMF funds are used for their personal support.

### Abbreviated 2009 Foundation Financial Summary

Gross income from contributions	\$ 21,967.00
Foundation funds expended for foundation operation and overhead *	\$ 201.99
Dollar value of DWM Philippines expenditures (approximate due to fluctuating exchange rates)	\$ 12,415.66

\* Overhead expenses consist mostly of banking fees, printing costs, and postage. Some additional foundation expenses were paid by directors at no charge to the foundation to ensure the highest possible utilization of contributions for ministry.

### Challenges in 2009

My introduction noted increased opposition, most of which came from non-tribal people who resent us for assisting a minority group of indigenous people they despise: the T'bolis. We are often told, "don't waste your time and money helping those people; help me and my family instead." Such suggestions are at minimum a mockery of our efforts, but sometimes include subtle threats.

We even receive some criticism from within the tribe. T'bolis do not reside in a single large village, but as small groups, often of a single extended family. Each group has its own elder(s) who compete for our attention. For instance, one elder criticizes us for helping people with medical problems instead of feeding his group. But, he then sends us his people for help with medical problems.

Another form of opposition comes from men who operate motorbikes and motor-trikes as taxis around Maitum. They resent our free school transportation, arguing that we take business away from them. I respond that we are providing transportation to students too poor to pay taxis. That convinces few, and we experience occasional vandalism at the hands of such men (even to our personal vehicle).

The Department of Education reversed some of the persecution that troubled us in 2008, by replacing local administrators who opposed us, with people who value our help. Many within DepED still despise us because our help goes mostly to indigenous students. Teachers spread gossip that we are transporting children for a profit, and feeding them only to impress the media and government officials. But the situation is improving and not as threatening as it once was.

A cease-fire instituted in 2009 between the government and Muslim rebels, has been fairly effective here. In other areas, battles continue and there is always the possibility that rebels on the run will pass through our area. We remain vigilant and put our trust in God.

As I write this it is campaign time in the Philippines for national, provincial, and municipal offices. The “Maguindanao Massacre” that made international headlines in November, is an example of routine election-related violence in this country (although on a larger scale than usual). Our community was rocked by assassinations three years ago. The challenge of staying out of harm’s way is with us again.

The El Nino weather condition is causing crop failures and restricting irrigation of rice patties. The Philippines is the world’s largest importer of rice, and increased commodity prices makes it difficult for Filipino families to survive. Higher prices for supplies also affects our feeding program. Electric power generation is below demand and the country is experiencing rolling black-outs.

For safety reasons it was necessary to dismiss the driver of our second school transportation truck. We are downsizing to a single truck and will sell the smaller truck. That means I (Dan) drive about 5 hours daily, which will increase to 6 hours when the government rebuilds the mountain road.

### **Prospects for 2010**

We will continue the feeding program at Kipalkuda school, because it is proven to have great impact on school attendance, plus the health and well-being of children. We plan to adjust the menu to make it even more nutritious and cost-effective than it is today (yes, it is possible to do both).

We will continue to provide school supplies to Kipalkuda and act as a distribution channel for books shipped from the U.S. We are pursuing the possibility of arranging free shipping for books, which could greatly increase the volume we receive, allow us to help more schools, and encourage more of our U.S. friends to participate.

We will continue to provide school transportation with a single truck. Currently it is provided for the tribal high school students we sponsor in school, plus the high school and elementary students from our own village (Wali). When the government rebuilds the mountain road we will resume transporting Kipalkuda students from their mountain villages.

We will not add new Kipalkuda graduates to our high school scholar program in 2010. The dropout rate so girls can be sold into marriage, or boys sent to the forest to work, has been discouraging. We will focus on getting as many of our current scholars through school as possible, then restarting it in the future using better screening criteria.

We expect to begin test plots of vegetables to learn what will grow here, then begin small scale production on our farm. The farming operation will incur expenses for seeds, fertilizer, and tractor fuel, giving us more reasons to trust God. We may have to obtain an irrigation pump or drill a well. And, El Nino will drive everything we do in this regard. We will scale up the farm as we can.

We will continue circulating among local churches, and I will continue accepting invitations to speak.

We will continue to distribute Bibles and pray that they lead to more Christians studying God's Word and allowing it to change their lives.

We hope to produce one or two concerts in 2010, and to participate at other events in the community.

As resources permit, we hope to sponsor a medical and/or dental mission somewhere in the mountains.

### **Needs for 2010**

We need and depend upon your prayer support. It's the simplest and most meaningful thing you can do on our behalf. We know many of you take it seriously. Thank you.

Certain ministry projects (feeding, medical aid, school sponsorship, transportation, high school scholars, mission farm) require money. As God leads you we are thankful for your generosity. Please do not send us your tithes; they belong in your own church. What you give to DWMF should be above your church tithe.

We are praying that God will send us a licensed and safe driver who loves children to relieve me partly or entirely from school transportation demands so I can focus on developing the vegetable farm.

We invite you to communicate with us here in the field. This is a lonely place for a foreigner, as few people here know any English beyond "hey Joe," "good morning," or "I want money."

### **Legal Information**

The Datu Wali Mission Foundation is an IRS-recognized, non-profit corporation registered in the state of Wyoming. Donations sent to DWMF are tax-deductible and acknowledged by receipts, if sent to:

Treasurer  
Datu Wali Mission  
2202 W. Palomino Dr.  
Chandler, Arizona 85224

Checks should be made out to: Datu Wali Mission Foundation. If contributions are sent to the corporation's Wyoming address, the mail forwarding service will send them to the Evans in the Philippines who must then return them by mail to Arizona for deposit. The total delay is at least two months.

### **Thank you ...**

... for all that you do to support us; for your prayers, your friendship, your love, and your gifts. We can't do this alone, and God doesn't want it done that way. When He called us here, we believe He also called some of you to stand by us as our partners. Anything we do in the Philippines to spread the gospel and improve lives, we do together to the glory of God.



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