

## **President's Introduction**

2011 was a year of change for the Datu Wali Mission field office in the Philippines.

First, opposition from local Philippine Department of Education administrators and teachers left us with no choice but to curtail most of our support for public schools, including the predominantly tribal Kipalkuda Elementary school. Although the opposition existed for years, it boiled over in 2011 in a form we could no longer counter. It is rooted in the fact that many non-tribal school officials and teachers object to the presence of tribal children in their classrooms. Since our programs have largely been responsible for attracting and keeping such children in school, we are a target of their battle.

Second, some speaking opportunities in Maitum churches dried up in the face of opposition by a single pastor. He was voted out of office in the local ministerial association three years ago due to illegal activities. I was among the first to confront him for soliciting bribes to smuggle Filipino workers into So. Korea as illegal immigrants. Two weeks before I was to speak at the community's 2011 Easter Sunrise service, this pastor orchestrated a take-over of the ministerial association and cancelled my appointment. He regained control by blackmailing other pastors who had sent some of their own family and church members to So. Korea through his smuggling operation.

Third, my own health limited our activities after June 2011. A lifelong history of back problems returned in the form of a new injury to my lower spine. I struggled through October, when it finally became impossible to continue driving the school truck.

Although these circumstances led us to alter our efforts and temporarily, at least, shelve some projects (tribal school support and school transportation), we are not discouraged because at the same time we have sensed God leading us into other opportunities. We believe God is preparing to shift our attention from a primary effort to meet peoples' physical needs to a more overt spiritual emphasis (through evangelism, counseling, and early childhood teaching). We will continue several of our surviving projects while embarking on new steps to reach the hearts of people through direct evangelism.

Our board members and many of you have stood with us in prayer and financial contributions. We are grateful and blessed. I am especially thankful for my wife Aurea who, despite the burden of caring for her invalid mother and our home, continues to seek and find ways to minister to others in the name of Jesus. She and our daughter Jennifer are my greatest personal blessings.



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## Transition Comments

As noted in the President's Introduction, Datu Wali Mission is in the midst of transition. This annual report will reflect accomplishments of 2011 while looking forward to visions of what 2012 might look like. The forced curtailment of our support of public schools in March, eliminated the daily feeding program and free school supplies for children. Dan's back problem enabled him to provide free school transportation for only about six months of the year, and greatly impacted the development of our mission farm.

## DWM Fast Facts for 2011

- An average of 250 children fed a hot lunch every school day (at a cost of about \$2 per child, per month)  
Program ended March, 2011
- 70 kilometers driven daily to transport 150+ village children to/from local schools  
Program operated for about six months of 2011
- 10 tribal students sponsored in High School (down from 11 due to a drop out)
- Nearly 60 indigent people provided medical aid (prescriptions, clinic transportation, and fees)
- 2,500 donated books distributed to school and public libraries  
This included many California text books provided by the Reiland family through us to a local private school
- 350 people ministered to and fed through a Christmas evangelistic outreach
- Approximately 100 Bibles distributed
- DWM Foundation overhead: 0.2%; 99.8 cents of every dollar contributed goes to ministry

## Nutrition

Until ending in March 2011, the daily feeding of tribal students at Kipalkuda Elementary School was our primary nutrition program. In five years of that program, many young lives were saved, the community-at-large was healthier, and school attendance increased more than 300%. Improved student nutrition was reflected in improved national test scores, moving the school from the lowest rankings to among the highest in the province. However, many teachers resist teaching tribal children. Since our feeding program kept them in school, teachers opposed us.

After Kipalkuda teachers initiated a systematic practice of discrimination against tribal children in 2011, most tribal students did not return to class. Since our motive for feeding was to attract tribal children, and many of them had moved back into the jungle to escape the discrimination they faced in the village (initiated by teachers), we did not restart the program.

Other nutritional efforts in 2011 included ongoing provisions of food to help impoverished elderly and children. At Christmas we distributed bags of rice and Sardines sufficient for more than 1,000 meals to mountain T'bolis. Home gardens are also on the rise, due to our encouragement.

Dan's back problem forced him to stop activity on our mission farm mid-year. We also learned that villagers proved more astute at stealing farm produce than helping raise it, leaving Dan to do most of the work. Most of the seeds we received from a non-profit organization in the U.S. failed to germinate, which is a problem we've always had. If Dan's back will improve, we hope to restart the farm for the original purpose of improving the nutrition of villagers.

## **Education**

Improving access to education for tribal children has been one of our most vital programs. Over the years we provided free school transportation for nearly a thousand children. Free student school supplies were provided to Kipalkuda School. With financial support from a Phoenix church, we improved hygiene by building the school's first student restroom. A large number of children attended school because of our feeding program. We filled local schools and the Maitum public library with used books donated and shipped by U.S. friends. Cumulatively, these efforts helped many tribal children graduate elementary school and go on to high school, a rarity previously.

However, local DepED personnel considered these achievements as a negative factor. They resist accommodating "dirty, smelly" tribal children in their schools. Our efforts at Kipalkuda were successful, in part, because the school had a principal and one teacher who were half T'boli. They welcomed the children and mentored other teachers who, likewise, enjoyed teaching tribal children.

To counter our efforts, DepED replaced good Kipalkuda teachers with teachers who object to teaching indigenous children. The new teachers led a petition drive among non-tribal villagers (who, likewise did not want tribal children in classes with their own children) to remove the T'boli principal and reconstituted the PTA with non-tribal parents. The new PTA condemned our feeding program and the volunteer T'boli parents working in it. The teachers followed all of these steps with systematic harassment of tribal students. So, parents withdrew their children from school and most of them moved back to the jungle. All of these steps constituted a non-violent form of ethnic cleansing of T'bolis from the village of New La Union, which by right is a T'boli village.

Today, Kipalkuda school is attended by less than 100, mostly non-tribal students. The new principal converted the school library into her private office and put the hundreds of books we supplied, in storage. Our school supplies were appropriated by teachers for their own purposes. The kids got the last laugh. Test scores dropped the school near last in the province once again, making it a failing school despite teacher's efforts to rid themselves of "under-performing tribal kids."

There is a glimmer of hope. The Provincial DepED superintendent was removed from her position mid-year for corruption, and replaced by a man who has a heart for poor and indigenous peoples. He and I have become friends. He has filed corruption charges against some of his own principals and teachers. The local DepED administrator who concurred with the removal of us and IP children from Kipalkuda, is herself under threat of legal action. Given enough time (and avoidance of assassination), the new superintendent might make enough progress to enable us to restart our former projects.

We continued to sponsor ten tribal children in high school. Seven will graduate in March, leaving three to graduate in 2013.

Books collected and shipped by U.S. ministry partners were distributed to the Maitum Public Library (which would have no books without our assistance) and to a local private school. The public library serves four schools. So, the books benefit many.

## **Health**

We continued in 2011 to help poor and tribal people obtain medical treatment from local doctors. Medical intervention is a big problem among the poor because of their view that life has little value. Children, elderly, and injured persons are often left to die because relatives don't consider their lives worth saving. To a parent who is unable to feed his ten children, the death of one is considered a relief. We intervene as we are allowed.

## **Spiritual**

Although speaking engagements declined in 2011, opportunities for one-on-one counseling and ministry prospered. People are seeking our counsel on a variety of social and personal problems for which we can offer spiritual as well as practical guidance.

Discrimination of indigenous peoples by non-IP groups is a spiritual problem. The wide scale abuse of liquor is a spiritual problem. The tendency to solve all disputes with violence and the absence of remorse for those acts is a spiritual problem. The silence of conscience is a spiritual problem. The devaluing of human life – in all age ranges from the unborn to the elderly – is a spiritual problem.

We believe God is preparing us for a new ministry to educated community members, from which most discrimination emerges. Corruption and graft are vices most prominent among the upper class and wealthy. As we are given opportunity to leverage the teachings of Christ among businessmen, teachers, community leaders, and students, it might help address common social ills. The ground work has been laid for five years. We have credibility as teachers of the Gospel, as honest Christ followers, and as having more scripture knowledge than the average pastor. In our informal and adhoc counseling opportunities, we've found as much interest among Catholics as Protestants. Only pastors resist us because of their fears that we might start our own church and attract their members. However, we have no plans to start a church. Our practice has always been to direct people to existing churches.

The new approach might consist of monthly meetings in a non-church facility, such as the lobby of our municipal hall. We have not settled on the precise approach, but it could begin as a Bible study incorporating worship. Past experience has shown that music together with teaching appeals to people here. The project might even be of interest to some of my U.S. friends; talented individuals who might like to participate in a given month's meeting. We are praying and asking our friends to pray with us about this new burden and opportunity for community-wide evangelism.

We remain concerned for local pastors, most of whom have little training. We pray for opportunities to enrich their knowledge and this might become an extension of our evangelism program. We are supporting a small tribal Bible school for indigenous pastors and, though training is very basic and their Biblical knowledge extremely limited, it's a start.

We proclaimed the message of Christ to 350 T'bolis at our Christmas Eve outreach. We distributed more Filipino Bibles in 2011 from the supply we purchased in 2008 with donated funds. In December, generous friends enabled us to order 96 English Bibles, which we will use in our evangelistic outreaches to educated persons. According to English speakers here, the Filipino translations are difficult to comprehend and the dialect too limited. Therefore, there is a demand for English Bibles.

The village youth group that arose last in 2010 was dormant through most of 2011, but the youth are still interested. My wife hopes to re-invigorate that group in 2012, possibly enlisting them to help with a 1-2 week Vacation Bible School.

## **Financial Summary**

Financial records are held by our Treasurer in Chandler, Arizona, and are available for review onsite by U.S. citizens or resident tax-payers by appointment (call 480-786-3365). 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 is limited to U.S. citizens residing in the U.S.. Request one by sending an e-mail to: [datuwalimission@gmail.com](mailto:datuwalimission@gmail.com) or by calling the Treasurer.

No directors or foundation officers receive salaries or compensation from DWM. Dan and Aurea Evans are self-supporting; all of their living and personal expenses come from their own retirement savings. Most of the overhead is represented by bank fees, postage, and stationery for mailing receipts to donors. We are pleased to report that 2011 ministry overhead was less than two cents per income dollar. 99.8 cents of every dollar contributed went directly to ministry. The board keeps overhead low by personally absorbing various fees (state and IRS annual filing fees, postal box fees, corporate representation fees, phone and Internet charges, etc.).

### **Abbreviated 2011 Foundation Financial Summary**

Gross Foundation income from U.S. contributions	\$ 13,450.00
Gross income in the Philippines from local Bible sales	\$ 34.09
Foundation funds expended for foundation operation and overhead *	\$ 31.68
Dollar value of DWM Philippines expenditures (approximate due to variable exchange rates)	\$ 4,443.83

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

### **Prospects for 2012**

With our forced withdrawal from assisting public schools, the painful five year opposition to our work by DepED is no longer an issue. That's unfortunate, as we are willing to continue helping children even in the face of DepED opposition and persecution. But, it's not really a matter of choice for us until the situation changes. In lieu of public school support, we provided many books to private schools in 2011 and expect to continue that in 2012. Those school also serve poor and indigenous students.

With a new provincial DepED superintendent, we might see some return to helping schools and tribal students. In the meantime, I am heading up a special project for our region. In June 2012, we will lead a team of officials to each of our 19 large villages (called barangays) to explain to parents and community leaders the rights of children and parents, the law with regard to "free" education, their right to protection from discrimination by teachers, hygiene, and other matters. Members of the team will include a representative of the mayor (and the mayor herself in some instances), a member of the municipal health department, and a representative of the provincial DepEd office. This has not been done before. Our goal is to get more children attending school and to put teachers on notice that their miss-treatment of children is being monitored and will not be tolerated. Datu Wali Mission will sponsor the tour and pay for the fuel and meals of team members.

Dan's health is now the most limiting factor in our ministry. The problem has been identified (bone growths impinging on the spinal column and worn out disks), but the surgeon we consulted has declined to surgically correct it. God sent us here for a purpose and we have no intention of hiding in our compound awaiting a miracle, or to withdraw from God's work simply because of physical limitations and pain. One way or another, we are determined to move ahead and continue serving God in this field. If Dan's health improves, we wish to resume developing our mission farm.

Muslim rebels were not a problem in our immediate area throughout 2011. Only minor skirmishes occurred and most of them were many kilometers from us. The peace negotiations between the Philippine government and both the Muslim and Communist insurgents, continue. It's too early to predict the outcome or how tensions may increase or decrease as a result of those efforts.

We remain excited about *Books for Schools* and pray that more U.S. friends will take up the challenge to collect and ship (for free) used books for Philippine schools and libraries. Guidelines for the program and a downloadable poster are available on our Website ([www.datuwalimission.org](http://www.datuwalimission.org)).

We believe the key to reaching this area for Christ is through direct evangelism. In the balance of our lifetimes, we may only be able to reach a small percentage of the population, but hopefully the effort will produce other leaders to extend the reach of Christ.

In last year's report, we spoke of the possibility of building a community center in our village. The termination of our feeding program at Kipalkuda School, left us with a feeding center that was no longer necessary. Last December we hired several men to dismantle the center, truck the materials to our compound, and erect it here. We now have an open 30 x 25 ft. shed to use for youth meetings, children's Bible camp, and other purposes right here in our own village of Wali.

### **Needs for 2012**

We appreciate those who share with us the costs of this work. If God speaks to you about a possible project for this ministry, let us know so we can pray about it together. One lady and her grandsons made hand puppets for tribal children; we would never have thought of that. Another sent used clothing and toys that were useful in demonstrating Christ to children.

Your prayers continue to be the most valuable sacrifice you can make on our behalf. They have sustained us through many difficult situations and we feel the lifting action of them against the burdens and weight we sometimes experience. We also urge you to correspond with us, either via e-mail or through our new Datu Wali Mission Facebook page. Your notes are very appreciated.

### **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:

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Checks should be made out to: *Datu Wali Mission Foundation*. Please do not make contributions to the Wyoming address. The delay for mail forwarding to the Evans in the Philippines, plus their need to return donations to the U.S. for deposit, can amount to two months with high risk of loss.

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

... for your faithfulness in praying for us – both our ministry, our board of directors, and our family. We cannot do this alone.



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