

Datu Wali Mission Foundation

2013 Annual Report



President's Introduction

Change continues to be the nature of our work in the Philippines. Although God does not change, the culture, political climate, social values, and needs of the people we minister to does, requiring our flexibility.

In September we discontinued the school transportation begun in 2007. I had the time, you generously supplied the finances, and the service was greatly appreciated by villagers, many of whom could not get their children to schools in Maitum. However, underage motorcycle drivers have become a public nuisance and a growing cause of injuries and death in our community. After three near misses in August and September, in which children under the age of 12 nearly hit our school truck with their motorcycles, we decided we must quit. Avoiding collisions necessitates sudden stops that can injure school children in our truck.

In 2013, we started visiting and praying for patients in the Maitum hospital. We intervene when we find patients who are not treated well by doctors and nurses. We inquire about their diagnosis and progress, interview patients to identify problems with treatment, and interpret legal and billing issues for them. We often purchase medications or pay bills to permit their discharge. Of the approximately 50 patients we helped and charged to DWM accounts this year, the average assistance was about \$18 each. That may not seem like much, but basic healthcare in a third world country is often cheap. We also continued to help with medical needs of people who came to our compound, and the average expenditure noted above includes this group.

Many Muslim patients have allowed and even asked us to pray for them. We know of no other situation in which a Muslim would entertain the prayers of a Christian. Please pray that our own health will allow us to continue this ministry. We cannot enter the hospital if our own immune systems are crippled by illness.

Our annual Christmas outreach was postponed. I came down with a respiratory infection in November which I am just now getting over. We hope to conduct an outreach in the first quarter of 2014.

Our daughter Jennifer continues to teach Sunday School and lead worship at the Wali village church. She ministers weekly to an average of 13 little children in ways we cannot.

In late 2013, the government contracted with Dan to serve as an education consultant to the governor of our province. We have fought local battles for seven years against systemic fraud, corruption, and discrimination within the education system that denies poor and tribal children an education. Now I am waging that war at the province level with full backing of the governor.

We are grateful beyond words for the prayer and financial support of our partners. You have sustained our family and ministry for seven years. It seems inadequate to say "thank you" for such loyalty, love, and Godliness on your part, but it is all we know to say. We thank God daily for you. This report is for you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Evans".

Dan Evans
President and Director
Datu Wali Mission Foundation and Datu Wali Mission of the Philippines

DWM Fast Facts for 2013

- 1 tribal student sponsored in Bible College
- \$910 provided for medical aid (prescriptions, clinic transportation, and fees)
- Approximately 5,000 donated books distributed to schools and public libraries
- Approximately 300 hospital patients visited, prayed for, and intervention supplied
- 300 New Testaments provided to a local elementary school to be used in teaching values
- 24 Paper-back Bibles in Filipino language provided to a tribal Bible school
- DWM Foundation overhead: 0% – Every dollar contributed went to ministry

Education

We have battled against corruption and discrimination in our local schools for seven years. If you have followed our ministry and our previous annual reports, you are aware of the sad history of problems we have reported. These problems effectively deny access to education by a large segment of the population, even though a free primary and secondary education is guaranteed by the Philippine constitution. We have had small gains and losses over that period that, when averaged, have resulted in some improvements in our community.

In late 2012, the Vice Governor of Sarangani Province asked Dan to assist him in reforming education in the province if he was successful in his bid for election to the Governor's office. Dan agreed, in principle, if his service could be rendered in such a manner that it was an extension of our own ministry and did not rob us of ministry time locally. The Vice Governor became Governor in May and soon solicited Dan's advice on a variety of education issues. In November, the government drew up a formal contract naming Dan as the Governor's Education Consultant.

Dan has already prepared several studies, research papers, and proposals which the Governor is using to implement reform in the education system. He spends 2-3 days a week in the capital for meetings. The Governor publically announced that Dan is spearheading his education reform program and influencing actions against corrupt Department of Education personnel.

We see this development as the hand of God on and through DWM. The Governor is a Godly man who desires to invoke the power of God in improving the province in a number of areas, including healthcare, for which we also have insights. Together, we are trusting God to make education more accessible to the poor and tribal communities. One reason for the slow progress of evangelism in our region, is illiteracy. Many pastors are illiterate and could not read a Bible if they had one. So, improving access to education is a natural component of our ministry.

Discontinuing school transportation would have been a difficult decision had God not shown us His will in the matter and given us peace. For six years we transported village children to and from schools in Maitum. The ridership, from year to year, ranged from 100 to 300 daily. Many of these children could not have attended school without the service, as the trip is between 8 and 15 kilometers each way. In addition, the riders learned basic principles of discipline, respect, and thankfulness per the rules of our truck, which they are not taught at home. We miss the children, but their safety is most important and that could not be assured given the increasing risks of driving here.

Books for Schools

The DWM program to create mini-libraries in remote schools is one of our proudest accomplishments and it was only possible with the help of our partners in the U.S.. In 2013, 21 huge boxes of used (sometimes new) books were collected and shipped by our American partners to our compound in the Philippines. The total books received during the year was approximately 5,000 with shipping provided at no charge through the charitable foundation of LBC, a Philippine-owned shipping company.

We cannot emphasize enough, the influence this has on child development and education. Many of the books shipped in 2013, are now being used as text books in the public elementary school in nearby Kiamba. Others went to schools and the public library in Maitum. Some advanced Christian materials went to a Bible College. If you can imagine the challenge of teaching children English and proper grammar without access to printed materials, you can imagine the joy that teachers and students express in receiving books. The DWM Books for Schools program addresses this need.

We also donated about 300 New Testaments (purchased with DWM donations) to our own local elementary school when we delivered their allotment of used books. Public schools here can use Christian material for their values curriculum.

Health

DWM expenditures to assist indigent and indigenous persons with their health crises, amounted to \$910 in 2013. These funds were used to fill prescriptions and assist with clinic and hospital fees. In some instances, we paid to transport severely ill patients to better hospitals.

In past years, most such assistance was provided at the gate to our compound, where people come for help. With the inauguration of our hospital visitation program, most of these funds are now provided at the hospital. This is a better arrangement, because we can now scrutinize requests personally and onsite, rather than taking the word of someone at our gate. Under this arrangement, we expect our aid for medical expenses to grow.

Spiritual

The FaceBook page we started in 2013 for local readers has been well-received. It is an initial effort to address the spiritual needs of the more affluent (dirt poor by American standards, but middle-class here) in Maitum. A growing number of people have access to the Internet using cell phones and computers, even in remote areas such as ours, so that provides us access to them.

Several years ago the Lord showed us that evangelism among the poor and tribal populations is hindered by oppression from the upper classes; poor people were convinced by their masters that they were not worthy of having a relationship with God. Class distinctions remain from 400 years of Spanish colonization and is one of the most crippling aspects of Philippine culture and society. So, by ministering to the middle class and higher, we can share teachings of Christ that hopefully will convict them of their treatment of the lower classes. Dan writes and posts devotionals every three days. To date, we have 162 Filipino friends of this page from among the government, business, education, and professional sectors of our population. That is a significant number given our location and the cost of Internet service. Some of our readers are Muslim.

Jennifer, who turned 15 this year, continues to teach the youngest children in the village Christian and Missionary Alliance church. She also leads worship, organizes the services and works in vacation Bible school and other activities. Her Sunday School class is usually at least twice as large as the adult attendance.

Financial Summary

Financial records are held by our Treasurer in Antioch, California and are available for review onsite by U.S. citizens as stipulated by the Internal Revenue Service. For an appointment, send an e-mail to: lлинаres827@gmail.com. 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 an electronic copy by sending an e-mail to: datuwalimission@gmail.com

DWM has no employees. No directors or officers receive salaries or compensation for their service. Dan and Aurea Evans are self-supporting; all of their living and personal expenses come from their own retirement savings. Usually we report about 2% overhead which constitutes bank fees, postage, and stationery for mailing receipts to donors. We are pleased to report that 2013 ministry overhead was zero. The entirety of every dollar contributed went directly to ministry. The board keeps overhead low by personally absorbing various expenses and fees (state and IRS annual filing fees, corporate representation fees, phone and Internet charges, etc.).

Abbreviated 2013 Foundation Financial Summary

Gross Foundation income from U.S. contributions	\$ 12,560.00
Gross income in the Philippines (local contributions or Bible sales)	\$ 0
Foundation funds expended for foundation operation and overhead *	\$ 0
Dollar value of DWM Philippines expenditures (approximate due to variable exchange rates)	\$ 2,299.16

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

Prospects for 2014

Hospital visitation will continue to be one of our primary spiritual opportunities. Praying for the sick and helping them secure needed medicines and attention, is an excellent way to minister in Jesus' name. Being asked by Muslims to pray for them is a unique opportunity that excites us. In a region that is still ripe with Malaria, Dysentery, Dengue, Typhoid, and Tuberculosis, in addition to severe Diabetes (the second highest killer) and heart disease (the highest ranked killer), we are not likely to run out of patients or opportunities. Please pray for our health as we minister to the very sick.

We are awaiting government decisions regarding the future of the Maitum hospital. If they sustain the facility, we will propose that they allow us to help (using DWM funds) improve sanitation and hygiene in the hospital. Many patients are admitted with one problem, and contract another disease while there. It is a very serious problem.

Dan's service to the government as an official education consultant could eventually lead to breakthroughs in our province and region. We pray that is so and for the energy (it is a five hour round-trip drive to the capitol on poor roads) and skill to perform his duties in a manner pleasing to God and under the full and direct influence of the Holy Spirit. We never dreamed of such an opportunity, but God has clearly made it happen for a season, at least. Plus, Dan meets other people of influence who need Christ and this creates another avenue for evangelism.

We look forward to more shipments of Books for Schools. It is up to you! If God knocks on your heart and suggests you participate by collecting used books and shipping them at no cost (if an LBC office is in your area), please respond with a "YES." There's no easier, practical or inexpensive way to help DWM and the children we minister to, than by utilizing this program. Details are on our Web site or you can ask us by e-mail.

We anticipate building a small storage building in our compound and stocking it with school supplies. These supplies would then be dispensed free to local school children who cannot afford even a pencil or sheet of paper. We will also use the storage space for items used in our outreaches, including rice and other essentials to help the abandoned elderly in our village.

The outreach postponed from Christmas 2013, is planned for first quarter 2014. We plan a program of music, preaching, a puppet show, and food distribution to about 1,500 the tribal members in a mountainous area near Maitum. The weather and an absence of rebel activity will determine the date of this event.

We will continue to support a Bible school student. She is a tribal girl attending a CMA school in General Santos City and feels God is calling her to be a missionary to other tribal groups.

Needs for 2014

Please continue to pray for the Foundation, our directors, the people we serve, and our family. Financial support is secondary in priority; we need your prayers and are grateful for the many who have affirmed to us their intent and practice of praying for DWM and us personally. But, we also appreciate those who share with us the costs of this work.

Legal Information

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

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You can write to the Evans family at:

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Please do not send contributions to the Evans at their Philippine address. They are unable to cash or deposit your checks and must return them to the Treasurer if received in the field.

Thank You

Thank you for praying for us and for your friendship. We can do little without your prayer support. Your contributions underwrite some of our projects, including medical assistance, outreaches, book distribution, and more.

My special thanks to my fellow board members, my wife Aurea, and daughter Jennifer all of whom are indispensable in the daily operation, management, spiritual encouragement, and accountability of this ministry.



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