

Datu Wali Mission Foundation

2014 Annual Report



President's Introduction

Recently, some Americans visited a local high school. They asked me, "How does your mission function?" I responded, "On what day?". I explained that the eight years we have been here has been constant experimentation. We came with objectives given us by God, but plans change daily. Some of that is due to changes in the needs of the people, some is due to peace and order problems, some is because of changing opportunities, and some is because we change our tactics based on either success or lack of success.

The biggest change in 2014, was Dan's service to the Provincial Governor. The arrangement has worked out better than we imagined. We did not know if it would be worth our while, or if it would really give Dan greater influence in education. There was also the question about political issues, and if it would become a distraction to our local ministry and work.

Dan was able to keep his trips to the capitol down to an average of about 2 days each week, and his hours at home for that work, to about 15 hours per week. The government paid for his expenses, so it was not a burden on DWM funds. The sacrifices have been well worth it. Dan now has a healthy working relationship with Department of Education (DepEd) administrators across the entire province, plus hundreds of teachers. The DepEd Division office in the capitol, also considers him their adviser. At Dan's recommendation, the government created the Governor's Commission on Education (GCE) that Dan, along with a retired DepEd superintendent and an attorney sit on. As Commissioners, they worked together all year to launch several initiatives to improve education and improve access to it by the poor and indigenous peoples. The Governor is very pleased and extended Dan's contract through 2015. This has expanded our ministry objective of improving access to education in our community, to the entire province. Plus, Dan has won the respect and partnership of the Regional DepEd director, and now has some influence at that level.

The other exciting development in 2014, was the fulfillment of our objective to fight malnutrition. Aurea attended a Department of Agriculture (DA) field school for farmers mid-year and is now recognized as a leader of local farmers. We turned over one of our fields to the school to use as a demonstration farm. The DA has dropped out of the program, but we (Aurea, for the most part) sustained it. About 30 local farmers, many of which are T'bolis, do light labor in the field raising vegetables for their families. The surplus is sold at market, making the farm self-sufficient financially.

We continued to help the very poor with their medical needs. People come to our gate often seeking help to fill prescriptions or pay clinic charges. We also continued to receive used books from the U.S., which we distributed to schools. Dan's FaceBook devotionals reach more than 250 local Filipinos and has become a key ministry tool. Plus, we purchased a used shipping container, which will be used in 2015 as a dispensary for free school supplies for local children.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support. When we help people with medicine, or food or other assistance, we tell them that it is from God and our friends in America. We thank God every day for you.

Dan Evans

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President and Director

Datu Wali Mission Foundation and Datu Wali Mission of the Philippines

DWM Fast Facts for 2014

- 1 tribal student sponsored in college
- Food provided to a tribal Bible College quarterly
- Nearly 1,000 hours of education consultation service to the Governor
- Medical aid (prescriptions, clinic transportation, and fees) to villagers
- Approximately 1,200 donated books distributed to schools and public libraries
- One acre of land dedicated as a demonstration farm for vegetables
- DWM Foundation overhead: .5% (99.5% of all contributions went directly to ministry)

Education

Dan's appointment to serve as the Provincial Governor's Education Consultant and a member of the Governor's Commission on Education, was the hand of God expanding our influence in education – from our local community, to the entire province and, soon, the region. In 2014, Dan designed and helped the Department of Education implement all-year tutoring for struggling elementary students across the province. Formerly, this was done in reading camps for two weeks during the “Summer” break, which was not effective. There are now 800+ older elementary and high school students, volunteering in grade 1-3 classrooms to help children. DepEd considers this a success and they will expand it.

Dan participated in an effort to re-train teachers in grades Kindergarten through 3, to properly train children to read. The phonics method is a lost art here, and through the Commission's effort it is being restored. He also organized a summit of non-profit organizations working in education and health in the province, so that they could meet one another and network to better leverage their abilities. Out of that has come partnerships to expand and better effect improvement of about forty such organizations.

PTAs have a history of corruption in the province. Dan consolidated the Department of Education policies for PTAs, published a handbook illustrating their legal obligations and restrictions, and is giving orientation workshops to PTAs. This will continue in 2015. He also developed a pamphlet explaining the constitutional right of every citizen to a free public education for distribution to every household in the Province. That pamphlet includes a list of available college scholarships. Other posters and flyers were developed during the year to communicate the Governor's message to high schoolers to remain in school, graduate, and pursue higher education. Dan also attends Provincial School Board meetings and advises them on their legal limits, budgeting processes, and works to ensure that tax funds at the board's disposal, go to the right educational projects.

Books for Schools

The DWM program to create mini-libraries in schools continued in 2014. We received fewer used books, but still a large enough quantity to provide nice collections to several schools. We remind our partners, that this is an excellent and cost-free way to help children in our area. They are shipped at no cost by LBC, a Philippine-owned shipping company.

Health

DWM expenditures to assist indigent and indigenous persons with their health crises, amounted to about \$433 in 2014. We realize that this is a very small amount for the U.S., but it is quite sizable in this economy. These funds were used to fill prescriptions, assist with clinic and hospital fees, and provide transportation of severely ill patients.

Spiritual

The FaceBook page which was created in 2013 for local readers, continued to attract followers to the devotionals that Dan wrote and published at three-day intervals. These devotionals, which were also published on the U.S. ministry FaceBook page, use analogies and examples familiar to local people here. We now have 243 people seeing these devotionals, about half of which are Catholic, plus a few Muslims.

We worked earlier in the year with representatives of Campus Crusade for Christ in an effort to plant CCC on high school campuses in the province. But that effort eventually died due to opposition by Protestant Pastors, who saw CCC as a threat to their territory. We expected some opposition, but not to the extent it happened. The church here, as we have noted year after year, is very unhealthy. Many pastors are apostate because they were not trained. And, they consider their churches as mini-kingdoms that they have sole authority over. It makes evangelism very challenging. In fact, DWM has a better relationship with Catholics, than it does Protestants.

Financial Summary

Financial records are held by our Treasurer in Tennessee 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: llinares827@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 continues to operate without employees. Directors and officers receive no salaries or compensation. Dan and Aurea Evans are self-supporting; all of their living and personal expenses come from their own retirement savings. We are happy to report that 2014 ministry overhead was just .5% of contributions. 99½ Cents 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 charges, etc.).

Abbreviated 2014 Foundation Financial Summary

Gross Foundation income from U.S. contributions	\$ 8,155.00
Gross income in the Philippines (local contributions or Bible sales)	\$ 100.00
Foundation funds expended for foundation operation and overhead *	\$ 45.00
Dollar value of DWM Philippines expenditures (approximate due to variable exchange rates)	\$ 4,291.47

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

Prospects for 2015

The used 20 foot shipping container purchased last year, is being converted into a stock-room for school supplies, which we will begin distributing to local poor children when school resumes in June. The supplies (pencils, pens, writing tablets, crayons, etc.) will be purchased with DWM funds and given out each week, with a log maintained to ensure that children do not take (and sell) more than they can use. The inability of many parents to buy even a pencil for their children, keeps many kids out of school.

The Demonstration farm will continue as long as villagers are interested in learning and working for food. We will expand it to additional acreage as needed. DWM does the tilling, builds and supplies tools, and trains. Profits from their sales of surplus vegetables enable them to buy their own seeds and fertilizer. The workers take the best of the vegetables home to their families.

Dan will continue to serve the government at the Governor's pleasure. He already has new initiatives underway for 2015 to improve education.

We look forward to more shipments of Books for Schools. We cannot direct that from here, so 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.

There were no large outreaches last year, nor are any expected this year due to the challenges of ministering in territory that has been infiltrated by fundamentalist Islamic rebels and Communist guerillas. Our visits to such places, though we might escape with our heads, could put villagers in danger.

As noted in the introduction, we know our objectives, it is just the plans that are in a constant state of flux. We've learned to live with that and roll with the punches. We take our direction from God. We walk the path he sets before us, and storm the doors that he opens.

Needs for 2015

It is hard for us to believe that we have been here for eight years. Please continue to pray for the Foundation, our directors, the people we serve, and our family. As we begin a program of distributing free school supplies to area poor children, your financial support will also be valued.

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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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, book distribution, the farm school operation, and more.

I must recognize the help of my wife and daughter, plus our board members. This is a task that no one or two people can do alone. Together, along with your help, we have a powerful team in submission to God and in service to Him.

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