

Datu Wali Mission Foundation

2015 Annual Report



President's Introduction

Last year we met a family from Texas who felt they should move here and serve as independent missionaries like us. They faced the same challenge as we did 9 years ago, in that Western organizations rarely send long-term personnel to rural and remote areas in this dangerous region. Unlike us, our Texas brother and sister may not have the direct call of God on their endeavor (revealed by talking to them) and have suffered terrible hardships. Their appeals to U.S. friends to support their living and ministry expenses, do not produce help. The man was attacked by Muslims last year and nearly killed, and now suffers from permanent brain damage. Due to the danger (and his handicap), they relocated from the rural area to the city where they try to minister to villagers without actually going to villages. Their hearts are in the right place, but their circumstances underscore the importance of answering the call of God instead of the call of your heart and mind. Sometimes what may seem to you to be a good or noble idea, is not God's plan.

Although our family has experienced our share of challenges, we have never doubted the divine appointment of God to come here, and the results of our efforts clearly bear God's stamp of approval and protection. I do not blame mission boards for their reluctance to send people to hazardous places. In fact, I have deep admiration for many mission boards and the missionaries they send out. But I also cannot submit to a mission board's cancellation or amendment of God's call to serve specifically where and how He assigns me. So, while going out independently as we did, may not be the right thing for everyone, it was for us.

Our biggest victory in 2015 was the Community Garden, a project initiated and managed by Aurea. In our early years here I attempted to start a community garden project to improve local nutrition. Villagers were too timid to come and work alongside me. So, I did all the work but many came to relieve the garden of its produce in the dead of night. So we ended that experiment and resumed growing field corn for sale as chicken and hog feed, using the proceeds to buy medicine for villagers. However, Aurea resurrected the plan and it is now very successful, both in improving nutrition, training villagers how to grow vegetables, and as a livelihood project. She, being a Filipino and Tboli, has no problem attracting people to work with her. We solicited donations from our partners in 2015 to purchase a small tractor, and that was accomplished before year-end. When my wife and her field workers have been fully trained, they will be able to till and cultivate the vegetable plots and become even more productive. We have expanded the area to about 3 acres.

Dan continued to serve as the Provincial Governor's Education Consultant where he can influence province-wide improvements in education, some of which were adopted regionally and nationally. Improving access to education is one of our core objectives, so we are very pleased with this opportunity. His expenses for that job are paid by the government, but at Dan's insistence he serves as a volunteer without salary. We continued to help the poor with their medical needs (prescriptions, doctors' fees, and transportation to clinics). We also continued to receive used books from the U.S., which we distributed to schools. Dan's Face Book devotionals reach more than 250 local Filipinos and have become a key ministry tool.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support. The help we offer is always given in the name of Jesus. 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 2015

- Food provided to a tribal Bible College quarterly
- Approximately 1,000 hours of education consultation service to the Provincial Governor, including the development of education advocacy communications (pamphlets and posters) and resources for a student tutoring program we designed for the Dept. of Education
- Medical aid (prescriptions, clinic transportation, and fees) to villagers
- Approximately 2,500 donated books distributed to schools
- Approximately 400 donated books used to establish a Pastor's lending library
- 123 Original (DWM copyrighted) devotionals published on Face Book for local readers
- Community Garden expanded to 3 acres
- Designated donations purchased a second-hand tractor and tiller for Community Garden
- Water supply purchased for Community Garden irrigation
- Participated in the rehabilitation of a remote tribal church
- DWM Foundation overhead: ½ of 1% (99.44% of all contributions went directly to ministry)

Education

Dan continued to serve the Provincial Governor as his Education Consultant and Chair of the Governor's Commission on Education. The Governor now considers Dan to be his Senior Consultant on a variety of matters, including exploitation of indigenous persons and the poor, illegal mining, spiritual matters, and more.

The student full-year Tutoring Program which Dan designed for implementation by the Department of Education as a replacement for ineffective summer reading camps, now helps nearly 7,000 struggling readers in grades Kinder through 3, using 1,500 tutors (students in grades 5-7). Test scores have improved and drop-out rates for the Grade 3 population (which is the point at which many children leave school because of their struggle to read), have declined. Dan developed a set of 78 exercises for use by tutors in coaching struggling children and the Government published and distributed 1,000 sets of the cards to schools. Dan is now developing a similar product for math.

Dan organized the province's second summit of non-profit organizations working in the province to provide education, health, and livelihood programs. He also serves as advisor (in his capacity as a member of the Governor's Commission on Education) to both the Provincial Department of Education and the Provincial School Board.

Books for Schools

The shipment of donated books from our partners in the U.S. increased in 2015, allowing us to distribute about 2,500 books to local schools. An additional 400 advanced spiritual books and resources were supplied to a lending library for pastors run by the Governor and his wife. We again 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 nearly \$2,200 in 2015. Although this seems like a trivial amount when compared to U.S. medical costs, it is significant in this third-world economy. These funds were used to fill prescriptions, assist with clinic and hospital fees, and provide transportation to at least 100 severely ill patients.

Spiritual

The DWM Face Book page for local Filipinos served as the host for 123 devotionals (that is one every three days) in 2015. 267 Filipinos now subscribe to these devotionals, many print them for friends and pastors, and others share them with other Face Book friends. Most subscribers are Catholics and some Muslims. These are original mini-sermons, written by Dan and copyrighted by the DWM Foundation.

In 2015, we continued to support a local tribal Bible school by providing food for the pastor students during their quarterly, week-long sessions. We also gave used Bibles to pastors attending this school, as they became available in Books for Schools shipments.

DWM provided financial assistance to a very remote tribal church. That assistance was managed by an itinerant Baptist tribal pastor who collected other donations and volunteers to rebuild the dilapidated church. This pastor travels the mountains every week, showing the Jesus Film and holding evangelistic services. He goes where we cannot.

Financial Summary

DWM finances are managed by our Treasurer. Financial records are also kept by our Secretary and can be made available for review onsite by U.S. citizens as stipulated by the Internal Revenue Service. For an appointment, send an e-mail to: dnewtonhill@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 limited to U.S. citizens residing in the U.S.. Inquire via e-mail to: dnewtonhill@gmail.com

DWM has no employees. Directors and officers serve without 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 2015 ministry overhead was just .5% of contributions – 99.44% 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 2015 Foundation Financial Summary *

Gross Foundation income from U.S. contributions	\$ 11,756.50
Foundation funds expended for foundation operation and overhead **	\$ 64.80
Dollar value of DWM Philippines expenditures (approximate due to variable exchange rates)	\$ 11,691.17

* These rows are not meant to balance. The closeness of the income and expenses is coincidental.

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

Prospects for 2016

Health issues delayed the conversion of the 20 foot shipping container purchased last year, to a storeroom for school supplies to be given poor local children. 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. We hope to complete the conversion and stocking before the new school year begins in June 2016.

The Community Garden (called a Demonstration Farm in last year's annual report) continued to be one of our most important projects in 2015, and will continue to be so in 2016. However, we are currently suffering from an El Nino drought that supposedly will end around June. So, vegetable production has suffered since December 2015. The purchase of the mini tractor and tiller will greatly expand the operation and make the project more efficient. This is an important project in our region, and is the

first of its kind by providing free vegetables to people who work in the farm, vegetables at cost to others in the community, plus the sale of surplus produce to local markets. So, the net effect is an improvement in villager nutrition, livelihood for committed workers (they share the profits from the sale of surplus produce), and a teaching facility to demonstrate the ease and value of having family gardens. The farm is totally self-sufficient (except for tractor fuel supplied by DWM and, now, the use of the mini-tractor). Aurea Evans has dedicated herself to managing the Community Garden and she is there six days a week.



2016 is a national election year, so Dan's service to the Governor of our province is dependent on the Governor's re-election in May. However, Dan is already developing initiatives under the assumption that the governor will serve another term.

We continue to encourage our partners to help us with the Books for Schools program. If you live in or near an LBC shipping office, we can arrange free shipping of books. If you collect and ship used books to us, they will go directly to schools to help students that often have never seen a physical book. Details of the program are on our Website.

Although a fragile peace still holds between the national government and fundamentalist Islamic rebels, the Communist guerillas have stepped up their activities and moved closer to our immediate area. In fact, they have camps within a 2-3 hour walk to our compound. They specialize in burning farm equipment, kidnapping people for ransom, and even executing villagers. So, this continues to make outreaches too risky (not only for us, but for those we minister to).

Needs for 2016

We have now begun our tenth year here and without your prayer and financial support, none of what has been accomplished would have been possible. Please continue to pray for the Foundation, our directors, the people we serve, and our family. And, if you can, help us financially.

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 are tax-deductible and acknowledged by receipts, if sent to:

Treasurer
Datu Wali Mission Foundation
211 Brookbend Dr.
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Send non-financial correspondence to the Foundation, to:

Secretary
Datu Wali Mission Foundation
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You can write to the Evans family at:

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Wali, Maitum 9515
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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.

Board of Directors

At the 2016 Annual Board of Director's meeting for Datu Wali Mission Foundation, we accepted the resignation of Lauren Linares (Director and Treasurer). Dan Evans was reelected as Director and President, and David Hill was reelected as Director, Vice President and Secretary. Mike Wade was elected to a three-year renewal of his term as Director, and also elected Treasurer. Ken Grubbs continues his current term as Director.

Thank You

Thank you for praying for us and for your friendship and love. This work is a partnership that many of you have been a part of from day one. We thankful for you and your commitment to serving God. I also extend my thanks to my wife and daughter, plus our board members.

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