

Datu Wali Mission Foundation

2016 Annual Report



President's Introduction

2016 was a year unlike any we have experienced previously. I am writing this at the close of our tenth year in the field and, to a certain extent, each year has had its unique challenges, accomplishments, and disappointments. Our efforts in 2016 were not so much challenged by our location, the culture, terrorists, or finances, but by our own health, specifically, my health. Three separate bouts with pneumonia (one requiring a week of hospitalization), a minor back injury and, at the tail-end of the year, a foot injury. Had it not been so annoying and inconvenient, it would have been funny. I'm on crutches today, but improving. Better days lie ahead, I'm confident.

As in the case of last year's annual report, the DWM Community Garden gets the blue ribbon for projects that were successful in 2016. Under the capable and dedicated management of Aurea, the garden was improved, made a little more efficient, and served as a field demonstration center of vegetable growing for local high school students taking agriculture in their vocational curriculum. Of course, the best benefit of the garden was that it remained a reliable source of food for local villagers, plus others outside our village. Occupying about 3 acres of land, ours is the largest non-commercial vegetable garden in the province, that we are aware of. In fact, we know of no commercial gardens in excess of that size. And, it has served as the inspiration for other villages to also start vegetable projects, which was one of our goals. That is why we call it the DWM Demonstration Farm.

During the year, we received and distributed some books received from our partners in the U.S.. However, knowing that we had several shipments enroute since about July, we held all deliveries over the last half of the year, so we could sort and distribute them all at once. In fact, just this month (into 2017) we received the last shipment of boxes for a total of about 35 boxes of books in our storage container. We will start the process of sorting them in a few days.

Our spiritual emphasis continues to be largely through the devotionals I write and publish on our Face Book pages every three days. Here, that audience is 271 direct recipients, plus a larger number who see them through shares and printed copies. We also continue to hear of Sunday school teachers and pastors who use them as the basis for Bible studies and sermons. As I have mentioned in the past, most of those recipients are Catholics, plus a few Muslims.

I continued my service to the Provincial Governor as his Education Consultant where I focus on improving access to education by the poor and indigenous peoples, which has been one of the core objectives of DWM from the beginning. We also helped the poor with their medical needs (prescriptions, doctors' fees, and transportation to clinics), supplied food for a quarterly Tboli pastor's training school, plus helping to sponsor senior citizen events in our village.

Many of you write that you pray for us. Those prayers are valuable on a daily basis, but were especially helpful during my illnesses the past year. Thank you again for praying, and for your financial support of some of our projects.

Dan Evans

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President and Director

Datu Wali Mission Foundation – and – Datu Wali Mission of the Philippines

DWM Fast Facts for 2016

- Food provided to a tribal Bible College quarterly
- More than 1,200 hours of education consultation service to the Provincial Government, including the development of a management training program for mid-level Department of Education managers.
- Medical aid (prescriptions, clinic transportation, and fees) to villagers
- Approximately 800 donated books distributed to schools
- 123 Original (DWM copyrighted) devotionals published on Face Book for 270+ local readers
- Community Garden distributed or sold, an estimated 1,000 kilos of vegetables
- DWM Foundation overhead: .1% (99.9% of all contributions went directly to ministry)

Education

As the provincial government's Education Consultant, Dan provided advice to the governor, the provincial school board, and the Department of Education (DepEd) throughout the year. This year, Dan developed a 13 session management training course for mid-level managers in DepEd's division office. These eight people report to the Superintendent of Schools and supervise the major programs of the department. They all started their careers as teachers without ever receiving training in how to function as managers. The governor was growing concerned about the problems that arose from this lack of training, and asked Dan what they might do about it. Dan suggested a management training course. He started teaching the course in October and completed four sessions by Christmas. However, there are doubts that it will resume. The managers have conflicting schedules, plus a new superintendent is coming in, which could change the dynamics of the department. Dan did work with the provincial school board, and attended quarterly DepEd performance review meetings in which he was asked to critique and contribute to the department's operating reviews.

Books for Schools

We received about 45 boxes of books in 2016, ten of which were sorted and distributed to schools. An additional 25 boxes arrived by year-end (and another 9 in February 2017), that will all be sorted and distribute in one big effort. Some of the shipments contained Bibles and other study materials, that we were able to give to pastors and place in a central pastoral library maintained by the governor's wife. LBC, a Philippine-owned shipping company, continues to ship the books at no cost. However, in October, we signed a memorandum of agreement with the company that limits us to 30 boxes per year. So, we are being more selective about the kinds of books we can use, to ensure we get the best use of our LBC allowance.

Health

DWM medical financial assistance for indigent and indigenous persons, amounted to less than \$600 in 2016. We attribute that to the fact that many people who have previously defrauded us of help, have learned that we limit our help to genuine crises. It is also true, that government assistance to the poor, has steadily increased. But, we have sufficient resources to help those truly in need, and will continue to do so as needed. It is also true, that health care is very inexpensive here. So, the \$600 we spent here, would probably be equivalent to three or four thousand dollars in the states. Dan had two x-rays taken in our local hospital of his injured foot, that cost us only about six dollars. The consultation fee was about five dollars. Before you buy a ticket to the Philippines to receive medical care, be advised that the standards are much, much lower than you have in the U.S.. You get what you pay for. For instance, Dan ordered and read his own x-rays due to the lack of orthopedic skills by the local doctors.

Spiritual

The DWM Face Book page for local Filipinos has 271 local “friends” who read a new, original devotional written by Dan, every three days. Others see it due to sharing and print distribution by some of those friends. We publish the same devotionals on our U.S. Face Book page, so our partners can see what we are teaching here. It was our intention in 2016, to publish a weekly Bible booklet that churches can use, but time and health problems intervened to delay that project. It is about 30% completed, and it remains our goal to publish such a booklet sometime in 2017.

As we have for three years, we continued to provide funds for a tribal pastors Bible school held for five days each quarter. We can feed all of their students (ranging from 8 – 20) for about \$65.00 each time they meet. Dan spoke at their most recent graduation, plus at the church of one of the teachers on Christmas morning.

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 2016 ministry overhead was just .1% of contributions – 99.9% 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 2016 Foundation Financial Summary *

Gross Foundation income from U.S. contributions	\$ 6,365.00
Foundation funds expended for foundation operation and overhead **	\$ 4.10
Dollar value of DWM Philippines expenditures (approximate due to variable exchange rates)	\$ 1,505.06

* 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 2017

Book distributions, online devotionals, and the Community Garden will be sustained as our primary projects. In addition, we will endeavor to publish and supply a one year, weekly Bible study booklet to local pastors and churches, at no cost. Dan is trying to reduce his work for the provincial government so he can be more involved with the Garden, which we plan to expand this year with irrigation, a more suitable nursery, and more implements for the tractor purchased last year.

Peace between the government and several groups of militant Islamic rebels, continues to hold in our immediate area, but remains fragile. Two of the groups are now aligned with ISIS and the government has formally announced that ISIS has a presence on Mindanao, our island. We also face an expanded Communist guerilla force that has escalated its attacks across Mindanao. They have stopped and burned two busses and a van just a few miles from our compound, since November. So, while we have so far not experienced problems ourselves, the risks are very near. We continue our work, but are observant and cautious, not so much for our personal protection, but so other villagers are not accused of helping us.

Needs for 2017

2017 marks the beginning of our eleventh year in the Philippines. Your prayers have been instrumental in our survival, success, and confidence in God's provision and appointment of us to this ministry. I cannot imagine what might have become of our family, had we come here without God's calling, and without your prayer support. Many of you have also contributed financially and those funds help us conduct projects that directly aid people. We remind you, that no DWM funds go into our pockets or to support the needs of our family, which are adequately covered by Dan's pension and savings. Please also remember to pray for our Foundation directors, who are a source of wisdom for us and this work. I have the best three men I've ever known, standing with us in that capacity. I love and respect them (and miss them) dearly.

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:

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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

Dan Evans, Foundation President/Director, plus director of field operations in the Philippines
Dr. David Hill, Foundation Vice President/Secretary/Director,
Mike Wade, Foundation Treasurer/Director,
Pastor Ken Grubbs, Foundation Director

Thank You

On behalf of my wife and our board, we thank you for your prayers and financial support.



Dan Evans
President and Director

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