

Datu Wali Mission Foundation

2017 Annual Report



President's Introduction

I began last year's report with: "2016 was a year unlike any we have experienced previously." The same sentiments apply to 2017. Although our health in 2017 was a little better, worn out bodies really started to take a toll on our abilities. Aurea will be 60 in February, and I stumbled over 65 last month. Perhaps if we lived in a more civilized climate with fewer physical demands, we might not be hit as hard as we are. But life in a third world country is not all fun and games. I am beyond the average life expectancy for men in our area.

Despite the foregoing disclaimer, God did use us in 2017 to accomplish a few things of note. We distributed about 1,200 books to local schools, and another 100 to pastors. We know of no further donations of books for schools, but a stock of books for pastors will arrive from Washington state sometime this year.

The Community Garden was successful through about November. It was self-sufficient (meaning the sale of surplus vegetables paid for fertilizer, seed and labor). Many villagers benefitted from free or low-cost produce. And senior citizens received free supplies of corn grits. However, the physical demands of the garden became quite hard for Aurea and we turned over management of it to her nephew. His interest has tapered off, so most of the garden is now fallow. We have made no decision regarding its future.

We provided free reading glasses to several dozen senior citizens in Wali during the year, plus we provided free transportation for them to special events. More than 280 local Filipinos receive our online devotionals and we know those are shared or printed and distributed to others. Some pastors use them as fodder for sermons. It was our plan to publish a printed one-year Bible study booklet in 2017, but I did not have time to complete the editing in 2017. We will try to do that in the first quarter of 2018. I continue to serve the provincial governor as his Education Consultant, and there will be more opportunities to intervene in education in 2018. The government has improved its medical services to the poor and indigenous peoples, so our role in providing medical aid has declined quite dramatically.

I have to admit that much of 2017 was devoted to survival for our family. We have had to slow down and stop fretting over the long list of tasks that require our attention. That is very difficult for me, but I have no choice. So, we look for ways to be more influential spiritually. I am considering how the Books for Pastors project might be structured to provide better orientation to local pastors, most of whom lack formal training.

As always, we value and need your prayers. Our ministry is financially sound. Our commitment is solid. But, we need help and the sustaining power of your prayers to toil on.

Dan Evans

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President and Director

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

DWM Fast Facts for 2017

- Food provided to a tribal Bible College quarterly at a cost of about \$220
- About 800 hours of education consultation service to the Provincial Government
- Medical aid (prescriptions, clinic transportation, and fees) to villagers totally about \$480
- Approximately 1,200 donated books distributed to schools, and 100 books to pastors
- 123 Original (DWM copyrighted) devotionals published on Face Book for 280+ local readers
- Community Garden distributed or sold, an estimated 700 kilos of vegetables
- DWM Foundation overhead: .8% (99.2% of all contributions went directly to ministry)

Education

In addition to continuing as the provincial governor's education consultant, and chair of the Governor's Commission on Education, Dan assisted the Department of Education in rolling out the peer tutoring program he designed in 2016. Tutoring is now required in all provincial elementary schools. The program uses capable students from upper grades to tutor struggling students in K-3. DepEd reported that schools participating in the program's pilot saw an 85% reduction in struggling readers. Dan designed the tutoring resources for this program for reading, and he hopes to add resources for math in 2018.

The management training Dan offered to supervisors in the Department of Education in 2016, did not continue in 2017 due to scheduling conflicts. The department is asking that it be restarted for 2018. Dan is willing because he saw notable progress in their skills and leadership with just the four sessions he conducted in 2016.

Books

Our Books for Schools program received only 9 boxes of books in 2017, but we were able to distribute about 1,200 from stocks that arrived in late 2016. Only one box was received for the Books for Pastors program in 2017, but several are awaiting shipment from the U.S.

Health

Because the Philippine government has improved healthcare for poor and indigenous persons, our intervention has declined. We paid out less than \$500 for medications and clinic fees in 2017.

Spiritual

Our online devotionals directly reached about 280 followers in 2017. They are published every three days. Many recipients share or print them for distribution to others, and some pastors utilize them for sermon material. Our plan to print a one-year Bible study booklet was delayed due to Dan's lack of time. It has been written and is being edited with completion expected in the first quarter of 2018. Foundation funds will be used to reproduce the books locally and they will be distributed at no cost.

The local tribal Bible School continues to operate, and we continued to support its quarterly meetings with food for attendees. Aurea has had good progress in counseling local women one-on-one, which is critical due to the presence of several cults in our immediate area that confuse people.

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 an area harboring several terrorist groups. A more extensive summary is available, but it is 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 2017 ministry overhead was just .8% of contributions – 99.2% 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 2017 Foundation Financial Summary *

Gross Foundation income from U.S. contributions	\$ 5,740.00
Foundation funds expended for foundation operation and overhead **	\$ 45.00
Dollar value of DWM Philippines expenditures (approximate due to variable exchange rates)	\$ 1,067.86

* 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 2018

Unfortunately, we believe the Community Garden will no longer be operational. With Dan and Aurea no longer able to actively work and guide it, it cannot be sustained. That is the nature of ministry here. Local people are not motivated to help themselves or others. Most people in our local culture are cash-oriented; they will even choose to starve rather than work. And, a garden requires laborers.

Books will be distributed as they are received. Due to a successful deployment of thousands of books to local schools over the past several years, the Books for Schools program appears to be winding down, though we will always welcome such materials. The Books for Pastors program is very viable and we would love to receive more donated books suitable for pastors. Shipping costs will have to be borne by DWM (or the persons making the donations), but we are able to handle that. Nothing will address the infancy of local pastors better than education, and books will help address that need.

We hope to finish the editing of the DWM one-year Bible study booklet, and then distribute it to local churches and individuals. DWM will pay for the reproduction of it here and it will be given out at no charge. There are virtually no Bible study materials in the hands of believers in our area. On occasion we have found a church trying to use material from the states, written in the context of American culture and traditions that are difficult for Filipinos to understand and relate to. Our study material is written in the style of our online devotionals, in the context of Philippine lifestyles.

Dan will continue to serve the governor at his pleasure, for as long as he is needed and for as long as that work does not interfere with ministry obligations. We will continue to support senior citizens in our village as we are able, and the IP pastor's Bible school as long as it demonstrates value and integrity.

Needs for 2018

On January 8, 2018, we started our twelfth year of ministry. Although 2017 might not have been as productive as previous years, and our attention was often diverted to our own survival, we remain dedicated to God's call on our lives. Nothing has happened (or not happened) that was not included in God's plan for us and this work. Though our bodies are slowing down, our hearts are still in the game and we enjoy God's blessing, his promises, and the support of your prayers.

Although security is not our primary concern, it is certainly a distraction. The siege of Malawi by ISIS inspired forces, took place about 200 miles north of us. Communist insurgents have also ramped up their attacks in the country, especially in Southern Mindanao where we are located. So, while trouble surrounds us, God's presence is real and we do not worry.

DWM continues to enjoy the support of the three best friends I have, the members of our Board of Directors. I love and cherish their guidance and friendship more than I can put into words. When you pray for DWM, you are also praying for them. Thank you!

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
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Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.



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President and Director

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