

Datu Wali Mission Foundation

2018 Annual Report



President's Introduction

You would think after twelve years our annual reports might be more consistent, or predictable. But, as I looked back on my messages from previous years, the only common thread is change and experimentation. Having followed and served God for nearly all of my 66 years, I'm not surprised. My own life has been unpredictable, so why should our service not also be?

Let me dispose of the givens first. Health issues continue to challenge both Aurea and myself. Sometimes they lay us low, but most of the time they just slow us down. Security became an issue in the latter half of 2018, with new rebel activity, renewed threats, and promises of attacks that did not materialize. We are still here in the mission compound and I'm writing this about a half-mile from an Islamic rebel group, and about 2 miles from a Communist guerilla camp. Their presence adds color and texture to our existence.

New this year is the rehabilitation of the Community Garden. In last year's report I mentioned the garden had ended production the previous November due to Aurea's inability to continue managing it. In about August of this year, we restarted it under the management of a man who previously worked in the garden. We are uncertain if we will continue with this approach, terminate it again, or expand it. We are praying for direction and for a fulltime manager.

We received a nice shipment of books donated by a retired pastor in Washington state, and have been distributing those to pastors who can use them. We printed 1,000 copies of our 52 Week Bible Study book and have been distributing it to churches and pastors. Your donations provided the funding for that project, as well as the shipping of the pastoral book collection. We also continue to post online devotionals every three days, something we have been doing since 2013.

I still serve as the Governor's education consultant and a member of the Governor's Commission on Education. I do this without compensation as we consider it an extension of our ministry, which includes an education focus. We do not use foundation funds for the expenses of that work. In November, I led a workshop for education professionals from across the country on the peer tutoring program I developed for the Department of Education in our province. I wrote a book on that program and it is being published as I write this.

We again provided free reading glasses to senior citizens in our village and transportation for them to special events. We also sponsored their Christmas dinner and helped with medical expenses. As reported last year, medical intervention has subsided due to better hospitals in our region, but we still are asked to assist with medicines and clinic fees from time to time.

We continued to support the tribal Bible school held quarterly in our village by pastors from Christian and Missionary Alliance churches. We do that by providing food for their sessions and books from our Books for Pastors project.

Thank you for your prayers and material support. We are nothing without your partnership.

Dan Evans

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President and Director

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

DWM Fast Facts for 2018

- Quarterly support (food and books) provided to a local tribal Bible school
- About 800 hours of education consultation service to the Provincial Government
- Medical aid (prescriptions, clinic transportation, and fees) to villagers
- Approximately 600 donated books distributed to schools, and 50 books to pastors
- 1,000 52-Week devotional books printed and in distribution to churches and individuals
- 122 Original (DWM copyrighted) devotionals published on Face Book for 295+ local readers
- Community Garden rehabilitated and put back into operation
- DWM Foundation overhead: 0% (100% of all contributions went directly to ministry)

Education

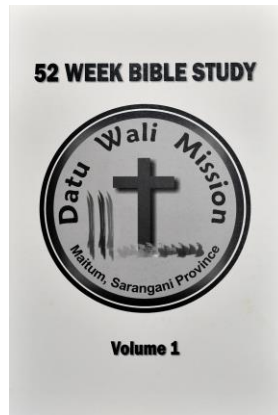
Dan continues to serve as the provincial governor's education consultant, and chair of the Governor's Commission on Education. The peer tutoring program he designed for the provincial Department of Education is now mandated for all public schools in the province. It is seeing a consistent 50% reduction in struggling readers across the province. At last count, there were nearly 8,000 student tutors and more than 12,000 students (tutees) being tutored. Dan held a workshop in November for educators from across the country and has written a book on the topic that will be published in early 2019. Funding for the book has been provided by Latter-day Saint Charities, but they have no contribution to content.

Books

We received several boxes of books from a retired American pastor in 2018. Those are being distributed to pastors in a regulated manner (the pastor must be literate and he or she must share his resource with others). We call this program *Books for Pastors*. It has helped struggling pastors who were poorly trained (or not trained at all). Some U.S. friends cannot comprehend this scenario, where a village young person is simply appointed to pastor a church having had no training whatsoever. Neither ordained or licensed. And, this occurs even in mainline denominations. In the past, we provided used Bibles to pastors who did not have their own Bible.

We published our own book in 2018, to churches and individuals.

We also distributed our remaining Christian elementary school. They others we supplied in previous years) many of whom had never held a formally ended the *Books for Schools* partners appears to have ebbed. We with such resources, if shipments are Even though the free shipping we Shipping company is not longer possible, the DWM Foundation can assume this cost. Just let us know if you would like to participate and organize a shipment.



a 52 Week Bible Study, and distribute it

supply of *Books for Schools* to a local created a library from those books (and and it is a blessing to the students, physical book previously. We have not program, but interest among U.S. are happy to continue blessing schools made of donated books from the U.S. formerly received courtesy of LBC

Health

Because of the continuing improvement in Philippine healthcare for poor and indigenous persons, our intervention continues to decline. We paid out only \$500 for medications and clinic fees in 2018.

Spiritual

We continue to post online devotionals to our ministry Facebook page every three days. Since we began this in 2013, we have written nearly 700 original devotionals, which we also share with our U.S. friends via the DWM U.S. Facebook page. Among the nearly 300 local readers are many Catholics and a few Muslims. Of course, we cannot know the full scope of readership, because some subscribers print and hand-out the devotionals to others. The devotionals contemplate challenges, struggles and questions of local Filipinos, an insight we could not have had without living among them.

We continued to support the local tribal Bible school with food and books. Both Dan and Aurea were invited to speak to the students in 2018. Aurea continues to influence local women through one-on-one counseling.

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.

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 there was no 2018 ministry overhead. Therefore, 100% 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, postal stamps, stationary, phone charges, etc.).

Abbreviated 2018 Foundation Financial Summary *

Gross Foundation income from U.S. contributions	\$ 8,960.00
Foundation funds expended for foundation operation and overhead **	\$ 0.00
Dollar value of DWM Philippines expenditures (approximate due to variable exchange rates)	\$ 2,961.43

* These rows are not meant to balance. ** Overhead expenses consist mostly of banking fees, printing costs, and postage.

Prospects for 2019

Although the Community Garden was restarted in 2018, we are uncertain about its future. We would like to expand it and provide more livelihood and nutritional assistance to the village. However, we need a good manager whom we can trust and who has the heart to serve others. That is a pretty tall order for here and this culture, which has little concept of service, civic duty, or self-sacrifice for others. So we continue to pray. Aurea did a wonderful job managing it (and working in it 6 days a week) for four years. But, her health and age no longer permit her to attend to this duty directly, though she could still serve as overall manager if God sends us a capable person for the hands-on work.

We will continue to distribute resources to local pastors through our *Books for Pastors* program, as our resources last. To that end, we can still entertain more shipments of books from the U.S.. If your pastor or church has excess books that could be useful to pastors here, please contact us to discuss the possibility of them being shipped to us. We can also resume distribution of books to schools under our *Books for Schools* program, if shipments from the U.S. of donated materials were to again happen.

Dan is willing to serve the governor as long as he is needed and his contributions produce progress in education. However, the Governor has always known that our ministry comes first. Village senior citizens are also a priority, as is the tribal Bible school.

The threat from radical Muslims that surfaced in mid-year 2018, will likely continue to be a challenge. They are excellent purveyors of terrorism 101: Frighten people to death without firing a single shot. Their mere presence in our village has been enough to raise tensions a mile high among residents who lack a personal relationship with God, and even among some who do. However, their threats cannot be ignored. They have literally named names of villagers who they will kill if they get in their way or try to stop their desired takeover of our municipality. At least two males submitted to their demands and were taken away for training and indoctrination; men who previously professed their following of Jesus. This affects us because villagers have said they feel more secure due to our presence and hope we will not flee. I can guarantee them that. They are essentially surviving on our faith. It's an odd but dramatic way to witness to others, but we have to be very careful not to show weakness, fear or be intimidated. Ninety percent of the time, threats never develop into action. God sent us here for purposes well beyond our prediction, as we have seen repeatedly over the past 12 years. For us, this is just another exciting development in this ministry.

Needs for 2019

Our prayer for 2019 is that our slower bodies are still found to be useful for God's work. Of course, if God chose to make our bodies sleeker and faster we would not object. I presume every reader of this feels the same way.

As noted, we are praying for a new manager for the Community Garden, as it is an excellent project for improving the nutrition of villagers, teaching them how to grow vegetables themselves, and providing a modest income for those willing to work. Please pray with us on that matter.

Our presence in the village is a stabilizing influence. Throughout the recent months of rebel activity and threats, villagers told us they do not know what they will do if we leave. That tells us that it is our faith that reassures them. Though they may lack faith of their own, and few know Jesus as their personal Savior, they feel safer and secure with us here. That's about as good a witness as I can imagine. So, we stay true to our calling and will be here until God removes us. So, to that end, we invite your prayers that we will be reliable witnesses of God's grace in our lives. Please pray that we will not ourselves yield to the fear invoked by the terrorists and that if God plans to end our lives serving him in this capacity, we will be vocal followers to the very end.

We never pray for our own safety, but we thank God at the end of a safe day. We only pray that we will not circumvent his plan for our lives; that we will not get in his way or confound his purpose in sending us here. We are grateful for friends who pray that prayer with us.

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.

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Thank You

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