

# Datu Wali Mission Foundation

## 2020 Annual Report



### President's Introduction

My 2019 report began with: "Thirteen years! It feels like I've been here all my life." After one of the craziest years we have experienced, 2020 seems like the year that lasted thirteen years.

January 8, 2021, marked the fourteenth year of Datu Wali Mission, and our presence as missionaries in the Philippines. The definition of "mission" in 2020 looked differently than it has in the past, as it



became as much a challenge to survive as it did to minister. COVID sucked the life out of most of our work starting in March when lockdowns, travel restrictions, and quarantines were initiated by the Philippine government. The only real work we were able to sustain, was my work in education (managed solely from home), limited Community Garden activities, distributing food (grown and purchased) to those suffering in our village, and continuation of our online devotionals. Work in the Community Garden did, however, resume mid-year and is now approaching original production levels under a new manager.

This report will be rather skimpy compared to previous years, mostly because much of what we might report can also be reported by you: Life changed in 2020. Yet, we have never felt for a moment that God doesn't have us here for a purpose, which we were able to address on a limited basis. For instance, some villagers are surprised we remained. Many thought we would run and abandon them when the virus came knocking. But, as in the past when we stayed to stand with them against terrorists (who still operate in our jungles), we knew where we belonged. We did not come here out of a noble, do-gooder idea formed in our own minds. We came because God assigned us here, appointed us to specific responsibilities, anointed us to survive and thrive, and sustained us for fourteen years.

This report will briefly describe the status of our various programs and projects, most of which are necessarily suspended until restrictions are reduced.

Jennifer was with us for most of the year, as she had to leave Davao City when they closed that city and postponed her Medical Technologist licensure exam. Because of isolation, the three of us have never been healthier. I don't think any of us had even a common cold in 2020, simply because we are not coming into close contact with other people. So, we are thankful for that, and thankful that we have a peaceful, harmonious family life. Jennifer will eventually leave to take the exam when that's possible, but Aurea and I are grateful that we could spend concentrated time with her after her absence for four years of college. That was the gift of COVID for our family.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

*Dan Evans*

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## DWM Fast Facts for 2020

- Quarterly support to a local tribal pastor's Bible school: Suspended (classes suspended)
- Nutrition ministry to village senior citizens: Suspended from January – October
- Medical aid (prescriptions, clinic transportation, and fees) to villagers: Less necessary
- Community Garden with 3 acres of vegetables: Resumed and expanded mid-year
- About 200 hours of education consultation service to the Provincial Government
- DWM Foundation overhead: 2% (98% of all contributions went directly to ministry)

### Education

I continue to serve as the provincial governor's education consultant and chair of the Governor's Commission on Education (GCE). However, travel restrictions limited me to working from home, as education in the Philippines came to a halt until mid-year when it resumed on a limited basis through distance learning.



The peer tutoring program I designed for schools, though not functioning as intended in 2020 due to class cancellations, has influenced the pandemic distance learning program of the Department of Education in our province. Some students who formerly tutored struggling students at school, spent much of 2020 visiting students at home for the same purpose without being asked. The tutoring program has instilled in many student tutors, the joy of teaching and this carried them through the year of distance learning. Though current data is not available, we ended 2019 with about 50,000 students benefiting from the tutoring program in our province, and an estimated 300,000 nationwide.

I created a website for GCE and published 88 position papers on various aspects of education and the challenges educators and administrators face here. The site also provides downloadable resources, which I've created over the past several years under the auspices of GCE. The site has public access, so educators across the country can access the resources.

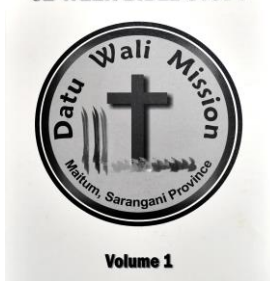
### Books for Pastors

We still have a nice collection of books for pastors, which we can continue to distribute after travel restrictions are relaxed and pastors are once again free to move about. Most churches were unable to meet legally from March through December.

### Spiritual

We continued to publish online devotionals (123 in 2020) on both the Philippine and U.S. DWM Facebook pages every three days. The Philippine Facebook page has 207 subscribers, and some of those have told us they print and them in group Bible studies. We study book that we will resume our governor used this book for the

#### 52 WEEK BIBLE STUDY



The Tribal Pastor's Bible school throughout 2020, so our support of was teaching short Bible lessons to each week, before we had to

was forced to cancel its classes that ministry was also suspended. Aurea the senior citizens we served lunch to suspend that ministry.

## Healthcare

Assistance to villagers in need of medical care and medications, all but ceased during the pandemic. We presume that, like our family, restricted movement, prohibited social gatherings, and fewer chances for accidents, left most villagers healthier. We spent only \$135.00 on this category, and that included rice that we purchased early in the quarantine period for elderly people who were starving.

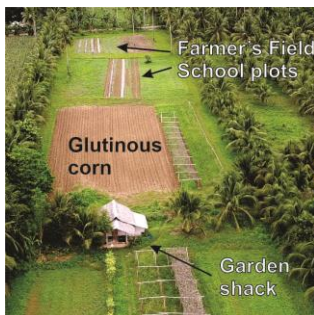
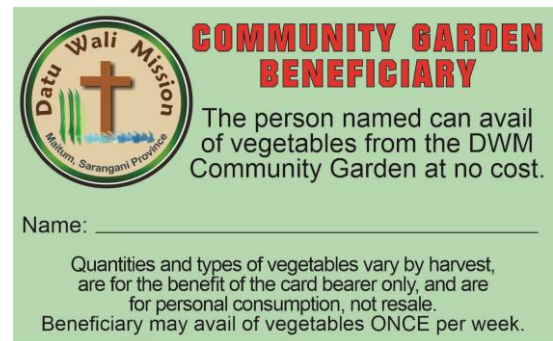
## Senior Citizens Project

The weekly feeding and spiritual outreach program we began in 2019 to senior citizens in our village, was forced to shut-down, but we were able to provide food and other aid on an adhoc basis.

## Community Garden

The pandemic left us with crops in the field but no one to continue its operation. We harvested and distributed the remaining vegetables to the poor and elderly in February. About mid-year, we hired a new garden manager who has been working very hard. He is using organic methods to farm, planting on a rotational basis so there is a continual harvest, and loving his job. We could not be more pleased with this answer to prayer. The manager is paid the equivalent of \$6.25 per day, which is a premium salary for our region. If you are tempted to suggest that we pay him more, consider that doing so would attract violence to his home and even violence toward us by other farmers who could never pay their workers even half that much. Plus, he is earning more than he can buy in our town. He and his family are happy, and we gave him a Christmas bonus so he could bless his wife and children even more.

At the end of 2020, after the garden had been back in operation for about five months, it was producing an average of fifty pounds of vegetables per week. 39 villagers are designated senior citizens and were given ID cards to enable them to receive vegetables each week. Others, up to 40 families per week, buy vegetables in the field at less than our cost, as they are all indigent.



The Department of Agriculture (DA) again asked us to sponsor a Farmer's Field School (FFS) on our property and with Aurea as a leader. We tilled two large plots in the Community Garden that were not being used, and allocated it for use by the FFS students, which were primarily wives and mothers in the village. Twenty-nine participants spent several weeks learning from DA representatives, how to grow vegetables organically. They agreed to share some of their bounty with local senior citizens, took some home for their families, and sold the rest. In this way, we continue to educate and demonstrate to villagers about nutrition and livelihood.

## Infrastructure Support

For all of our 14 years in the field, no donations made to the Foundation were used to support the Evans family. However, we encountered a serious problem with electrical power in 2020 and experienced approximately forty days (spread out over the year) of power outages. Our personally owned generator was not up to the demand and it failed. The DWM Board discussed the problem, as it affected our ability to minister, not to mention our food storage and access to safe water. The Board voted unanimously to fund the purchase of a replacement generator from DWM funds, which we did in November at a cost of nearly \$6,300.00. The new generator has the capacity and duty cycle to handle our electrical needs. We do, however, purchase the fuel for the generator using our personal funds so costs to the Foundation are not ongoing.

## 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](mailto: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. The Evans family is self-supporting; all of the Evans living and personal costs come from personal retirement savings. We are happy to report another year of low ministry overhead, which was just \$90.00 in 2020. Therefore, 98% 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 2020 Foundation Financial Summary \*

Gross Foundation income from U.S. contributions	\$ 4,585.00
Foundation funds expended for foundation operation and overhead **	\$ 90.00
Dollar value of DWM Philippines expenditures (approximate due to variable exchange rates)	\$ 7,777.90

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

## Prospects for 2021

COVID is expected to continue ravaging the Philippines well into 2023. Although that will continue to limit us to some extent, we are taking every step possible to sustain and expand Community Garden operations. The vegetables it produces were never more needed than now. We give village senior citizens a free supply once a week. Other villagers can buy in the field at less than our cost. Any surplus is wholesaled to the town market. That produces income for seeds and fertilizer. With the hiring of a new manager, and our free distribution to the neediest people, the garden is no longer entirely self-sustaining. DWM funds, as approved by the Board, are used to keep the operation going. However, to keep things in perspective, that amounted to less than \$1,000.00 in 2020.

We plan to restore the first quarter of 2021. The drinking water for the we had to eventually close Our village has been we plan to try and reopen of it to, hopefully, avoid also use the water for Garden during times of of our Board, this sign from John 4:13-14 added obtaining water from the as soon as it's possible to have a new banner printed.



DWM Community Well in the well was drilled to provide safe village several years ago, but it due to vandalism and abuse. without safe water for years, so it and put a caretaker in charge the previous problems. We can irrigation in the Community dry weather. At the suggestion will be changed and the text as a spiritual message to those well. The change will happen

We look forward to resuming weekly lunches and Bible studies for village senior citizens. However, that will not be possible until vaccines are available and quarantines are lifted.

The pandemic, as I alluded to, has devastated the Philippine economy and its people. Third world countries usually have limited resources and abilities to fight pandemics and natural disasters. Although the rate of infection here is similar to other countries, the treatment options are limited and

crude. There are only a few ventilators in the entire region. So, death comes quickly to many, and suffering is intense for those who survive. That compelled the government to control movement and gatherings with even more restrictions than previous periods of martial law. I have actually been surprised by the acceptance that people have had for these restrictions. But it reflects decades of similar government controls in the face of domestic terrorism. The government is now trying to arrange for supplies of vaccines, but poor countries are low on the priority list, and systemic internal corruption scares many suppliers away.

### **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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Datu Wali Mission Foundation  
1975 Klepper Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Send non-financial correspondence to the Foundation, to:

Secretary  
Datu Wali Mission Foundation  
1282 Veronica Ct.  
Carlsbad, CA 92011

You can write to the Evans family at (though we were without postal services for all of 2020):

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Datu Wali Mission  
Wali, Maitum 9515  
Sarangani Province, Philippines

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,  
Rev. Ken Grubbs, Foundation Director

### **Thank You**

We cannot do this alone. We invite you to pray with us and contribute as God leads.



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