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Reaching the Isolated and Underserved in the Philippines with **Medical Care**



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Stories from the field

Living Alone

Leo Romel D. Cambel - Staff Nurse

Datal Angas, a village of the B'laan Tribe, is far up in the mountains of Sarangani Province. We were warmly welcomed and even entertained by the people when we arrived there. There were many patients in this beautiful, remote village in need of care from our team, but one in particular touched my heart.

This man's name was Dod-Ong. According to his son, he was almost 100 years old and blind (time is not always kept up with in the remote re-

gions, so his exact age remains a bit unclear) We discovered, during our examination of him, he had difficulty breathing and experienced pain when trying to walk any distance. After giving him medication and advice, my colleague on the Reach Team, Jordan Levi Boado and I offered prayer for fast healing of Tatay Dod-Ong.



I am always deeply bothered when elderly people are neglected. It was hard for me to see this old man living in a 5'x5' square hut, separate from the main house. It is hard to think that this is practiced by some of our tribal brothers. But I am not losing hope that



someday they will change their custom about how to treat their old ones. By God's grace and by our prayers and help we can change the situation of our brothers and sisters in remote places.

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Teaching Ministry and Clinics

Maparat Healthcare Workers Class

This healthcare workers class just finished their 8th session and are getting close to finishing the program. Most recently they've been learning about pregnancy, labor, delivery and care of the newborn and are able to see patients mostly by themselves now without a lot of supervision from us.



Sarangani Province

Our team was requested by the provincial governor's office of Sarangani to conduct basic first aid training to two different groups facilitated by Sarangani Madaris Federation. One was in Brgy. Baluntay, Alabel and the other was in Brgy. Sapu Masla, Malapatan. Both groups are composed of teachers and local leaders. According to them, it was their first training about healthcare. They were amazed by the fact that common household items can actually save someone's life. That includes the use of their popular "malong" (sheets) as a stretcher and they can also be cut and tailored to be used as triangular bandages. Over the 4 days, a total of 77 people completed the training.

Carpenter Hill Healthcare Workers Class

This class is on their 3rd session. Slowly they are getting used to seeing patients and overcoming being timid. In addition to the classroom training and under our watchful eye in outreach clinics, they see patients with a wide range of needs in a variety of clinic settings, from covered courts, to under the trees or in the midst of a vast rice field.

Davao Del Norte Province

We did two days of outreach clinics in partnership with a group of churches just outside of Davao City at their request.

Promotions

We depend on your donations to fund this work. If you're a regular supporter, or even a one-time donor THANK YOU! Your help is greatly appreciated!

Dr. Sam and Ian, and Sherri when she can, are on the road in the U.S. speaking at churches and groups sharing about our continuing work in the Philippine to raise funds to support the work.

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