

## Buyong Elementary School

Buyong Elementary School has a staff of 16 and approximately 700 students. The school accepts children from Buyong and two other sitios of Barangay Maribago. The Buyong Sponsorship Program has worked closely with the school since 1984. A variety of projects and donations have directly benefited the school, including the following:



- The school roof was repaired following a major typhoon in 1986.
- Fifty school desks and benches were also purchased for the school in 1986.
- That same year the school lunch program was started, giving each student a nutritious daily meal.
- In 1987 the school garden area was fenced to protect from goats.
- The school medical clinic was built in 1987, making the school eligible for more government assistance.
- Workbooks were also purchased for students in grades 1 – 3.
- The BSP and the local PTCA raised money in 1988 to install an electric meter and put lights in all rooms.
- During 1989 running water was installed in every classroom and toilets were built for the school.
- A mimeograph machine was purchased for teacher use in 1991.
- By 1996 the Buyong Sponsorship Program had helped to fence the entire school.
- Local jewelry manufacturers sponsored art contests in 1997 with our help.
- Also in 1997 we helped arrange of donation of National Geographic books through “Books for the Barrios.”
- In 1998 complete sets of encyclopedias and dictionaries were donated to the school.
- In 1999 we helped with a new gate for the front of the school.
- In 2000 and 2002 laptop computers were donated for school use.
- The BSP, Maribago Barangay Council and Buyong Elementary School hold regular clean up drives and participate in the annual “International Coastal Clean-up.” Grade 5 and 6 students participate in these activities.
- Since 2000, Paul has been teaching basic computer skills at the school three times a week. Teachers and Grade 6 pupils are introduced to word processing, spreadsheets and use of the Internet.
- For the past three years, Paul, Grade 6 teacher Morena Dumao and selected students have designed and published the school graduation program, as well as designing other classroom artwork on the computer.