

Buyong Sponsorship Program News 2004

For more than 20 years the Buyong Sponsorship Program has worked in the village of Buyong on Mactan Island in the Philippines, providing scholarships to deserving students, supporting the Buyong Elementary School feeding program and other school projects, and working to improve the overall health of the village.



In March, 2004, two students from the American School in Japan, Megan Ward & Tomoka Nakamura, with their faculty advisor, Keiko Auckerman, traveled to Buyong village. These girls, representing the Philippine Relief Organization at ASIJ which supports the daily feeding program at the school, visited the elementary school and helped prepare the daily lunch. They



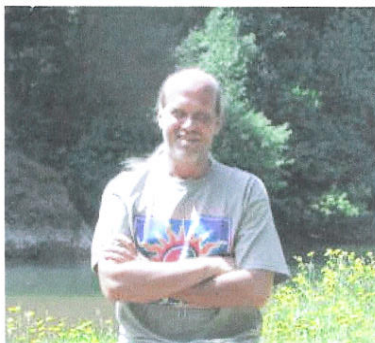
visited the health center and made a generous donation of much needed medicines. They were invited into countless homes in the village for dinners and parties and they made many friends. An island hopping boat trip on their last day was the exciting climax to a wonderful week. Janet Zaiser and Carl Zaiser were there as well for the week of activities

The death in July 2003 of our program manager, Paul Zaiser, shocked and saddened us all. We cannot continue to provide the daily "hands on" help that Paul was giving through his work at the school, in the village, at the health center and with the young people. We can continue the daily feeding program at the elementary school as the PRO members are committed to raising money through their weekly bake sales and charity events. We can continue to provide the health center with supplemental medicines because of your generous support.

We hope you will remember us when it is time to give. Please help us to help the village. Your contributions are making a difference in the lives of so many. Thank you

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For a summary of the Buyong Sponsorship Program activities see:
<http://www.buyong.org>



A personal note about Paul: On July 7, 2004, one year after his death, a memorial service for Paul was held at the Buyong Elementary School. His remains were buried in a small flower garden in the courtyard in front of the school. Rest in peace, Paul.

Scenes in Buyong March 2004

