

Buyong Sponsorship Program News 2005

1982 - The Buyong Sponsorship Program, started by Martha Zaiser, sponsored selected students through high school.

1983 to 2003 - The program expanded under the management of Paul Zaiser and activities included: sponsorships for high school and college; the daily feeding program at the elementary school; special projects at the school such as installation of electricity and water, fences and books; computer instruction for the teachers and grade six students; medical assistance for TB patients in Buyong village; organizing youth groups in the village; donations of medicines to the village health center; projects with the Barangay council such as village and coastal cleanups. For a more complete summary of the Buyong Sponsorship Program and information about Buyong village, see:

<http://www.buyong.org>

2004 - The program continued after Paul's death in a more limited way - with the daily feeding at the elementary school, and donations of medicines to the health center.

2005 Update

Travelers to Buyong in March/April, 2005 were Keiko Auckerman from the American School in Japan, Juliette Zaiser, her daughter Erica Zaiser, and Janet Zaiser.

Our activities included many visits to the Buyong Elementary School, preparing the daily feeding, attending graduation festivities and hosting a party for the teachers. We arranged a donation of medicines for the health center. We went island hopping and had a barbecue by the beach with young friends. Piling into a multicab, we visited the Magellan Monument on Mactan Island, then into Cebu City for sightseeing. Evenings were spent visiting with many formerly sponsored students and their families. It was a wonderful, busy, exhausting time.



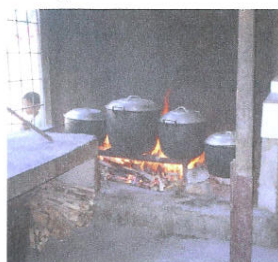
Projects we will continue throughout 2005 and into spring 2006:

School Food Program

The home arts teacher and selected grade six students prepare the food every morning, serving it in the classrooms. Our funds renovated the outdoor cooking area last year, and food preparation and cooking is much more convenient. We are proud to learn that this free, nutritious, daily feeding of every child in school, is the only program of its kind in all 7,107 islands of the Philippines. Many thanks to the students at the American School in Japan and to other friends who have supported this feeding since 1986.



Preparing



Cooking



Serving



Eating

Medical Program

We have two new medical assistants, Poinciana and Mildred. They will arrange quarterly donations of medicines to the health center which serves mothers and babies in the community. A nurse and village volunteers are on duty daily and the doctor visits once a week



Sponsorship Program

We are sponsoring one girl, Paiza Soliano, who is now a sophomore at the University of San Jose-Recoletos in Cebu City. She is studying to be an accountant. Paiza's sponsors are members of the Philippine Relief Organization at the American School in Japan.



Buyong School Library and Conference Room Remodeling

Our fund is providing financial assistance in remodeling the library/conference room at the elementary school. The ceiling, walls, windows, floors and doors are being redone, so that the room is safe from intruders who have been breaking in and stealing.



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You are all a part of this program. Many of you have visited Buyong in past years. We don't want to lose touch with you. Be sure to let us know if you have a change of address (e-mail or otherwise). Your concern and generous financial support make a difference in the lives of so many in this small village. Thank you for helping.

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