

# Buyong Sponsorship Program

## News 2006

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### Greetings to Sponsors and Friends of the Buyong Program:

The Buyong Sponsorship Program is beginning its **25th** year of work in Buyong and surrounding villages on Mactan Island in the Philippines. Looking back, we see that this program has made a difference in many ways in the community. Deserving students have attended high school and college because of your sponsorship. Teachers observe that the children are in better health and come to school more often because of the daily feeding. More medicines are available at the health center because of our program donations. Various other projects, such as clean water and toilets, have improved village life. We plan to continue helping as we can.

Some of you keep in touch with your student and other friends there. Internet cafes in the area make this possible. Some of you, **69** in all, have traveled to the Philippines to meet the children and their families, to visit the school and attend graduations. This large number of visitors includes students and teachers from the American School, sponsors and their families, many friends and most of the Zaiser family.

### March 2006 Visit

#### Sponsored Students



#### **Lorena**

Our nursing student who graduated in March from the University of the Visayas Nursing School and is now studying for her June board exams. (Sponsors for her senior year: Friends who donated to our fund in memory of Paul Zaiser)



#### **Paiza**

Our college student who has just finished her second year at the University of San Jose Ricoletos in Cebu City. She is studying to be a CMA, Certified Management Accountant. Only three more years to complete this degree!

(Sponsors: The PRO at the American School)

#### Former Sponsored Students

Since 1982 we have sponsored **64** students in high school and **32** in college. A remarkable number from a small village! Four are living abroad, the others are in the Buyong area. Almost all of our graduates are employed, and we see them taking an active part in their community as responsible adults and parents.

Mildred Cases - one of our medical assistants

Marilou Hiyas - volunteer at the health center

Romy Paquibot - our architect who designed Paul's memorial garden

Fridel Paquibot - our civil engineer - in charge of the 2005 school renovations  
and 2006 water restoration in Buyong village

Dolores Dehito - officer of the new 21 family water cooperative

Gina Baguio - officer of the new 21 family water cooperative

Jimmy Pinote - "volunteer business manager" for the 21 families in the Buyong Village Water Cooperative