

Buyong Sponsorship Program

Summary 1982-2006

The Buyong Sponsorship Program began in 1982 when Martha Zaiser decided to help Nora Erbito complete her high school education. Starting with this simple plan, the BSP quickly expanded to include many more scholarships for deserving students, assistance to the Buyong Elementary School, and projects to improve the overall health and standard of living for residents of Buyong and Maribago. The program has continued to pursue these main goals through the following activities:



Scholarships: 64 deserving students have been sponsored in high school, and 32 of them received college scholarships. Our sponsors have been individuals, families, groups of friends, school clubs and church groups. Recipients of the scholarships have graduated to become industrial and civil engineers, business administration graduates, teachers, architect, nurse, midwife, a policeman, hotel and restaurant employees, dive shop operators, scuba instructors, and disc jockey.

Elementary School Projects: at the Buyong Elementary School include:

1. Roof repair after typhoon
2. New classroom desks and benches
3. Small medical clinic built on school property
4. Garden fencing
5. Workbooks for the lower grades
6. Electricity throughout the school
7. Installation of running water in the school
8. Mimeograph machine
9. School fencing completed
10. Tree planting
11. Encyclopedias for the school library
12. Laptop computers for school use
13. Computer instruction for teachers and grade six students
14. Desktop publishing of graduation program.
15. Renovation of the cooking area at the Home Arts building.
16. Remodeling the office and conference room
17. Designing a memorial garden for Paul Zaiser in front of the school

School Food Program: The school food program continues to provide a daily hot meal for all students. Since its inception in 1986 the Buyong Elementary School Food Program has dispensed more than two and a half million meals. This food program is recognized as a model program by the Philippine government, as it is the only school in the entire Philippines providing a **free** lunch for every child in the school every day.

Medical Program:

1. Our BSP Medical Program provided education and medicine for Buyong residents with tuberculosis for 10 years.
2. Every sponsored student received a free health check-up.
3. Currently our Medical Program provides quarterly donations of medicines to the Maribago Health Center, supplying the clinic with at least half of their needed medicines.

Village-wide Projects: Working with the Maribago Barangay Council, the BSP has helped with community projects:

1. Typhoon relief – repair and rebuilding of more than fifty houses following a major typhoon
2. Forming water cooperatives and construction of communal toilets in three Barangay locations
3. Developing a trash collection system
4. Participation in the Barangay “Clean and Green Campaign” and “International Coastal Clean-up”
5. Maribago Elementary School roof repair
6. Construction at the Datag Daycare Center
7. Gravel surfacing the access road to Buyong beach
8. Laptop computers and instruction for the Maribago Barangay Council

