

# Buyong Elementary School

Buyong Elementary School has a staff of 15 and approximately 650 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 in 1986.
- That same year the school lunch program was started, giving every student a free, nutritious 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, 2 and 3.
- The BSP and the local PTCA raised money in 1988 to install an electric meter and put electricity 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 BSP had helped to fence the entire school.
- Local jewelry makers sponsored art contests in 1997 with our help.
- In 1997 we arranged a donation of National Geographic magazines through "Books for the Barrios".
- In 1998 complete sets of encyclopedias and dictionaries were donated.
- 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 held regular clean up drives and participated in the annual "International Coastal Clean-up". School students in grades 5 and 6 participated.
- Starting in 2000, Paul taught basic computer skills at the school three mornings a week. Teachers and grade 6 pupils were introduced to word processing, spreadsheets and use of the Internet.
- From 2000 through 2003, Paul, grade 6 teacher Morena Dumao and selected students designed and published the graduation program, as well as designing other classroom artwork on the computer.
- In 2005 BSP funds renovated the outdoor cooking area by the home arts building to make food preparation and cooking more convenient.
- Remodeled the conference room in 2005 with stronger ceilings, walls and floors to keep out intruders.

