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EXCUSE!

Since I got virus in my computer, I have not been able to update our web page www.tribemission.com why the flow of information bent under all criticism past year 2008. I could not get it to run until November, but now with Swedish unavailable, why the keyboard not work properly. I have had no time for reparation earlier why I now ask excuse for this.

I am using two computers, one which I edits the home pages, and one which I produce documents (like this) on. The problem is that I cannot prepare for email with both.

I have received critic for this poor reporting and I am really sorry for what happen. Nevertheless, it does not mean that the children, families or people have stop existing, but still needs our support, and I will now try to contemplate this failure, in that I will now update your monthly, until the month of May, when I return to Sweden.

TORP CONFERENCE

I plan to be at the conference and exhibition Torp, Närke, Sweden during the week of midsummer, and those of you that will pass by are very welcome to see updates live. For those that drop in I have a gift in shape of a DVD with pictures from the life in Mindanao and the Philippines.

NEW BOARD IN FTMW

1. Annual meeting

In this newsletter, we have the joy to present the new board. It was a successful annual meeting that was held January 17 at Oasis Beachview Resort, Carrascal, Surigao del Sur. All parents to godchildren in the provinces of Surigao del Sur and Surigao del Norte was present except one, Agusan del Norte had a representative, while nobody came from Agusan de Sur due to misunderstanding how to come (it's quite far and expensive).



Parents to godchildren receives DVD with pictures on their child

Representatives was present for the tribes of Manobo and Mamanwa in shape of chieftains (Datu) and parents to three children, also representatives were there from TMC Taganito Mining Corporation, who also helped with a shuttle for Mamanwa in Taganito, Surigao del Norte, NCIP National Commission for Indigenous People in Cantilan Surigao del Sur and Village councilor Pagan-tayan in Cantilan municipal plus a number of pastors from different churches.

2. Democracy

What was interesting happen during the meeting, was that the parents, who were from different societies in the community, from tribes without academicals education and poor Filipinos, realized that they had a voice and right to vote equal to the upper society, such as mining engineers, LGU's and pastors.




They took this opportunity to tell about their problems and new bonds were tied between chieftains, municipal and governmental representatives.

The smile that entered on all faces was inspiring and people started to talk openly with one another how to perform different projects. In this way we can now cooperate better with the money that you gives us together with the support we can receive from the Philippine government and other NGO's (see new-old projects starts up).

3. Board and cooperators

Then it was time to present the new board, among two is left since earlier, but since new regulations was taken on this annual meeting, all was elected due to the new rules, even those that were left from the old board.

Following members is now new Directors of FTMW:

	Office in FTMW:	Occupation:	Belong to/represent tribe:
	Chairman Cholly G. Bat-ao Tapa, Cantilan	NCIP Butuan city Pastor	Manobo
	Vice Chairman Efren R. Rubenial Panikian, Carrascal	CRO Community Relations Officer Teacher DepEd Pastor PMF	Representative Mamanwa
	Treasurer Ricaredo C. Huelma Magsilom, Cantilan	Teacher DepEd Pastor PMF	

Office in FTMW:**Occupation:****Belong to/represent tribe:**

Director
Jennifer Y. Urquia
Adlay, Carrascal
Godchildren Adlay

Housewife



Director
Teodoro A. Bat-ao
Tapa, Cantilan

CRO Community Relations Officer
Pastor
Chieftain Manobo

Manobo



Director
Luciano A. Omba
Santiago

Pastor, Bible teacher
Santiago Mission Church

Represent Agusan del Norte

Manobo



Director
Elmer Calamba

Tricycle driver

Godchildren Madrid, Gacub

COOPERATOR**AGUSAN DEL SUR**

These are non-executive, but have right to speak for their area of responsibility.

Name:**Occupation:****Belong to/represent:****PROSPERIDAD**

Romel Dalipe
San Vicente, Prosperidad

Pastor
Ambassador Baptist Church

Godchildren San Vicente



Flora Mae Dela Cerna
San Augustin, Prosperidad

Housewife

Godchildren San Augustin



Lorenzo Quintas
Prosperidad

Teacher Xavier College
Pastor
Assembly of God



Godchildren Prosperidad



Guadencio "Dodo" Quisil
Prosperidad

Pastor
Four Square Church

Medical project Agusan provinces

	Name:	Occupation:	Belong to/represent:
TRENTO			
	Romulo Fabay Trento	Pastor GNCC	Godchildren Trento Manobo
	Charlita Fabay	Pastor GNCC	Godchildren Cebulin, Trento

An internal education is now ongoing, since some is new, and for the first time we have also representatives for our godchildren's families.

ANNUAL MEETING FTMS

From far distance(!) I have heard that the Annual meeting 2009 will be held in Malmö, March 15. In case you want to participate on this meeting, contact the board of FTMS or office at address or email stated last in this newsletter.

You are always welcome with your queries.

NEW-OLD PROJECTS STARTS UP 2009

1. Diabetes clinic in Adlay

During springtime 2008, Novo Nordisk A/S in Sweden and Thor Klaveness agreed to initiate cooperation with Dr. Pasaporte in Iloilo for effectuate the establishment of a permanent Diabetes clinic in Adlay, Carrascal, Surigao del Sur.

A meeting and visit was executed in Iloilo June 12, 2008 when also Ebenezer Morales, former chairman in FTMW was present. We agreed to set a later date with the Mayor and when Morales check with board, doctor and Mayor, the date became set to the first week in September, which we estimated to September 2-4.

It later show that the doctors had too much to do with earlier establishments, plus it was found out that the National board of Directors, in PADE, had executed a travel ban for project in the island of Mindanao, why this meeting was postponed to September 17. The week before this date, the project leader of ALEAD team informed that the travel ban still was valid and that the visit had to be postponed until further notice, estimated to January.

This is the e-mail that was sent to us from the project leader August 26, 2008.

Dear Mr. Thor and Pastor,

Greetings!

As previously discussed with Dr. Pasaporte, we have set the travel date to Surigao on Sept. 18-19. However, I just received a memo from our foundation, coming from the board of trustees, that they released a travel ban to Mindanao effective last July 18 due to security reasons. Preventing and not allowing us for any transactions in Mindanao until the conflict in Mindanao will be settled. Thus, this affects all our centers including our Ozamiz site and Kidapawan site.

That's why we have to reschedule our trip to your place until the foundation lifts the travel ban.

For the meantime, allow me time to gather my documents and send you thru this mail so that you will have data or presentation purposes for your perusal.

Hoping for your kind consideration with this regard

Thank you.

Alvin Nano

NEW AGREEMENT

In January were many doubtful of this project ever should be able to execute. We had held the Annual meeting in January 17, partly was the board new, and we has completed with new cooperators in the districts, who has got no information about the function of the clinic. The information and answers has been few or none from the Diabetes team, and when even the Mayor turned skeptic, I decided to call Dr Pasaporte instead of writing.

Dr Pasaporte answered directly and we talked about the consideration and doubt that now hovered because of the long time of handling. He told that Adlay were in the plans for the month of March. We agreed that he should ask the board to send an official letter with this decision and what the requirement is from our side for enable an order of the clinic and start up the work, the reason has been the worry for "war" in Mindanao. As you already know, it is reports of kidnappings in Sulu, but it is in a distance of, at least 800km from us and in another group of islands, still belonging to the region.

I have in the beginning of February been occupied to renew the contact with involved partners in this work, and I have also tied bound to other doctor's missions, which work within other medical areas. I show them under new projects in this newsletter.

Following doctors has shown interest to help and take responsibility in the clinic.

Doctor:

Dr. Joseph B. Ague

Dr. Uriarte

Profession:

MD

Dentist

Municipal:

Carrascal

Cantilan

Churches in Adlay

I did presentations in different churches during the time of July and August, 2008 in Adlay about the coming clinic together with Ebenezer Morales and Jovelyn Klaveness as interpreters. I revisited representatives for the different churches at hand I had ability and told that new updates will come from Dr. Pasaporte telling about the requirements for the clinic in Adlay. Following churches is until this date informed.

Church:

Catholic Church

Assembly of God

GNCC

PMF

Representative:

Primo Uriarte

Nonong Urquia

Sarah Urquia (informally, she was present)

Ebenezer Morales (on the street, but no longer interested)

Interpreted by Efren Rubenial in meeting held February 15

Monday, February 9, I texted Dr Pasaporte to visit their new clinic on Mindanao, located in the province Misamis Occidental, Ozamiz city, which have been delayed due to the acts of war that occurred last year, but now restarted during the month of December. Adlay was suggested to be after this clinic.

Dr Pasaporte called me personally and told that we were welcome, but that he himself could not be present during the suggested dates February 26 – March 3. He asked me to come back to him with exact date so that he could ask responsible doctor to guide and advice how the clinic is supposed to work, even in Adlay.

The day after, I sent him a message that the date was decided to March 2 and that we will come eight persons representing FTMW.

We are now looking forward to the continuation on this, and I will, as promised, follow up to you who have e-mail, otherwise it will be sent out by letter after editing of our FTMS office in Sweden.

2. Adult education to parents and other who are interested

This is an interesting chapter.

We have for a long time spoke about giving further education to parents to our godchildren and their neighbors, where we reach sponsors that takes responsibility for godchildren. Now we have, through our new Directors, vice chairman Efren Rubenial and treasurer Ric Huelma found the definite solution how that can be made happen. Both Efren and Ric is educated and licensed through DepEd, Department of Education, and acknowledged to execute adult education under DepEds, so that adult can read the education they lost as young.

This is very hard to execute in the Philippine provinces, since by tradition, many aspect educations as finished when school is out and the first work is taken. As we work with parents, we can now inspire them and encourage them to an adjusted education for a better possibility to succeed in their livelihood, to provide their own family, and thanks to the pastors Ric Huelma and Efren Rubenial, the Philippine government will pay this education, since we reach all levels in the society. Again a good reason to be a sponsor to a Philippine child!

3. Educational projects for Mamanwa

In the same way as mentioned in point two above, about adult education for parents to godchildren and their neighbors, we offer education equally to tribal. We are now mapping the areas where the chieftains have agreed we can educate adult.

In the tribes it is more sensitive than in municipalities and cities, since the tribal have their own culture of belonging, and over that, only the chieftain (Datu) can decide. We are therefore now building a network of contacts where the chieftains are invited to board meetings and arrangements, were they can learn to understand how different functions in the society can be reached.

In this way we are now working to reach with medical aid and education and even basic education in hygiene, first aid and different skills. Depending also on which type of volunteers we find to help us.

The University in Cebu, named San Carlos University has during the month of January visit us with an anthropologist to make a design research in how to prepare the children of Mamanwa for elementary teaching. This design tells about how the members in the tribe can be educated in the same time as they keep their identity as a tribal with their own culture, and enable them to take own decisions for their life. This design is used by the elementary to prepare the children already in the pre-schooling, this to avoid segregation, but that all children, independent background, can be in the same class in the elementary school, instead as of now, in segregated classrooms.

ANNUAL HEALTH CONTROL OF THE GODCHILDREN

Right now and during the whole month of February, we are updating the godchildren's data, about their growth and which developments made. We are at the same time planning what can be done, seen from the understanding the parents have by earlier information to create an own "vitamin plantation" in shape of a nursing garden.

This year it take more time, this since we get help from University, mining company that have their own paid teachers and our new Directors that is adult educators. The reason is that we now can be more exactly in our adjustment for the education, so that people will see that they have a progress and feel better.

We will update you, who are sponsor for a child, so that you know your child's development. This update we estimate to beginning of the month of March.

NEW INVESTMENTS 2009 – 2010

1. Medical mission

Visit in the Life-Lines medical station in Cagayan de Oro city for education of personnel and negotiation of future aid to our tribal in CARAGA, comprising Mamanwa, Manobo, Maranao and Badjao. Other tribes as Higaonon have aid through a friend organization to us and which presented us for this mission of Filipino doctors, who travels to the jungle areas and execute free examinations, surgeries and other works, for instance sanitary solutions.

The visit is book too February 26-28 in connection with tour to Ozamis, March 1-3, for education within the Diabetes project.

Following representatives is included in this education:

Cl*	Representative:	Title:	Province:	Function:
1	Cholly Bat-ao	Pastor	SdS	Chairman FTMW, representative NCIP
2	Efren R Rubenial	Pastor	SdS	v Chairman FTMW
1	Ricaredo C Huelma	Pastor	SdS	Treasurer FTMW
2	Teodoro A Bat-ao	Pastor	SdS	Director, representative Manobo
1	Jennifer Y Urquia	Director	SdS	Representative Adlay clinic
1	Guadencio E Quisil	Pastor	AdS	Cooperator, representative Prosperidad
1	Luciano A Omba	Pastor	AdN	Director, representative Manobo
-	Thor Klaveness	Consultant	CARAGA	Missionary FTMS/FTMW

Province shortcuts for CARAGA:

AdN	Agusan del Norte
AdS	Agusan del Sur
SdN	Surigao del Norte
SdS	Surigao del Sur

NCIP National Commission for Indigenous People, governmental organ to protect the tribal from exploitation and illegal dislocation of tribal settlements.

*CL Classifications:

- 1 including fare, food and lodging
- 2 including 1 and compensation for lost income/salary

Thor Klaveness is not included in this money since he has his own budget.

I ask our deepest and warmest thanks from me and our cooperators for your engagement. Book already now a visit at Torp this summer. It is located outside Örebro and more information can be found through EFK, Örebromissionen or Swedish Baptist Churches.

God's peace

Thor Klaveness

Sponsorship fee

The monthly fee for a godchild is
€20/SEK200 or €15/SEK150 for group sponsor
and can be paid as follows:

1. By autogiro
2. By payment card/bill which can be paid monthly, quarterly, half year or own choice.

When paid within Sweden, payment can be done
to account shown lowest this page.

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