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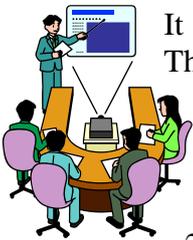
NEWSLETTER

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PREFACE



It is time for the organizations annual meeting, and this time we will meet at the home of Thor and Jovelyn Klaveness at Ekgatan 7B in Malmö. It is important that you sign up to come, as we shall know how many will come if we need larger premises.

2012 has been a year of education both for our staff and for our children and adults in Mamanwa tribe.

We have established a deeper confidence that our efforts to assist tribal and poor results in that they can look into the various primary schools where they live.

They know now too that we will help them when they are sick and hungry. Not just with band-AIDS and one meal, but shows how to do the next time they need something and how they can prevent being hungry or injured.

Thank you for helping us in this work!



1. Annual meeting FTMS 11 April 2013

You are highly welcome to the Association's annual meeting, **Thursday, 11 April.**

Time: 7 PM

Place: Ekgatan 7B

Thor & Jovelyn Klaveness

NOTE! Sign-up to get to the annual meeting is mandatory when we may need to book larger premises at larger number of participants. A Godparent is automatically a member of the Association with right to vote. Notification can be done both via phone/email or letter to the addresses specified on the last page.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person who submit to the Association's purposes and activities are entitled to subscribe for membership in the Association.

Any person who signs himself as sponsor and/or donates money continuously is to be counted as a member so long commitment as sponsor/donor lasts.

ON THE AGENDA:

1. Election of meeting officers
2. Determination of the voting list
3. The meeting's competent announcement
4. The Board of Directors and project managers ' activity reports
5. Auditor's report
6. Decision on the discharge
7. Election of Board of Directors
8. Election of Auditors
9. Election of Nomination Committee
10. Treatment of cases from the Board
11. Treatment of motions
12. Other issues

WHAT IS FTMS?

FTMS, Filipino Tribe Mission Sweden is a Christian humanitarian organization that conducts and coordinates the missionary activity in the Republic of the Philippines.

Development work includes areas:

- Godchild work
- School education in the local tribes
- Development of local schools in cooperation with local authorities
- Children's homes, foster care, support for street children

Missionary work capacity ranges:

- Bible teaching aid for local assemblies
- The evangelism assistance to pastors
- Development work on the Bible's basic

2. Mamanwa projects

Thor and Jovelyn Klaveness have during the months of January and February visited Mamanwa and followed up on some of the projects that we have with them. Thus, we have a lot of material to share with us, and we will show a little of this in this newsletter, and come back with more details and updates also in later newsletters.



We have been given new godparents to children in Mamanwa and here we visit and speak with a father on their situation. He is holding the godchild's younger sister on his arm, and they have an own watchdog.



During January and February, as Thor and Jovelyn visited the Mamanwa, most tribal are in the mountains to take care of their plantations there. Because of this, there was none of the Mamanwa School children present in Adlay as they followed their parents into the plantations.



None of the tribal houses have yet been refurbished since the severe storm in November 2011 destroyed most houses and swept around the Auditorium, which we also used as a classroom.

On the other hand, a mining company called CTP promised to the village council to repair six homes, and has paid out 160,000 peso to one representing member named Peter Montañes.



Those of the Mamanwa which was still left on their settlement said the new building constructed was the self-styled Manobo chieftain Udyutan's new Office. It sounded a little odd too that Manobo would build an Office for them on the Mamanwa settlement.

Because we know that Udyutan's real name is Junjun Montañes, and is the uncle of village Council member Peter Montañes, we were obviously a bit more hesitant about if the money paid by the CTP will really be used to restore the Mamanwa's homes or if they should be washed down in someone's pockets.



Thor was told by village Council Chairman, Mrs. Charlita Cabadonga, that he could visit the CTP's Office outside the village of Adlay and getting their project description for the reconstruction of the Mamanwa's Houses, which he did.

Well at CTP refused CRO (Community Relations Officer) to meet with Thor with reference to that the Manager was not in the office. This type of issues is handled normally by CRO as he is a company contact towards society, but when it comes to CTP it does not work. CTP has consistently refused to account this project.

The problem that people in the Mamanwa face is that they do not receive the assistance, to which they are entitled by IPRA law, because of an ingenious corruption where different instances are manipulated into believing that everything is under control. This is well documented through reports and testimonies to the instances where Mamanwa could appeal, but because the reports persuade Mamanwa, they cannot read and write but have approved the reports via thumbprint, they can not appeal. A fact which also lies in the reality that they are not able to read and write, is that they do not have the understanding of gathering evidence that applies at an appeal.

In this specific case, it has been used a project system that is used by the Philippine Government that allows cooperation between public authorities, private companies and non-profits. The system is also used for money laundering, simply by transferring State funds or profits in business to their own pockets by doing projects oneself leads and allocates money within, and where no one have transparency over the actual cost in comparison with the budgeted and disbursed sum.



Another example is the mining company CNC that paid 25.000 pesos to build four toilets to Mamanwa.

They have not informed Mamanwa that there are toilets to them, as can be seen written on the sign, but tribal goes in the belief that it is the Manobo chieftain's toilets, while the Chairman of Adlay Council is ensuring that this toilet building is to the Mamanwa.

During an inspection of the toilet is the estimated construction value about 5,000 peso why one may wonder how the other 20,000 peso has been used.



Similarly, we wonder how much of the 160,000 peso donated to house renovation to Mamanwa which is used to 'the office' while none of their houses are yet renovated, this while Junjun Montañes, 'Manobo chieftain', builds an upscale house in the same village for himself.

NCIP's regional Director, Mr. Gomez, is at the same time satisfied with Junjuns 'fantastic' work for Mamanwa because all the reports on his table indicates that the situation is good. Local witnesses does not dare speak for fear of Junjun and his private army to kill any of them, as they recently killed PNP Police in the town of Cantilan.

NUTRITION

We have received Christmas gifts and specific gifts to the Mamanwa in 2012.



Since the tribe has been fragmented because they can not grow in the soil found in Adlay, has the most able-bodied had to pull themselves up into the mountains to cultivate the land they have there.

They possess no land on paper but grow on surfaces that no one else is using. Often, they may be left alone deep in the tropical rainforests and walks often several days to reach the hidden places where they can cultivate cereals, herbs and fruits that they can live by.

We perform following work with help of the money we received through Christmas gifts and those gifts which are earmarked for nutrition to the tribe.



Purchases of supplies to Mamanwa

We've mapped out how many households and families who live in our catchment area and divided the households in need groups and seen over their individual need for nourishment.

For children are given, together with instructions for cooking, nutritional supplements as needed. It can be vitamin supplements in the shape of fruits, or vitamin enriched supplements, and it can be supplemented in the form of milk. The older people have a greater need for calcium supplements why this is given either by calcium supplement, nutrient enriched milk or in a combination of these.

We informed those who were still in the village that nurtured contribution are accessible for each family, and booked a date with each present family when they were able to come for instructions and get supplements. The families that are still up in the mountains will be invited as soon as they return. A task that even Mamanwa is happy to help with because it will make all families happy and increase cohesion between families.

We report on the next page some of the families and family members who came to us on **FTMS/FTMWs** office. They are very grateful for the fact that they have our support through your help and send their thanks and compliments to each individual sponsor and donor.

FTMW/FTMS Nutritional program

Distribution of food supplements and instructions for cooking



Jovelyn Klaveness has divided purchased goods and share them out by family and gives instructions how to use the goods in the best way.

On the image above are seen more of our children, which are attending school, standing together with Inday which was our first sponsored pupil. Inday now has a son but, unfortunately, her husband died because of a disease for a time ago, so that she does not have any supplying her and her child.

The advantage of life in Mamanwa, even if it is poor and a life filled with different diseases, is that they stick together in clan. In this way, Inday help other parents to take care of their children while she may be with and share the food served by other families.

To the left you see Jovelyn and her daughter Joy together with a mother of three from Mamanwa. Her husband is in the mountains working while she's at home and takes care of the children.



The older woman to the left is the wife of a former Chieftain who now has ceded in favour to his children because he can no longer see with his eyes.

We have had her husband on the eye test, but because the injury is not related to cataracts, but vitamin deficiencies, we cannot help him get his sight back.

However, we share out nutrition added milk that helps the body to get power to the daily doings in the settlement.



Families, children and young people are gathered in the yard to **FTMS/FTMW's** Office while waiting for their turn to get nutrition and supplements as needed. They talk and think about things that one does not have experience on but now will see closely. Note for example the girl that delves into the gravel pile and know that somehow becomes this cement.



While Jovelyn distributes nutrients to the Mamanwa along with staff in the **FTMW**, workers who builds Thor and Jovelyns new home and **FTMS/FTMW's** office gathers for lunch.

They regard curiously the tribal people as they only have come in contact with through Thor and Jovelyn. They get an insight into the work of **FTMW** for the local tribal at the same time as they learn more about their culture thanks to that Jovelyn can interpret and tell. They are happy to see that this activity and support is available in their own province Surigao del Sur.

Thank you for your contribution to our work

FTMW/FTMS Clothing Distribution

Distribution of clothing collected in Sweden and Denmark to the Mamanwa tribal.



Because most of this consignment consisted of children's clothing, we asked all the families to come with kids, but since our Office is near their settlement, many children came themselves.

They are very shy and it takes a while before they dare come to our staff and try the clothes, but through having fun and play with them they will win more and more courage.



Darkness falls quickly in the Republic of the Philippines at about six o'clock in the evening every day, and because the children came at five o'clock, it managed to get dark before all the children had tried out suitable clothes.



New pants tested out



A new white shirt glow in the dark on a child who had been satisfied with his choice while others anxiously waiting for their turn.

After that all children received clothes were there a dinner before it was time to go home and sleep.



Thank you for your gifts to our work

3. Miscellaneous

FURTHER TRAINING



In 2012, Nerissa Rivera visited Surigao del Sur, on two occasions, and then instructed our staff, working on projects for the Mamanwa and the godchildren, how to use the Internet, read and write E-mail, and save receipts for accounting. This is to make **FTMW** more efficient to provide information to all godparents and contributors who provide contributions via **FTMS**.

FTMW has continued this skills development of staff by sending employees to visit aid projects in nearby provinces of other aid organizations, this in order for them to gain experience and greater understanding of people's natural behaviour and needs.

ECONOMY



FTMW has opened three new ATM accounts, for three heads of Department. The three areas that it is opened account with an ATM-card are: Godchildren in the Surigao provinces; Godchildren in the Agusan provinces; as well as, Projects for Mamanwa in the Surigao provinces. Other project accounts still have their funds in a central bank account that is in the control of the **FTMW's** Board of Directors.

MINI SEMINAR



FTMW has kept a mini seminar in Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur, for pastors who are interested in Christian social work to help people get on their feet and become self-sufficient.

It was went through what it means to run a transparent activity in which it is necessary to continuously provide reports on how to conduct humanitarian work and the manner in which the money is used. Motto inaugurated at the seminar:

No report – No support to remind about the importance of transparency.



Thor Klaveness was presenter and was responsible. Along with the new Board member in **FTMW**, Joey Daus, it was explained how to use the SWOT model, the importance of filing, and how to upload, reports via Internet.

INFORMATION

For more information about events, see information and follow the links from our website at www.tribemission.com. There you can too fill out a form to be a sponsor to a child or a project. You can too send us a mail to our address as stated on the last page.

Lectures/Events



If you want to book us to come, and that you will know more about the Philippines, and our local work there, please contact us on given numbers or e-mail as shown last in this newsletter.

Observe that we are pleased to come, if so only, for the sake of the information, for instance, the life in the Philippine provinces, and about how to help to own support. Information which can be well for use to, for instance, school youth, scouts etc.



It is you that decide the theme in cooperation with us, for instance, in connection with the UN-day, or any international engagement, or theme day at your work.

School – Organization – Company, does not matter.

I ask our deepest and warmest thanks from me and our co-operators for your engagement. Please, talk with a friend about the possibility to be a sponsor to a child or to any of our many projects in the Philippines.

God's peace

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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.

Payment outside Sweden but within

Europe, pay to: NORDEA Sweden

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NOTE

This Newsletter is written to reach people not common with the Filipino culture. To tell about the way Filipino's lives and give an opportunity to help where help is needed.

We are in no way participating in any political movements, but are involved to lift the knowledge to have patience and ability to live side by side with one another. Notwithstanding if it belongs to be to Filipino's or other.

If you want to contribute with your own experiences and/or knowledge, please feel welcome. News in our newsletters is solely based on facts from Filipino's and experiences from other within the Philippines itself. We belongs to different cultures, therefore it is sometimes different viewpoints on the news.

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