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## PREFACE

During spring we have had a hectic programme for us in Sweden. **JIL** (*Jesus Is Lord Church*) Denmark helped us with wonderful vocals and performed Philippine folk dances on Sirius-Orden Mirzam in Landskrona, month of February. A time which was very appreciated both by members of Sirius-Orden and among Church attendees.

We have conducted our annual meeting, and it is gratifying to see that we can send a lot of our collected funds without excessive costs, more on this below.

We have also been packaging dental equipment that we received from a clinic in Malmö. This equipment has been pictured, and is also available to see on our website under the heading of Donations in Humanitarian projects, On-going projects page. We have also begun with the preparations in order to help the young girl who had become blind in one eye and need cornea transplantation.

We see ourselves obliged to recognise that we do not have time with the exhibition at Torp Conference this year. Thor Klaveness has a job in Norway and are trying to reach more godparents there too, but we have no which at present can take our Caravan and attend the Torp in years.

# 1. the Annual Meeting 2011 – the new Board, and the economy

FTMS annual meeting was held on Wednesday, March 3 and the following points are completed:

\* Rosauro Maniquis was re-elected while Jovelyn Klaveness and Anton-Fredrik Klaveness was elected to the new Board of FTMS.

\* With the transfer of the money now in February included activities, and fund-raising in 2010, the entire 91.2% has been sent to the collections purpose. Something we are proud to be able to carry out thanks to volunteers. We hope that more will have confidence in our work so that more can be supported in order to receive benefits, education and increased opportunities for labour in the Republic of the Philippines.

\* Jovelyn Klaveness who is responsible for project **CHP4051**, which is a project to the Mamanwa tribe in Adlay and Pantukan, Surigao del Sur, told that the tribe is currently on tour and therefore left school. During March to June is summer vacation in the Republic of the Philippines, but to the school beginning in June, we expect that they are back in school and that our aid with food for the students can continue.

\* Thor and Jovelyn Klaveness have signed an account in the Republic of the Philippines in order to deploy the means that can't pass through **FTMW**. Distributors and representatives in **FTMS**, Philippines are; pastor Lorenzo Quintas in Agusan del Sur, Jennifer Urquia in the provinces of Surigao and Joey Daus in Agusan del Norte. In Agusan del Norte we have currently no ongoing projects or any godchildren. We hope that it will soon.

After the Board has been formed, it looks as follows:

	Andreas Eklund	Chairman
	Rosauro Maniquis	Secretary
	Thor Klaveness	Treasurer
	Jovelyn Klaveness	Director
	Anton-Fredrik Klaveness	Alternate

We thank you for your trust.

## 2. Filipino Eve on Sirius-Orden Mirzam

Thursday 17 February held FTMS a Filipino Eve on Sirius-Orden Mirzam in Landskrona, Sweden. The idea was to present the FTMS School Meal project of Adlay and offer sponsor/Godparenting to get a fully functional school dining hall to the approximately 600 pupils in pre-school, elementary school and High School.



Together for the implementation of the evening, Thor Klaveness and Hans Berglund first held a short presentation, subsequently performed **JIL**, *Jesus Is Lord Church* from Copenhagen, Philippine dances and folk songs.



Thor tried with the help of Hans, to identify the Republic of the Philippines on the map and tell about the situation of the poor peoples of the southern Philippines, but also about the assets and wealth they have both within natural resources and within social co-existence.

We tried to inspire the participants to take part in our business projects of Adlay, in which we want, with the help of voluntary monetary gifts, operate a school canteen to give around 600 children in preschool, elementary school and High School daily meals during the school year.



This occasion was much appreciated by the people we spoke with afterwards. However, yet only 100 SEK received even in grants, but we hope that this will turn and give more.



After the presentation performed the dance group a traditional Filipino dance with elements from the Igorot people. The dance is known as Salidumay, but it is not really a folk dance but a folk song. It is syllabic and the lines need not end in rhyme but in assonance. It is a Lullaby among the natives in the Cordillera Mountains on the Central and Northern Luzon.



Dexter Mabuyo sang a beautiful and moving song in Tagalog named 'Ang bayan kong Filipinas', rough translation 'my country Filipinas'. The song is originally a tribute to former President Corazon Aquino who was loved by her country's people.

Dexter is a musician and belongs to the leadership in church music ensemble.

The programme continued with another dance, called Pandango sa Ilaw, which directly translated means; lights of Pandango, as can be seen in all dancers have a candle in each hand, in various forms moves around oneself during the dance.



Finally, sang a trio two highly appreciated songs in scales.

If you want us to come to your company, your club/church with similar arrangements, let us hear from you. We can also arrange a full evening performance including Filipino menu. This evening was Mirzam's own Chef responsible for the cooking of dishes.

## FACTS

On the Internet, you can see more about Philippine folk dances by visiting the following pages:

### **Igorot dance, Salidumay**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSIO4x3WfyU&feature=related>

### **Igorot song, Salidumay**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVli\\_TOnJQc&feature=BFp&list=WL5718A558B1165C66&index=5](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVli_TOnJQc&feature=BFp&list=WL5718A558B1165C66&index=5)

### **Pandango sa ilaw**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwVFufKoscU&feature=BF&list=QL&index=3>

### **Tinikling**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQkV996Gns8&feature=BF&list=QL&index=3>

### **Bagobo Tribal dance**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJJGmcqRgQc&feature=related>

### **Ifugao music and dance, among other Dinnuy-a**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meEI\\_SkRBmQ&feature=BFp&list=WL5718A558B1165C66&index=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meEI_SkRBmQ&feature=BFp&list=WL5718A558B1165C66&index=1)

### **The song Ang bayan kong Filipinas from the funeral of Corazon Aquino**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryXE2s2as0g&feature=BFp&list=WL5718A558B1165C66&index=3>

### 3. Equipment and contributions to dental care and eye surgery

#### DENTAL CARE

We have had the pleasure to receive equipment for dentistry from Dentists Schuss and Nilsson in Malmö, Sweden.

This equipment is also available on the image on our home page, Ongoing Projects, Donations. The material is sent to the Philippines for use by our partners in dental care, overseen by dentist Ariel Arreza Uriarte, Cantilan, Surigao del Sur.

**FTMS** has an agreement with several physicians, including dentists, that they give free time. That is, time will not be charged for children, young people, families and others who are in need of care.



That way we can give a better care since we can afford to buy more quality, that is, we can purchase more treatments in that we pay for local anaesthesia and medicine instead of doctors' salaries. This means that the money is enough to more treatments. That we also received some instruments make that doctors receives a kind of reward in it that they do not have to bear that expense too.

We need continued support for these expenses, to talk with friends and acquaintances if they might consider contributing to our childcare projects **CYP1100** or become a godparent to a child in Mindanao.



## CORNEA TRANSPLANTATION

We have got enough money to start up our assistance to Mareth Zalazar, this year 14 years old, which became blind in her one eye due to an overgrowth caused by acute A-deficiency at measles.

We have contributed to eye drops on her healthier eye doctors believe could save without transplantation, while her left needs a new cornea in order that she should receive sight back on this.

The project is difficult to manage because the tribe she belongs, Mamanwa, themselves want to medicate with their own herbs and therefore do not trust other medical skills or experience than their own.



Thor and Jovelyn plans to travel to the girl and her family in October to track how the preparations have gone, and if we can get permission from the girl's family, the tribe Chief and ophthalmologists to carry out treatment.

The doctors are clearly positive, but frustrated by family concerns in connection with the lack of knowledge in which resources are available. Doctors would like to help but it is slow because of this.

It is not **FTMS** that represent the full cost of the surgery, but only the cornea and its preparations, as well as transport, food and accommodation for the girl and a kin to the hospital in Davao. To this is also to add all the meetings and information meetings that must be held with all involved parties. Costs for themselves hospitalization with treatments are shared by **MSWD** and **DSWD** in cooperation with **NCIP**. **MSWD** can be compared with our municipal social department, **DSWD** with the provincial arena of social service.

In order to help the girl needs a number of questions from the girl, the family and the tribe be sorted out and answered, so that they feel confidence in reading, and that she will be well after its completion. Mareth must know that she is in safe hands, her parents feel that they have control over her health, and, as they expressed concern that she will not die of surgery or kidnapped for adoption.

It can perhaps be heard strange out on our part of Europe that they are concerned about getting her adopted away, but in this part of the world exists sometimes rumours of trafficking that foreigners come and abduct children to adopt them. Since **FTMS** partly is made up of foreigners, there is concern on their part that the girl will not be taken to the hospital but put on flight abroad for adoption, which we want to show is not the case.

Another problem is to create a trust between the tribe medicine men/women and the Health Care Centres available for them in the municipality. That the council of the tribe and its representatives to understand that this is an asset and promoting their health. It is important that we in Europe also understands that the care referred to means a non-Western culture, which is, the local care given by the Philippine authorities to all its citizens.

In addition, also involves representatives from the municipality (**MSWD**, **DSWD**, Barangay Captain, and Mayor Etc.) employers, assemblies and **NCIP**, National Commission on Indigenous People, a State supervisory agency for tribal peoples ' rights. To this advisers from Anthropological and Sociological section are also co-opted, **San Carlos University**, ophthalmologists in Surigao and Davao City, **DepEd**, as well as others that are important for the function.

It is a comprehensive process but for each of the milestones reached, creates new knowledge at all levels of society. This we notice, among others, by becoming a more open and happier atmosphere between different groupings locally in society.

## 4. More

### *The Torp Conference*

We will unfortunately not be able to represent us as planned at Torp Conference from 21 to 27 June of this year, this due to crew shortage/time constraints.

For more information about events, see information and follow the links from our website.

### *Lectures/Events*

If you want to book us to know more about the Philippines and our work, 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, Swedish 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 – Work, 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

Thor Klaveness

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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**

**IBAN: SE31 9500 0099 6042 0418 2960**

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## *Internet pages:*

Homepage for the network:

[www.tribemission.com](http://www.tribemission.com)

Filipino Tribe Mission Sweden's homepage:

See **FTMS** in task bar

Filipino Tribe Mission Welfare's homepage:

See **FTMW** or Philippines in task bar

Godchildren:

See **Child sponsor** in task bar

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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.