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PREFACE

We have conducted our annual meetings both in Sweden and in the Philippines, and we show in this issue the members and functions on our new directors. For more information see our board members at FTMW and FTMS at our webpage www.tribemission.com.



It is still much work to do in the view of local development, but it feels that all involved members and partners start to understand our parliamentary system, which gives voice and ability to vote to each and everyone, independent of their status in the society. It was therefore nice to have both therapeutic doctors and tribal together with other members, discussing about different issues of common interest.

What we can see clear now, is that the average ignorance in the province of Surigao del Sur hinder many from a swift development, and it take longer time than in the other three provinces in the

CARAGA-region to get things done in the public offices such as BIR, Post, MSWD, different councils, local Captains etc. How come, we have not yet come to the root of, but we hope that members in different LGU's, tribal councils and NGO's will be helpful in a personal engagement to self development. Because, many know not today their own purpose in their own office!

The question is; will they see their own ignorance, and ask for updates, or will they feel humiliated? NCIP, among other, dismiss seldom any, but work in parallel to ignorant, since some are hindering their own process on development while the society need to survive.

1. FTMS Annual Meeting in Sweden, February 2

FTMS annual meeting was held on Thursday, February 2 and the following points are completed:

* Thor Klaveness, Jovelyn Klaveness and Anton-Fredrik Klaveness was re-elected while Per Olson was elected as a new board member to the Board of FTMS. Rosauro Maniquis have still one year to go in the office.

* With the transfer of the money now in February 2012 included, and fund-raising in 2011, the entire 87,3 % 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. This she will prepare while there this coming April.

* 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 provinces, and Jennifer Urquia in the provinces of Surigao. In Agusan del Norte we have currently no ongoing projects or any godchildren. We hope that it will soon.

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

	Thor Klaveness	Chairman
	Rosauro Maniquis	Secretary
	Per Olsson	Treasurer
	Jovelyn Klaveness	Director
	Anton-Fredrik Klaveness	Alternate

We would like to thank for the confidence.

2. FTMW Annual meeting in the Philippines, March 31

FTMW annual meeting was held on Saturday, March 31 and the following points are completed:

* New Board members was elected to the Board of **FTMW**, which was Juralyn A. Urquia, Jovelyn Klaveness, Lorenzo T. Quintas and Thor Klaveness, while Jeniffer Y. Urquia, Luciano A. Omba and Elmer Calamba was re-elected.

* The economy has been handled through **FTMS**, why **FTMW** yet have no own account, since the incident with fraud back in 2009. Still, representatives of **FTMW** have been auditors for **FTMS**.

* Jovelyn Klaveness has taken over as an executive officer and represent **FTMW** as president.

* Thor Klaveness is auditor of **FTMW** board. He is now processing papers together with the new board, enabling **FTMW** to stand independent soon again. After the Board has been constituted it looks as follows:

	Jovelyn U. Klaveness	President
	Juralyn A. Urquia	Secretary
	Jeniffer Y. Urquia	Treasurer
	Thor M. Klaveness	Auditor
	Lorenzo T. Quintas	Director
	Elmer Calamba	Director
	Luciano A. Omba	Director

3. FTMW work focus 2012

As we have told previous year, 2011, we have focused more on activities which give an immediate change in the life of the receiver/participant of our projects.

As the new board has been formed, and we have had the opportunity to meet together with the new board, last Thursday, April 12, in Surigao City, we drew up some guidelines on our work for 2012.

Following focus has been agreed to intensify during the year to come:

<u>Project:</u>	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Responsible Director:</u>
Surgery of Cataract	SMC Surigao Medical Center	Jeniffer Y. Urquia/Thor Klaveness
Cornea transplantation	DMC Davao Medical Center	Jeniffer Y. Urquia/Thor Klaveness
Adult education Mamanwa	Adlay, Carrascal, SdS	Juralyn A. Urquia/Jovelyn
Sitio Development Project	San Agustin, AdS	Lorenzo T. Quintas
Godchild Surigao provinces	Provincial	Jeniffer Y. Urquia/Juralyn Urquia
Godchild Agusan provinces	Provincial	Lorenzo T. Quintas
Administration/updates FTMW	BIR, SEC and Metro bank	Jeniffer and Juralyn
Preschool utilities	Prosperidad, AdS	Lorenzo T. Quintas/Jovelyn
Feeding projects	Adlay Elementary and NHS	Thor and Jovelyn Klaveness

More details will be shown in reports to our Newsletters later this year. Under each project and responsible director are several people involved voluntarily in different functions to make the projects successful. In projects where we need cooperation with LGU, contact is taken with local Village Captains and/or MSWD social workers. In our two medical projects covering ophthalmology, we have, in the primarily instance, help from Dr Jaimenito Go, SMC. He is too our contact person to DMC. He is not surgeon however at DMC, but will examine our cataract patients going to SMC, too, prepare and after-care our patient for cornea transplantation. FTMW treasurer, who too, hold FTMS account, will see to that all bills of these projects are properly covered by our Filipino partners and European fund. For future examinations on eyesight, we have help, too, by Dr Cris Buniel, Cantilan, Surigao del Sur.

During the years it has been too obvious that it is not well known how to register and update changes in an organization, with financial reports and other documents of importance which follows, among people in the provinces of CARAGA. Worst is the ignorance in the province of Surigao del Sur. To lift our members in the boards understanding of such work, we has started a Training Board, which purpose is to educate our local crew in how to do different work, such as; how to get TIN, update of finance at BIR, how to fill out BIR receipts and when to use, how to register receipts in our books for accountancy, reports to SEC etc. In this work we have now contact persons co-opted who lives in Metro Manila area. They will function foremost as advisors, but too, at occasions, be involved in activities at place in the CARAGA- region.



Juralyn, who teach adult Mamanwa tribal and prepare children to school.

SITIO DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



The situation in San Agustin has definitely changed throughout the years we have been involved with godchild work there.

This time, when Thor was there together with his wife Jovelyn and Pastor Quintas to meet Pastor Romel Dalipe and Flora Mae Dela Cerna, we could see that much has happened in the small settlement. On the surface it has grown and get larger, but also, since politically, a group of NPA surrendered back in 2009, more effort is in need to lift the children's situation. Before NPA backed up some of the families, but after the surrender, they need to work more on livelihood.

Thor speak with Romel Dalipe and Flora Mae Dela Cerna

The work of **FTMW** is now to oversee how many of the children attend school education, how many suffer from sickness and/or starving, furthermore to know the living condition of the settlement, what is the main products, how do people support their families, and what is lacking for them to be fruitful in the society, such as what can they trade, what skill can they offer etc

It is now important that we get a grip on the situation, to know which the best help is and how we can make government see their legal needs, such as school education, medical treatment, nourishment etc. If government forgets them again, NPA may come back. It is highly important for the future that people see that cooperation and skilful work preserves the peace between tribes and population.

During the year we hope to present the outcome of this initial investigation, and a proposal how we can get involved to encourage the citizens of San Agustin to be a part of the Philippine society. If you are Filipino yourself; these people are wonderful and loving people, but, yet in need of experiences on trade.

FEEDING PROJECT



As we informed about last year, there are a lot of children starving in the schools throughout the provinces.

As the principals of Elementary School of Adlay, and ANHS, Adlay National High School, pointed out 160 children at stage of starvation in their village, we have now already started up a project in which you can be a sponsor for daily meals.

In a discussion with **MSWD**, Municipal Social Welfare Department, in Carrascal, already in October last year, it came at hand that **FTMW** can contribute through donations to the Municipal feeding program.

The daily expense is about p12.50 per child, for a well nourished meal, which gives an approx cost of p290 per month and child. Let us help together to give these children breakfast and lunch on an everyday basis.

You can now report yourself to support a child through **FTMS** to a fee as low as only SEK 50 (€5.5) per month and child.



Our godchild project is very important, and a link that keep different parts together when it comes to issues such as; how to nourish children and families, how to get skill enough to support one's own family but, too, how the society, through its different departments and organizations, can be helpful to the individual citizen and see the need in every village and settlement.

Seen from the view of our godchildren's families, the parents get hope through the fact that somebody really cares, and send monthly allowance for their efforts to survive and give their children a better future. It motivates the entire family to strive together

and try harder since they know that somebody trust in them. Thanks to this hope, it is easier to adopt new skills and people get more open-minded and experienced to tackle obstacles in their daily life. It too, gives that they try harder to cooperate with neighbours and over the cultural boundaries to find solutions on local problems. Many times, the root of obstacles and disputes is only fear to each other between tribal groups and/or LGU workers.

Seen from the view of the local government, LGU, it relief tensions that exist every time poor and/or tribal come to seek help. There are many problems related to language, and the use of local language, due to tribal cultures, religion and social experience. When **FTMW** workers accompany poor and/or tribal patients to doctor/treatment, parents to school for enrolment etc it eases to both parts.



For every poor and/or tribal who learn to attend their own doctor or teacher, a problem for the future is solved. Then they know who to ask and where to go. It is therefore highly important that the officers in the different LGU's are not corrupt, ignorant or selfish but, understands the value of giving their citizens a good reception in their office. Doctors almost always do a good job. They cannot make their job 'halfway', then the patient will not become healthy, but who knows how many that suffer from starvation, illiteracy and poor skill education due to political errors in the society?

This is why it is important that religious leaders, who know the love of the creating, living God, too, show it and implement it to their followers. Every individual who believe in God's love to the world and His creation, know that God want people to share this, His love,

with one another. It is common to many religions, but too many ignore God, and see most to their own business (feelings).



It is our hope that, by sharing love to others, you and me will see that it includes the help and attention as described above. Whatever your faith is; help us create a peaceful world in the small, local situations that is us given, and let forget about who is right or wrong in the details. We trust there are politicians that will see these good solutions as well, while we are going on, person by person, village by village.

Observe that **FTMS** does not implement any religion or have any intention to build specific churches where the organization helps. We only want to give people their equal rights

accordingly to the equal and righteous love from God, whoever they are, or whatever they believe. In our work, Christians, people of Islam and other local religions work together for their common survival. Proving their own God's best side by sharing His love by restoring His creation instead of waiting for destruction and 'a new heaven and a new world'.

4. Miscellaneous

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

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.

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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.