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PREFACE

Thor Johnny Thoresen is back in Norway after his six month long trip to the Philippines, where he, beside his private vacation, helped us to deliver the need to the godchildren.

Thor Johnny, who has 40 years experience of godchild work from countries as Argentina, Chile, India and Thailand, and also one of the founders of the Norwegian organization Norsk Fjernadoption in Norway, has produced a form called Child's Need Letter, which is filled by the representative of the godchild and evaluated by the local work committee, how to coordinate the different children's need through common purchases and transports. This is a work who the local workers is yet not used to and trained in, but which Thor Johnny has shown in real life how to do, to make sure that the money is effectuated to a sustainable support to the children and their families.

The board of **FTMS** had a meeting together with Thor Johnny, after his homecoming, while he visited Sweden and Malmö. The board received receipts and specifications on what each godchild had received, and pictures from the visit of Thor Johnny among the Mamanwa tribe in Adlay which we publish in this newsletter.

May 8, Thor Klaveness and Thor Johnny Thoresen visited the mission chapel in Källeryd, Aneby municipality and held a lecture about the mission work, how it is executed in the Philippines through **FTMS** and its co-operators.

You can book **FTMS** too, for a visit where we tell about our assistance, and how you can participate to help people build up a sustainable future through donation to education and/or development projects.

1. Thor Johnny Thoresen's narrative about the aid to the children

Thor Johnny Thoresen came back to Norway in March, and had a story to tell about a dramatic and exiting time in the Philippines.

Not like often is heard that it is dangerous in Mindanao, but already when Thor Johnny came to his destination in Malaysia he had to reschedule his trip, which was intended to Clark Airport, and instead fly to NAIA, Manila. The reason was the heavy typhoons which flushed the west coast of the Philippines on Luzon, during fall 2009, and which had made the roads from the outer airport impossible to drive, due to both flooding, and due to escaping, presently homeless, people who search for shelter.

Just the day after, Thor Johnny was clubbed down and robbed in Manila, and got, just listen to this! Help to escape to Mindanao with the first available flight to Butuan City.

Thor Johnny took the mission to visit the godchildren, and this he did in cooperation with **FTMW**. Quite immediate after that he had arrived, he sat up on a motorbike and visited the different children and villages. Soon the turn came to Prosperidad and Trento, and the former chairman, Cholly Bat-ao, who works in Butuan City hitch-hiked him a bit of the way.

Just before sunset it started to rain. Just after sunset, in a curve where Lorries loaded with mud from the mining crosses the road, Thor Johnny slide and turned over on the side. His left knee-cap was wounded and he got crippled.

He came, with the help of Cholly to Butuan City, and was inlaid, not in a hospital, but on a hotel room, where he rested. He had promised to meet a Norwegian friend who came with the flight together with his daughter to Butuan the same day, but instead he had to send them the message about which room and hotel he where on, and that they had to find their way on their own. Instead that Thor Johnny became their guide, it was the daughter, Sara, who came to help us dividing the money to the different godchildren in Prosperidad, and to make sure that the representatives acted due to the Child's Need Letter, as they has shown in advance. A sudden adventure to one of our guests, who supposedly hasn't expected this kind of drama at her vacation, but we are so thankful to the fact, it came to be that they came right on this day and were so helpful to all of us.

The pictures we can show in this newsletter are not taken during this tour to Prosperidad, but from a visit now in March, 2010, at the Mamanwa tribe in Adlay/Pantukan. We have two godchildren there, and sponsors to the whole tribe. We have collected money which is to four of the youth that studies in Adlay Elementary school. The money is covering what they need for their studies, and, in case of leftover, to a meal package every day for nourishment. It is the mother of Jovelyn Klaveness, Gundita, who is responsible for this. Gundita learned to know the members of Mamanwa in Adlay, when Jovelyn where in Adlay and run a small store, selling fruit, vegetables etc.

ADLAY, Carrascal



On this picture, Thor Johnny is seen lowest to the right, together with children and youth from Mamanwa Adlay, and from left *Junito Cabadonga*, former village captain, and *Jennifer Urquia*, representative for the godchildren of Adlay within FTMS. Behind Thor Johnny, in white T-shirt, stands the new chieftain of Mamanwa Adlay, *Mabin Inano*.

New houses in Adlay belonging to Mamanwa



The settlement in Adlay has grown, from only four houses to fifteen, since Thor and Jovelyn Klaveness were there in 2008 – 2009.

This has led to an increased responsibility on the municipality, and the former village captain, who was a speaker in the inauguration of FTMW, 2005, is now active, together with his wife, to make sure that the newcomers to the town will feel at home.

To our joy, we has received a message that Mamanwa now have an own teacher in Adlay, who are from the village Babuyan, Carrascal, and who's special responsibility is to educate the children of Mamanwa and their parents.



Mamanwa tribal are skilled producers of crafts, among others, in rattan.

On the picture different kinds of baskets is seen to the left.

The oval trays in the middle are such used to clean the raw rice when it has dried; the bigger is called dujan, and is a kind of hammock. The besom's, in the front, is own manufactured strings, used to bind the nipa roof with.

PROSPERIDAD, Agusan del Sur



Pastor Lorenzo Quintas run, together with his wife, a preschool which they started together.

They are in a big need of financial support, and if you feel that you want to contribute to them, their preschool has project number **CHP4043**, to which you can pay through **FTMS**.



Thor Johnny had several meetings with pastor Quintas, and here we see him preach from one of these meetings.



After the meeting, Thor Johnny invited the visitors to receive intercession, and many came forward.

PANTUKAN, Carrascal



In the small village, Pantukan, which in turn belongs to the area of Adlay, Thor Johnny visited a pastor, who under poor conditions runs a church and a work to aid the citizens of the small mountainous village.

It is from the area outside Pantukan our group of Mamanwa comes from. Many of the citizens of Pantukan belong to the tribe of Manobo.

Many of Manobo is known to be members of the well known guerrilla NPA. Many innocent suffer from this, and we tries to help them to find livelihood, vaccinations, treatments and education to parents and adults concerning prevention of sickness and provision.

CANTILAN



Thor Johnny was also performing in Cantilan Gospel radio, which is run by PMF, Philippine Mission Fellowship.

Here is Thor Johnny together with a bible teacher from PMF, and Pastor Efren Rubenial, present chairman in FTMW.



Thor Johnny and Efren in the community radio studio at 5am when the program is broadcasted live.

This was all from Thor Johnny this time. We hope to present more from our friends in the Philippines in later newsletters this year.

2. Report from the service in Källeryd



Friday, May 7, Thor went together with his family, Jovelyn and Joy, to the mission house in Källeryd together with Pastor Thor Johnny Thoresen, to hold a service the day after, Saturday, May 8.

In the evening, May 8, 6pm, a group of people was gathered, and the host for the service, also the owner of the chapel, Mr Göte Aronsson started the service with welcoming and song. Thereafter, Thor Johnny Thoresen held a short introduction.

Thor Klaveness held a lecture for 50 minutes about the ongoing work in the Philippines and about Christian mission's impact and meaning for individual's development, and described the differences between humanitarian and Christian aid.

After collection, Thor Johnny came back and told about his experiences during his last visit in the Philippines.



The collect, given to the most needed in our area of work, become SEK 2050.

It was decided that the money should be given to the project of Jovelyn among Mamanwa in Adlay. To help them start up in school, which is restarted now in June, and that leftover should be used to give breakfast to the four kids that is faithfully hardworking to succeed in the elementary school.

At the coffee table, it was collected in our collect box approximately SEK 60 for the purpose of Child Health Care, CYP1100.

At the time for the sending of this newsletter, following has been scheduled for the program of FTMS with reference to Sweden.

June 21 – 27 Torp conference



For more information concerning these events, see information and follow links at our home page.

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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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.