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Dear Sponsor/reader

It is only days left on the interesting and comprehensive year 2012, why we, as traditionally, want to take the opportunity and send you our Christmas and New Years greetings.

We have had a lot of challenges during the year and we can see that our new focus on education to our own crew slowly start to shape. Still there are challenges to face and find solutions on. These experiences tell us why you as a sponsor are very important for the sustainable progress in poor areas.



1. Annual Meeting in the Philippines

You are highly welcome to the FTMW Association's annual meeting, which will be held in the Philippines

Date: **Saturday, 26 January.**

Time: **9 AM**

Place: **Adlay, Carrascal, Surigao del Sur**

Host: 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 parent of a godchild 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.

There are lodging abilities but we need to know if you intend to come so that we can prepare place for you. If you need to arrive by bus or Jeepney from more remote distances than Bad-as or Tandag, we recommend that you arrive already on Friday. If you need to be back before Sunday Service, you need to take no later than 1 PM bus from Adlay.



See you there!

2. Progress – success and setback

Since we had to start over with new members of the Board of Directors and oversee executed work, such as making it more efficient, but too, easy to handle for poor with none or poor education, we have found both strength among some of our members how to carry out the work, but too, found weaknesses in the system, and as well experienced how the impact on the environment as the mining does also strike our abilities to reach out.



Initially when we started over with new regulations back in 2009, we saw a brighter future also in the attitude which was shown from some stakeholders caring for the Mamanwa tribe.

This have now confused us since it has been proclaimed from the regional director of NCIP in 2012 that some of the very officers in local NCIP offices, has shown fraud and opposed the laws and conditions set by the Government to help tribal in the Philippines.

While this occurred, even Taganito Mining Corporation executed an order to resettle the northern Mamanwa tribal group from Taganito, Claver, to Punta Naga. Punta Naga is a place near the sea where labours of the TMC has been living. But new settlements for the employed have been built higher up in the mountains while the whole Mamanwa group has been resettled hereto.

On investigation by Thor Klaveness when he has met representative from TMC CRO Department, Mamanwa and NCIP, as well as people in the surroundings, it has shown that the Mamanwa group never has agreed to move to Punta Naga. Still, TMC claim that this is the original settlement for the people of Mamanwa, something that they highly oppose.

It is a fact, however, already written in Philippine history, that Mamanwa tribal are nomads, and normally found in the mountainous regions, since their livelihood is from the forest and not from the sea.



Mamanwa settlement of Taganito 2004

According to reports shown in Philippine media throughout the year, it has been told that NCIP officers together with local politicians and Mining representatives have falsified documents, which instead of telling the true story of tribal ancestry domains, tell wished ancestry domains by the mining companies.

This type of counterfeit may, as a result, give that the tribal, as now happen, when the open pit mining is finished one place, and the mining company need their present location for new open pit mining fields, they need to move to a place they are not familiar with.



Mamanwa settlement of Pantukan 2006

tribal get hardship to prove that they have been moved eventually by force.

The trick the mining company use is that they already have moved the tribal several times, and during the many times a transfer has been made, the tribal leaders have been cheated to sign a document pointing to an “origin” place as ancestry which is not.

It is much easier, and too, cheaper for the mining companies to restore a place near the sea, since it is common sense among Filipinos that all people live by fishing as livelihood.

Knowledge about the tribal livelihood and their local knowledge on tropical forests are mainly unknown among the Philippine population, why the



Mamanwa settlement of Taganito 2009

tribal get hardship to prove that they have been moved eventually by force. At least us, since we have been participating in the work of assisting Mamanwa, have followed the progress since 2004 until now, and seen different solutions in the provinces of Surigao, both on the side of political support as on the side of the tribal efforts to come along.

It is not equal efforts and the tribal have no budget to invest for their wellbeing. It is said that there are funds, but yet not used by Mamanwa directly since they are not seen matured enough to handle these funds.

NCIP which have had the supervisory and advisory responsibility has too been infected by fraud crew, as reported above. We must remember too that these crew which has been found not able enough to work within NCIP, have not been dismissed from the organization, but “replaced”, yet in the office and yet able to provoke present officers. Who know if present officers will sustain on the legal curriculum or if they will engage eventually in the common corruption, which is a part of the lifestyle in these provinces where education is low?

That the government in addition to this tells investors, both domestic and international that Mindanao is dangerous, does not lift the situation to a better level. It is time now to highlight among all international investors if there can be successful to divide Mindanao into sectors in which various measures can be implemented for a better sustainability. As far as we have been involved the last seven years, it is not the population of Mindanao who carry the danger, but its politicians. They are unfortunately more present outside Mindanao than on Mindanao! This is why a blockade of Mindanao is not a solution.



Mamanwa settlement of Taganito 2012

In late 2011 Mamanwa in Taganito was asked to totally destroy their own settlement before they moved to their new settlement in Punta Naga.

This was said to be the reason that some Mamanwa tribal would move back, which would be dangerous to them since TMC now intend to use this area for their mining again.

The contradiction in this statement is that Mamanwa themselves say they will get 10 to 15 km longer way to their ancestral domains where they actually cultivate land in the mountains. In fact there are none, except them that are trained by mining crew that know how to fish and live by the sea. Mamanwa are more skilled to survive in the tropical forests.

On the two previous pictures above you can see their new settlement by 2009, which we proudly presented as a new beginning. It was on acceptable distance from their cultivations. In 2012, only three years later, the new settlement is a ruin, a disaster, and confusion why they lost houses, school and teacher at once.

“It is all in the papers” involved politicians, mining company and NCIP officers say, but “we know no papers” say Mamanwa, since not many are skilled with reading abilities.



Mamanwa settlement of Adlay 2012

The treatment by Taganito is not alone when it comes to strike against tribal and their indigenous rights.

In Carrascal, no efforts have been made to restore destroyed buildings, too, a multipurpose house which is used as a school as well.

Local politicians point to that it is the mining companies which operates locally in the town's surroundings which should cover such costs and not taken from the balance of the LGU.

This gives in our eyes that it is apparent how much more support tribal on Mindanao need. It is too important to remember that such support goes hand in hand with a broader trade and education which is profitable for all involved. No matter if it is about tribal, average population, politicians or companies. It must be an existence of common agreements on the content of coming development.

Beside this, taxes must be understood to be paid in common by the entire population in a country and shared to its local belonging depending on governmental agreements, and not as proclaimed at the Village Hall's wall in Adlay, Carrascal that “This Barangay Hall has been made possible to build by taxes paid by NN Mining Corporation”!

FTMW continues its development



During the fall of 2012, we have succeeded to give additional education and assistance to children to attend school education. Both own education given to elder and younger, but too, assistance to children to attend elementary school education under the umbrella of Department of Education.

FTMW crew educate tribal on math



This is our youngest student, a preschooler from Mamanwa in Adlay.

She is still attending preparation class and thanks to that she got a sponsor during the year we are able to follow up on her on a day to day basis.

We do need more sponsors to this tribal group. If you feel that you will be one of these, please sign up for a child or a tribe.

Mamanwa preschooler



As long tribal feel trapped and outside, but to be able to influence their future, it exist a fear from more clashes between groups and society, but if all involved feel an opportunity to influence, peace will too, as a result, sustain and grow stronger.

Are you interested to help us in this striving to befriend people and create motivation for a sustainable progress to everyone? Then please give us a hand and support us.

FTMW members from different locations in the CARAGA-region

Thank you very much for all you've done as far.

3. 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:

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