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PREFACE

Fall is here and we are heading into winter again in our Nordic countries. In the Philippines, the typhoons has hit extra hard. We have seen in the news how the water level has increased in areas around Manila, up to 8 meter. Still in November, there are places with water 1,5 meter higher than normal. This because that there are no investments in draining systems.

During the month of October, another three typhoons followed in the first giant's steps, and ended definitely many peoples hope of a continuous future at their home for many years.

Along the Pasig River, the government has since earlier, about two years back, started a program to move the inhabitants along the river to a higher and safer location, but it has been a long and hard way to go, when it is, in principle, people from the entire Philippines that has bought land and settled down here, a settlement that has been ongoing for generations.

During the year of 2008 the government therefore pushed through a kind of expropriation but with a promise to the living that, if they had papers on the properties, they should be appointed equal size on a new place. The problem standing is that many of the inhabitants has put many years of their salaries to build a home they now need to abandon and start over again. The government cannot afford to apply all claims about restoration. Now this new disaster has thrown people into a new situation; they can in some cases not show their investments, and in the worse cases, their papers is flushed by the flood or destroyed.

The contribution that is last to do from the side of the government, is to fight the internal corruption within the local departments and make sure that draining system, piping and other sanitary systems is build out in a large-scale big enough to handle the needs. That sewage treatments works for the foul water is built, and it is in this work the UN is needed to push for more money from donators from other countries, as for instance SIDA in Sweden.

1. CHRISTMAS GIFT 2009

Give a child a “happy new year” by giving a Christmas gift 2009

The Christmas gift is used this year for Children’s Health Service, CYP1100, to children in the provinces of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte and Surigao del Sur.

Choose what you would like to give:

- 50 SEK
- 100 SEK
- 250 SEK
- 500 SEK

And pay into our Plusgiro: 418296 - 0 or BG 5495 - 2361

Or why not become a sponsor to one of our children for only 200SEK per month?

2. Report from reverend Thor Johnny Thoresen

Reverend Thor Johnny Thoresen went to the Philippines in the end of September and arrived to Manila when the destruction was as worst. Instead of fighting for finding a living in Manila, he chose to continue directly to our area of aid on Mindanao and there visit the board and godchildren.

In the end of his provincial roundtrip he unfortunately, in the evening after dark, when a rain hastily worse the surface of the road, slide of the road with his MC so that he injured his knee. This has been overlooked, but is slowing him down.

Fortunately is, that a Norwegian family were with Thor Johnny during this time period. They were curious about our work in the Philippines and could therefore be helpful in many ways.

Thor Johnny tells here with his own words about his first time.

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When I received the mission to share money for the godchildren on Mindanao, during the time of September 2009 to March 2010, the question came at mind: How would the sponsors like it to be done? In the first meeting with the board of FTMW I got permission to establish my own contact with the representatives for each godchild directly. Our godchildren are living in areas with long distance travelling in between. I chose to start in Prosperidad and Trento. Then I wished to continue with the village Gacub and town Madrid. The third area I chose was Taganito and finally Adlay, where Jovelyn and Thor have their head quarter and home. Thor borrowed his motorbike to me. I had already spent some time in Adlay, when I started the long trip to Prosperidad.

I proposed to the board that I could do the work for them this time, and produced a simple formula and a system for signing receipts. A system I has used before in many countries, during the time I managed the Scandinavian Child Sponsor Foundation, founded 1979 in Norway. Who shall decide what is best for the need of the child? My answer is the child’s answerable doctor in cooperation with its representative. Therefore I produced a formula, which I called: The Child’s Need Letter.

All imaginable things were listed in the formula, school, health, diet and the need of the family. Thereafter I finished envelops with the name on the child, and laid the money that was disposable with the claim that official receipts shall be changed with the money. In the Philippines it is stated by law that all registered companies/organizations must use official receipts.

In Prosperidad we have several representatives, but the pastors Lorenzo Quintas and his wife Rachel, who is a pastor, too, has been with us since the start of FTMW.

They always have properly order in their papers and were in the beginning a huge help for me. Pastor Quintas is also a College teacher.

Then the accident came, which seemingly ended my six months mission trip to Mindanao. From December last year, when Thess and I visited Greater Grace Mission and I later went down to Thor and Jovelyn on Mindanao, I have been working hard to save money and prepared my mission trip.

I went out for a long tour in the morning of October 11. The trip went on from Cantilan to Prosperidad and I chose the road passing the city of Tandag. In the afternoon it started to rain. Dark skies laid low in the terrain. Two hours before Prosperidad I came to a soft curve, where trucks loaded with mud crossed the road. The asphalt was covered with slippery earth and the bike started to slide. We went out of the road and my leg twisted under the bike.

I had no feelings in the leg when helpful people lifted the bike and tried to make me stand again. The leg gave no support. I was carried into a police station, the bike was cared for and a big yellow express bus took me to the Embassy Hotel in Butuan. There I lay down in the bed on my back without ability to move until the Norwegian father, Kjell Teigen, and his daughter Sara came the day after to help me. They are from Hurumlandet in Oslofjorden, Norway, and have had contact with Thor in Malmö, Sweden, after reading our homepage at Internet, a marvellous coincident. We went together to the church of pastor Quintas. Pastor Quintas made my first crutches. Later I was borrowed some crutches that was given us earlier from a Filipina lady in Manila.

I slept on two church benches with thick foam. Kjell and Sara rented a room in a small pension along the highway. Thanks to our Norwegian friends we established contact to the godchildren. The children came to the church. We checked their lists of need and pastor Rachel, together with Sara went out shopping school uniforms, school material and the most necessarily for the home of the godchildren, for the time of December, Christmas and a whole sack of rice for the need until next transfer of money for the godchildren. What a joy to see these poor children and their parents leave the church to their homes on a rented bike (tricycle) filled with all their immediate needs. Thanks to Sara who handled the envelopes with money. All money was used, but changed to public receipts, as a testimony that the mission to the children was completed.

Kjell and Sara had to leave, but I was transported to a pension a couple of hours from Prosperidad towards Davao city. The name of the town is Trento and the godchild was brought from the deep forests and had the same great experience as the children in Prosperidad had. Sara took pictures in Prosperidad and I filmed some in Trento, material as we hope to share with you later.

The first mission was now completed. I talked about healing in several Services with pastor Quintas, and it was a strange feeling when several pastors from the whole district came to pray for me and my knee. It was also here I met pastors from New People Army, and some other from the side of the Philippine army, who asked me to visit a peace conference in the middle of this coming December. They expressed the wish for peace and had the faith that prayers can hinder war. I told them about the mission pastor from Nössemark in Ed, Sweden, where I lives, that has finished a work at Uppsala University, that shows that prayers has hindered war between the countries of Sweden and Norway in the year of 1905. Believers from all churches and denominations joined and prayed for peace on both sides of the Swedish and Norwegian border.

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To be continued.

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

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