

HOPE AND HEALTH AID TO THE PHILIPPINES
RAWCS Project #117/2010-11
Quarterly Report for February 2012

**A Project of Rotary Club of Penrith, RI District 9690 in NSW Australia and
Rotary Club of Tanauan, RI District 3820, Tanauan Philippines**

1. TO GIVE HOPE

a. Through Microfinance

- i. We have a successful and ongoing Microlending group of 50 indigent borrowers formed in Caluya Island, Antique Province Philippines to increase their income – currently all 50 have had their chance at borrowing from May to October 2011 and are now either paying off their loans or rolling over their loans. They have sent letters of gratitude to RAWCS for the chance to improve their plight. They have accumulated money in the “piggy bank” which is supposed to be used for disaster and emergency assistance – the group now have decided to use part of this funds towards increasing the loan amount of those whose business are successful. Funds for this project was donated by Rotary club of Penrith in the amount of \$3,500. Needless to say, in such small amount of money, the repercussions in improving other people’s lives in this part of the Philippines cannot be overemphasized.

- ii. Funds were solicited from DAK Foundation in the amount of \$3,500 to support formation of another group of 50 borrowers at Caluya Island this Feb 2012. Hence we foresee another group of 50 and their families whose lives will be improved by the microlending project.

b. Educational Scholarship

- i. Ongoing Educational Scholarship Financial Assistance granted to Eliezer Inigo, currently just two more semesters (Nov 2011 and June 2012) in the course of Education at the University of the Philippines. Funds for this project through personal donation by fellow Rotarian Geoff Wood.

- c. **Disaster Aid** – personal donation solicited to be sent to the Philippines this Feb 2012 in assistance to victims of typhoon Sendong.

2. TO IMPROVE HEALTH

a. **Medical Missions and Health Education** –

- **Feb 6-10, 2012:** I will be participating as a RAWCS Volunteer in a Surgical Mission organized by a Filipino-American group called Medical Mission of Mercy (MMOM) rendering Women's Health Services, conducting free Pap's smears and health teaching on Gynaecological Cancers and Obstetric Emergencies. Funds for this mission through personal donation.
- Ongoing preparations for upcoming 2 major surgical missions in the Philippines
 - a. May 21-27, 2012 at Zamboanga del Sur spearheaded/fundraised by Philippine Australian Medical Association (PAMA)
 - b. June 2-9, 2012 at Gubat, Sorsogon spearheaded/fundraised by UGAY Australia

b. **Health Facilities Development**

- through donation-in-kind from DAK Foundation, various Medical equipment (portable ultrasound, ECG machine, vital signs monitor and fetal Doppler) are being donated to different hospitals/institutions in the Philippines from Feb-May 2012 to improve the standard of health care in third world countries
- Ongoing communications with a group of doctors in Fresno, California regarding conduct of Emergency Ultrasound Education (EMUSED) for the recipient of donated portable ultrasound from DAK Foundation in third world countries.

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