

PARISH PROJECT 2010

Working for Love, Hope & Justice



A water tap in Basad. © DonBrice/ABM2000

Water and Sanitation in the Philippines

Target: \$10,000 in 2010

Waterborne diseases such as cholera, typhoid and dysentery are transmitted via contaminated water sources. Eighty-eight percent of cases of diarrhoea worldwide are attributable to unsafe water, inadequate sanitation or insufficient hygiene. According to the World Health Organisation, these cases result in 1.5 million deaths each year, most being the deaths of children.

ABM works with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) to provide water and sanitation systems to rural and isolated communities. Many of these areas are inhabited by indigenous people, such as the Igorot tribe in the north and Tedurays in the south. Here poverty is widespread and vital infrastructure and basic services are often lacking due to limited government funding and inhospitable terrain.

In the last few years, the program has also served migrant communities in the foothills and lowlands where different tribal groups come together in search of livelihood and better opportunities.

Our integrated water, sanitation and hygiene projects involve the construction of simple gravity-fed and deep well systems, water tanks and water-sealed toilets. It also includes protecting the watershed, ensuring that there is minimal impact on the surrounding environment and encourages the planting of trees where needed.

To sustain the program, leadership and maintenance training is conducted to encourage community members to take ownership and responsibility for the new facilities. Training workshops on health and hygiene are also held to educate the local people. It is hoped that water related diseases will be reduced in some villages by at least 20 per cent.

With continued funding and support for the Water and Sanitation project, all will enjoy better health and quality of life. This results in greater productivity, which benefits communities as a whole.

What your gift can do:

- **\$1.20** is the cost of a water tap
- **\$103** pays for chemical and bacteriological water testing
- **\$2,000** pays for one 3.5 cubic meter circular tank

Prayer Points:

- Pray that local communities are experiencing improved health and lives through the program
- Give thanks and praise for the work of the ECP development team involved in these projects
- Pray for Prime Bishop Edward Malecda, the clergy and people of all six dioceses in the ECP

Lina Magallanes - South East Asia Program Coordinator

Lina has been working with ABM for over ten years and, for at least five years with our Partners in South East Asia.



Originally from the Philippines, Lina was drawn to her vocation when she would often see a young boy on his way to work on a construction site. As she passed him on the road, she looked into his eyes and saw a mixture of shame and innocence. Lina says that she was forever changed by this encounter.

With a background in economics, Lina came to ABM after working in the financial sector as an analyst for ten years. Through her work with ABM, Lina feels that she is able to help and, even indirectly, improve the lives of those less fortunate than herself.

She recognizes that the ABM family is continually evolving and feels blessed to be a part of an organization that is 'an instrument of God's mission in the world'. "Through our partners, ABM works in places where there is not much hope, reaching out not only to Christians but to the wider community as well," Lina says.

The Philippines Facts:



Location: Southeastern Asia, archipelago between the Philippine Sea and the South China Sea, east of Vietnam

Population: 97,976,603 (July 2009 est.)

Languages: Filipino (official; based on Tagalog) and English (official); eight major dialects - Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinan

Religions: Roman Catholic 80.9%, Muslim 5%, Evangelical 2.8%, Iglesia ni Kristo 2.3%, Aglipayan 2%, other Christian 4.5%, other 1.8%, unspecified 0.6%, none 0.1% (2000 census)

(CIA-The World Factbook)



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 We work with Anglican Church Partners to develop and provide for the spiritual, social and material needs of people, both overseas and within Indigenous communities in Australia. We help the Anglican Church and the wider community realise and respond to the call for each of us to be a part of God's hope for the world.