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Immediately after the devastation of the super typhoon Yolanda, the Montfort Missionaries Postulancy and Cebu Mission Community headed by Rev. Fr. Norwyn V. Baydo, SMM, Postulants Master and Rev. Fr. Francisco M. Tacio, SMM, Cebu Mission Moderator and through our generous sponsors local and abroad responded to the cries of the survivors for food and shelter. The community started to organize relief operations for those people in Northern part of Cebu particularly to our mission areas in Kinatarcan Island (part of Sta. Fe, Bantayan) ; Kawit, Gibitngil Island (part of Medellin), Kampinganon and Madridejos (part of Bantayan Island).

On November 11, 2013, the community bought the needed

goods for the immediate relief of the survivors which were: canned goods, rice, corn, water, sugar, milk, coffee, and noodles. There were also used clothings donated

and concerned neighbors of the community who untirely dedicated their time. We were able to produced 375 packs for Kinatarcan and 100 packs for Kawit and Gibitngil survivors.



The community with the TTJ lay partners re-packing the goods.

by friends and mission partners. The re-packing of the goods kick off on November 12-13, 2013 together with our TTJ (Totus Tuus Journey) active partners



Repacked goods ready for distribution

1st Relief Operation

We had our 1st blow of relief operation on November 14, 2013, Thursday. The community left the mission house at around 5:00 AM. As we travel, we have seen little children begging for food and water as written in their placards. Upon seeing them, our hearts are really pierced and

we could not just look at them but we immediately gave some of our extra goods. We arrived at Kawit at around 9:30 AM and distributed the relief goods for 100 families. After Kawit, we went to Kinatarcan. As our boat was approaching the island, we have seen the great damaged

caused by the super typhoon. The green leaves of the plants and trees that once made the island very beautiful to look at was now totally bare. And as we arrived there at 11:30 AM, we immediately distributed the relief goods to the 375 families. After we have given the goods,

Cont'd 1st Relief Operation...



Residents of Kinataran receiving the relief goods

We roam around the entire island to have an ocular check if what else could we possibly do to help the survivors. We bid goodbye to the people there at around 5:00 PM. We rode in the pump boat and after a while we were in the middle of the sea, we were challenged by the big waves but it did not shook our faith and love for God. We arrived home at around 10:30 PM, though our bodies were very tired but it was indeed a grace-filled experience.



The houses were totally destroyed by the super typhoon



The children forming their line to receive biscuits and candies .

“Please give us food and water...”

“f you don’t take risks for God, you won’t do great things for Him”
- St. Louis Marie de Montfort

On our first relief operation on November 14, 2013, we have seen how the little children beg for food and water. In response to their cries, we have prepared arrozcaldo (rice porridge), bread, biscuits, water and goods for their immediate consumption on November 15, 2013. Thanks to our active TTJ partners who helped us prepare the 500

packs of arrozcaldo, water and relief goods. We left the house at 9:30 AM going to Daanbantayan. When we reached Catmon, we started giving the arrozcaldo, water and relief goods to the people along the road especially those little children who brought with them the placards asking for help. We have felt how happy they were and on our part also, it gave us a point to reflect of God’s love for us. We

arrived home at 10:00 PM.



Preparation of the Arrozcaldo by the community and TTJ

Little children asking for help along the road going to Daanbantayan.



Crossing Bantayan Island for Relief Operation



**Relief giving
at Gibitngil
Island, Kawit**

Four days after our relief giving to the people along the road going to Daanbantayan, the community prepared for the next schedule which is Kawit (including Gibitngil) and Bantayan Island particularly in

Kampingganon and Madridejos. We had our marketing on November 19, 2013 and we started the re-packing on the following day. It was on

November 21, 2013 that the community, together with the TTJ left the house at 3:00 AM. We divided ourselves into two groups: the first group goes to Madridejos and Kampingganon and the other group goes to Kawit

and Gibitngil Island. There were a total of 360 packs of relief goods given to Madridejos, 100 packs to Kampingganon and 210 packs to Kawit and Gibitngil. After the distribution of the relief goods, the two groups met at 6PM in Bogo City and then went home. We finally arrived at the house at around 9:00 PM.



Madridejos, Bantayan



Kampingganon, Bantayan

2nd Phase of Relief Kicks-off

After giving the relief goods for their immediate consumption, we moved to the next phase of our relief operation which is the rebuilding of houses. We started it on November 27, 2013, giving 1,000 pcs of corrugated GI sheets, nails and tarpaulin for at most 150 households of Kinatarran Island. We gave priority to those families

whose houses were totally damaged. We have also allotted corrugated GI sheets, coco lumbers, nails and tent for the rebuilding of the SMM water system site, Hagdan Chapel and Hagdan Elementary School. Aside from the reconstruction materials we have distributed

also at most 600 packs of relief goods. We stayed there until late afternoon and went home at 6:00 PM and arrived at past 10:00 in the evening.



**Rebuilding the SMM water
system site and Hagdan Ele-
mentary School**

A Living Faith despite the catastrophe...



On December 9-10, 2013 we went back to Kinatarcan Island for the second batch of giving rebuilding materials. We have given at most 1050 pcs of corrugated GI sheets, nails, tent and some goods for 800

Receiving the Body of Christ

households and also for the reconstruction of the SMM water system and Hagdan Elementary School. We stayed there for two days and one night. We did not just give them the materials for reconstruction but most of all we give them food for the soul which is our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. You can really feel how deep is their faith despite the catastrophe they have

experienced.



"Faith alone suffices... The more you give yourself, the more God will give of himself to you."

- St. Louis Marie de Montfort
(Letter # 19)

Will it be the Last Wave? ...

here we go...

After few days in Kinatarcan, we were preparing for the last wave of relief operation on December 12-13, 2013 this time at Gibitngil, Kawit, Kampingganon and Madrideojos. The community have given 200 pcs of tarpaulin for Kawit and Gibitngil, for 200 households; for Madrideojos, at most 200 households and 100 households of Kampingganon were given corru-

gated GI sheets, nails and used clothing respectively. After the relief operation, we have learned a lot from the people we met, they were also our inspiration to remain steadfast in our faith in what they have shown to us. It was a fruitful and fulfilling experience worthy to thank the Lord. Glory to Jesus in Mary! Glory to God alone!



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