

“PROJECT LOVE BAGS”

PROJECT LOCATION: Sitio Quinomay, Mansalay, Oriental Mindoro Phils. Region IV-B

SCHOOL NAME: Quinomay Elementary School (School ID: 110473)

HEAD TEACHER: Mildred R. Santoc

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Kinder – 24 students

Grade 1 – 18 students

Grade 2 – 26 students

Grade 3 – 14 students

Grade 4 – 21 students

Grade 5 – 15 students

Grade 6 – 15 students

Total = 131 students



Photo of Quinomay Elementary School



Photo of Students at Quinomay Elementary School

Introduction

For the love of the children of God, the Walk By Faith Ministry team is climbing mountains and crossing rivers to reach the indigenous children of God in Oriental Mindoro Philippines since 2018. We PrayGiveLove and show the children of God, that the Lord never forget them. The only way to reach the Mangyan community is to walk from miles to miles, crossing rivers and climbing mountains with only faith in our hearts; knowing that their place is one of the dangerous areas where rebels lived. But with the protection of the Lord, our entire walk was faithfully safe and successful; that's why it was called Walk By Faith Ministry. And with God's grace we know that this **Project Love Bag** can change lives of hundreds of indigenous children of God.

Overview

An overwhelming majority of people in the Mangyan community do not earn a living wage. Parents won't send their children to school because they can't afford the small cost of school supplies. Love Bags program aims to help struggling parents cope with one of the most expensive responsibilities they face every school year. Buying new school supplies has been a burden to many of them & majority of the poor families we visit find these school expenses overwhelming.

Teachers use blackboards as their main teaching tool and children need to write what they are taught to benefit from their daily lessons. By providing needed school supplies we spark a model effort.

The **Project Love Bags** program will provide school supplies for 131 of the neediest children in underserved school of Quinomay for one school year. This will encourage parents to send their children to school and create a positive model which can be expanded. The supplies will enable children to participate fully in the learning process and to develop abilities to learn to read, write and calculate basic math needed for creating a business or finding a job. Their success inspires their entire families.

Solution

A year's worth of school supplies for one child costs on average, 1,000 PHP pesos or \$20 USD. For many, this is a week's worth of wages. There are children who are not going to school because their family cannot afford school supplies. And those that do attend often do not have a pencil or paper to write with. How do they learn when they don't have tools?

Love Bags program provides children in need with a sense of normalcy. No child should have to go to class feeling embarrassed to have to ask their teacher to borrow a pencil or piece of paper.



the students of Quinomay Elementary School

How Does it Help?

Tokens of Joy for Children

We also know how the sight of a brand-new bag & school supplies spark a child's excitement every school year. Help us extend these tokens of joy to hundreds of poor children & inspire them as they gear up for another year of learning.

Teachers report that the children receiving a year's worth of school supplies are inspired and engaged like never before! Parental gratitude is shown through the many offers to help with special projects and events.

Long-Term Impact

The long-term positive impact of this program empowers the indigenous Mangyan communities to learn basic education and job skills. School supplies will give meaning to education. Our presence and social media networks facilitate transparent communication and dispel fear that divides communities who feel alone and abandoned. Starting in schools, positive interaction and equal treatment of various cultural groups facilitates mutual respect and inspiration for peace building and development.











Visit our Walk By Faith Ministry and Facebook account and YouTube channel <https://www.facebook.com/WalkByFaithMinistry2018> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnCy2gSTtR98cEeDgREPVDQ> for more ministries.

How it Works

Our Community Comes Together to Collect School Supplies

We collect new backpacks, school supplies and monetary donations through drives hosted by members of the group.

Volunteers Take Over our Donation Center to Sort and Pack

We get the school supplies into the Hands of Children and Families in Need

At the beginning of the school year, Walk By Faith Ministry volunteers pack and distribute bags of grade-specific schools supplies to students. We make sure kids receive the grade-appropriate supplies they need. It takes four hours of walking and climbing the mountain to reach the school and the children and another four hours to go back, but the joy on the faces of the students and the tears in the eyes of the mothers and fathers looking on makes every last challenging minute worth it!

The Love Bags program ensures underprivileged children get to start the first day of school feeling confident and prepared to succeed academically. We take photos and videos of the whole process to document the success of the program.



The roads before you reach Quinomay Elementary School



Going uphill and passing through 18 rivers



Walk By Faith Team carrying slippers for Mangyan Community



Walk By Faith Team accompanied by two Mangyan children going up the mountain

It's More Than Just a Bag!

Aside from providing their school needs, we also do feeding program to nourish their body and also nourish them spiritually by singing worship songs, reading scriptures, teaching kids and families how to pray and educating them about God.

Our youth volunteers also conduct short health seminars to educate them about proper hand washing, maintaining a good hygiene and proper nutrition.



Photo of our youth volunteers



Visiting SDA church Mangyan members before going up the mountain

In the near future we aim to start the next projects:

“Print Your Dreams”

- Provide printers, inks and reams of bond paper to underserved schools for printing of school modules

“Scholarship Program”

- Send 15 students with great potential and limited resources to high school
- Send graduating high school seniors to university on full or partial scholarships

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE:

 BANK DEPOSIT:

To: Quinomay Elementary School
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