



Join Us!

Regardless of whether you donate items, pound nails, mix cement, give money, come to fund raisers, pack boxes, teach sewing, pray for the team, or become an active member of the team, your reward is more than can be imagined. The love, warmth, faith, and gratitude of the Filipino people is overwhelming.



Join our team! Learn more at our next meeting, held the second Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. in the French Room/Library.



Questions about the Philippines Mission Team?

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"MAGBAYANIHAN TAYO" **LET US BUILD TOGETHER**

We thought we were going to the Philippines to build homes. What we really did was build faith, trust, and friendships that have lasted almost 20 years. Join the Philippines Mission Team and see what more we can build together!



The Beginning

The Philippines Mission Team (PMT) began in 1999 working with Habitat for Humanity, President Jimmy Carter Build in Dumaguette City, with local and international partners. In five days, 30 homes were built with 22 First Pres representatives working side-by-side with local Filipino families – making life long friends.

We thought our mission was to help poor, needy, Filipino families. We went to “give” but we came back having “received” far more than we gave. We were blessed with a striking demonstration of Christian faith in the midst of suffering and poverty and a genuine outpouring of love from individuals we had just met and with whom we worked and built. We gained a new appreciation for different cultures and languages and a burning desire to return.

God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform ... and we witnessed it!



Sorting collected school supplies and books



Fabric donated for women's livelihood sewing initiative



Books and supplies distributed at schools

The Work of the PMT

Responding to the expressed needs of the Filipino families, the PMT has worked on many projects. We are the Lord's hands. There have been and are many ways we are being directed to work. Past and continuing projects include:

- Collected and shared \$475,000 worth of books and school supplies.
- Supported 70+ student scholarships annually, allowing needy bright students the opportunity to continue in high school or go on to local colleges.
- Built eight homes and two community centers for a variety of uses by all members of the Habitat community; one funded by First Pres' Jeane Seeley Legacy Funds.



Dental clinic supported by First Pres



Filipino Scholarship recipients



Donated sewing machines for women's livelihood initiative

- Supported Habitat women with annual stipends to make and serve daily nutritious meals and clean water to 90 patients at the Talay Psychiatric Hospital.
- Collected, cleaned and shipped over 1,000 pairs of sneakers to be sold by Habitat mothers with the proceeds supporting scholarship recipients.
- Shipped donated sewing machines and over 1,000 yards of fabric to support women who are learning to sew and create livelihood income for their families.
- Built a dental clinic and annually provided medical and dental supplies to support physicians and dentists.

Provincial Jail in Dumaguete

Our newest project is a ministry to help inmates at the Provincial Jail in Dumaguete.

- Some inmates stay in jail up to 11 years without a hearing.
- Personal space is extremely limited. Beds are less than a foot apart.

Sanitation and living conditions are primitive. When prisoners asked for help, we provided power washers and paint to clean cell blocks. We supplied Bibles, dental and hygiene supplies, eyeglasses, books, magazines, sanitation and cleaning supplies.

Livelihood training is non-existent. With funds approved by the mission team, a prison bakery will be run by inmates. The bread will be sold by family members, offering them a means of support.



A visit to inmates in prison.



Prison Visitor's Pass



Open air shop and school