



Boxes

What a privilege to be part of God's team here at River TEC.

Through the coordination and leadership of our local director, Pastor Mylene Tumangan, we were able to bless many people including pastors, bible school students and children in Tacloban and neighboring places in Samar, Cebu, Iloilo, and Mahayahay (Albuera) through boxes we have been shipping to the Philippines. In 2016 we sent 31 boxes of clothing, school supplies, shoes, flip-flops, canned goods, goodies and other basic needs. This year we have sent an additional 24 boxes and we still have nine boxes waiting to be shipped. Thanks to our multiple generous donors like you!

Mylene currently runs three programs which include teaching the kids about Jesus, the Bible and feeding them as well: one in Tigbawan where there are 50 or more kids attending, another in Toctoc with about 50 or more kids and another in Babatngon with about 40 kids. What is surprising and funny is that the number almost doubles whenever it's feeding time.

Early this year, we were able to bless these kids by bringing them toys, school supplies and chocolates for a late Christmas celebration.



Part of our vision was to render medical missions to areas that have never been visited by medical providers and have no access to a doctor, clinic, hospital or medicines. Since 2008, the Lord has been providing for us financially to enable the missions teams to provide medical care and medicines to several places.



This child makes sure her little brother makes it to see the doctors come rain or shine.

Disciples

Our heart and vision is to help the underserved not only in providing for their basic needs, but also making it possible for underprivileged kids to attend school. Education plays an important part in empowering people and helping them understand that there is hope amidst their impoverished conditions.

Currently, River TEC, with help from churches, is sending seven kids to school: two in college and five in high school. Nicole, Mylene's daughter from Uson, Biliran Island, is majoring in accounting, and expected to finish in 2019. Oshame is from Toctoc and was one of the kids attending the medical mission held in Toctoc in 2012 while she was taking a break from her job as a domestic helper to help augment her family's income. God touched our hearts in offering to send her to school. She is a college senior studying to be a teacher and graduating next year. Oshame came to know the Lord Jesus in the process and is currently a member of the worship team and teaches at kids church.



Nicole and Oshame

The five high school students were only six to eight years old the first time we came to Toctoc in 2011. We held a medical mission in the backyard of one of the houses amongst the chickens, dogs and pigs and these kids were scared to be seen because all they knew of medical care was getting shots. Their parents, however, wondered why we were there, but are starting to warm up to the gospel because of the help that we have been extending to them--especially during the height of the Haiyan storm when we brought food, rice, coffee, clothing, and shoes to them because their villages were inaccessible to government support. River TEC also provided a deep well for water which is shared by immediate neighbors. The five high schoolers are all attending a Foursquare Church in Kalubian which is a 20 minute motor ride away from their villages in Toctoc and Tigbawan. As of this writing, they just all came from church this morning, soaked in the rain on the way home and are requesting umbrellas and raincoats since it rains almost half of the year in the Philippines. Now, it is such a joy to see them growing to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and to know his love through people like us. So, we thank you for your prayers and continued support in what God has called the River and the River TEC to do and in making a difference in the life of a child, one child at a time.

Missions

This year, the team conducted medical missions in four places: Quarry, Tigbawan, Babatngon and Wangag. They saw 900 patients in 4 1/2 days. They also held a three-day youth rally in two different places: Quarry and Wangag, Albueria with all expenses subsidized by River TEC. About 350 young people attended.



Above: Medical missions in various locations throughout Leyte.

To see our full 2017 album of medical missions and youth rallies held in Tacloban and Ormoc go to:

www.therivertulare.org/#river-tec/

We are so blessed to have a portion of River TEC's property for producing a healthy rice crop. Twice a year our facilities man on site has been able to produce several large bags of the Philippine staple for food give-aways and support to local pastors. It is getting to be a big job and we are blessed now to be able to hire a team to produce the rice enabling us to keep all the produce for ministry purposes; 12-15 bags twice annually! The team has already planted the next crop. Our facilities man will be freed up to take care of more projects around the property (maintenance & improvements) as we continue to grow. We want to be able to serve the local people - and help meet basic needs - to make a way into relationship with them and be able to share the Good News. Please join us in praying for bountiful harvest, agricultural and spiritual!

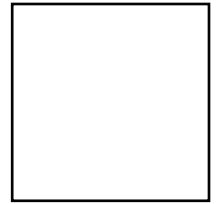


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 *Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*

It is with the greatest pleasure and



heartfelt thanks to our Lord that I announce to all the upcoming wedding of our very own Mylene Tumangan - the veteran ministry director for River TEC in the

Philippines. The board is so excited to see God bring Don-Don Johnson to the increasing family of River TEC ministers. Don-Don will be joining Mylene in Babatgnon on the River TEC property - after a well-deserved honeymoon for Mylene - and brings many added talents and abilities to the team. The happy couple will be married on January 6th, 2018 and would value all of our continued prayer support as they begin the rest of their lives together. Blessings and Peace upon you both!

Plans

It's a daunting and equally exciting thing to begin planning the next steps for River TEC. We are working with a local Christian architect to develop the necessary drawings and plans, so we can discover best practices for the area and begin rounding up the help we will need. We want to make the best use of the agricultural potential while we work to develop the training and ministry facilities needed in the area. The possibilities are incredible - we serve a very big and imaginative God - so we are piecing together a multi-phase plan that will begin with site work, a large Multi-Purpose building and important infrastructure projects.



Lots more information to come but, please be praying for the team involved and for God's provision.