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“to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man’s sphere of accomplishments” II Cor. 10:16



Dixie, Demar, and John Elam

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE OPEN DOOR MINISTRY



Another year is ending and the prospects of great and wonderful things loom large for the coming year of 2017. We praise God and thank Him for His marvelous blessings throughout this year. God is awesome and He is a God of provision providing for the needs of the work being done. He has provided blessings through His wonderful children who have opened their hearts and generously given of their financial blessings to advance His Cause on this earth. Major things are ahead of us in 2017! With God’s help and blessings we will achieve those things. We are grateful for all who support this great work!

OUTPOURING OF LOVE—GOAL OF \$25,000 FOR HAIMA RELIEF FUND REACHED God Bless Each Person Who Opened Their Hearts and Gave Lovingly and Generously



God has blessed us in reaching the goal of \$25,000 for relief funds to aid our wonderful brethren in the northern Philippines who lost so much from the devastating winds of category 5 super typhoon Haima. Generous Christians have donated \$26,580 dollars and we have aided more than 20,000 people with the funds contributed. We rebuilt church buildings and houses of brethren that had been destroyed, assisted people with food, pure water, clothes, emergency supplies, medicines and funds to help with their losses.

The Lord willing, the January issue of the Philippines & Beyond Newsletter will continue reporting on the results of the Typhoon Relief Work.

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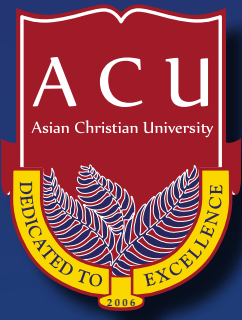
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“...See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it...” Rev. 3:8

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JUNAS SAGURIT'S REPORT ON THE RELIEF MISSION

The first time we went to the disaster area, there were two objectives we tried to accomplish. These were 1) to give immediate relief to our brethren who were directly affected. This we accomplished by giving out 420 food packs and about 20 boxes of over-the-counter medicines; and 2) to assess what kind of help the brethren really needed in terms of what happened to their houses of worship and their personal houses.

Without promising anything on our first visit, we returned the second time and this time we responded to their greater needs. There were nine (9) congregations we helped this time in terms of partial and total damaged chapels and houses. Involved in these nine congregations, were sixty two (62) families whose houses were either totally or partially damaged or their farm crops were destroyed.

The nine congregations we assisted were the following:

1. Tumauni church of Christ, Ilagan, Isabela. Their chapel was partially damaged.
2. Manaring church of Christ, Ilagan, Isabela. Their chapel was partially damaged. There were two families here whose houses were partially destroyed and we assisted them to rebuild.
3. Karikkikan church of Christ, Ilagan, Isabela. Their chapel was partially damaged. There were four families here that received assistance to rebuild their damaged houses.
4. Lannig church of Christ, Tuguegarao, Cagayan. Their chapel was partially damaged. There were five families here whose houses were partially destroyed and we assisted them to rebuild.
5. Battung church of Christ, Tuguegarao, Cagayan. Their chapel was totally destroyed. There were four families here whose houses were partially destroyed.
6. Calasiao church of Christ, Calasiao, Pangasinan. Nine families were flooded and we gave them food packs.
7. Mangcuram church of Christ, their chapel was partially damaged and we gave funds for them to rebuild. There were two families here that received funds for their damaged houses.
8. Tabuk church of Christ, Tabuk, Kalinga. We assisted twelve families that had partially damaged houses.
9. Salicpan church of Christ, Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya. Their chapel was partially destroyed and twenty four families had their farm crops damaged. We assisted this congregation with their needs.

The brethren in these areas were so overwhelmed by our presence since they did not expect that there were brethren who will help them in time of their needs. They have been thanking us profusely but we always kept on saying that "we should thank God, because the help came from Him and we were only used to bring it to you."

I noticed that the congregations we helped are having high attendance during every Sunday assembly. This makes me happy because I know that God is being glorified in these congregations. To all our sponsors and supporters of Asian Christian University and Christ's Happy Childhaven, thank you very much for making all of these possible! GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME!

Junas Sagurit
President Asian Christian University
Director Christ's Happy Childhaven



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OUR CHILDREN AT CHRIST'S HAPPY CHILDHAVEN ARE GROWING UP SO FAST

If you have followed the photos of our children at CHC since they arrived and became residents at CHC then you know they are growing up so fast. They are really doing well in their schooling, church activities and their social development. These children have been rescued from very bad situations and now are flourishing in a Christian environment. Our hope and prayers for each of our little ones is that they will one day become faithful and dedicated Christians.

We end this year by giving them a Christmas party and Christmas presents. If you would like to contribute to this simply send your love gift and mark it—CHC/children's Christmas.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF DOUG SEARS



Doug Sears

Brother Doug Sears passed away suddenly at the age of 69 on July 21, 2016. Doug was born in Nashville, Tennessee on June 18, 1947. After graduating from college, he and his wife Betty moved to Griffin to teach school. The Westside congregation and the community were blessed by this couple living and working in the church and the community. Doug was a big man with an equally big heart. He was a faithful servant of the Lord and served the Westside congregation as a deacon and treasurer since the eighties when the Westside congregation was established. He was a wonderful son, husband, father, friend and teacher. He was very concerned about mission and benevolent work within the church. Doug always encouraged me and all who worked in the Open Door Ministry. He stood by us in the work we were doing around the world. He will be remembered as a brother who always wanted to do the right thing. He was a man who prayed fervently for all those within and without the brotherhood. Doug will be missed. Doug is survived by his wife Betty and his son Charles. We are better because we were blessed to know Doug Sears!

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