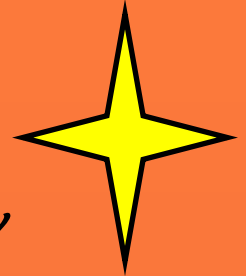


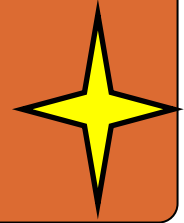
ORMOC CITY

MAASIN CITY

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ORMOC



Joey and Fayette are doing a fantastic job in Ormoc working with them are our new leaders Sundri and Joy . They have a young daughter.

Joy was caught out in the cane fields when the Yolanda typhoon hit Ormoc City 2 years ago with her daughter was just a couple of months old and survived as you can see.

Sue and I have known Joy since she was just 14 yrs old and we have watched her grow and mature into a young adult with wisdom and a passion to serve her community.

Sundri is a Pastor, a very principled young man who is dedicated to equipping the young people with strength for their recovery and that of Ormoc City.

The motorbike that you see in the picture has been kindly donated by one of our sponsors here in Adelaide.

This bike will help them to be more mobile around the city. They are allowed to have 3,4 or even 5 on the bike.

On one of the last nights we were in Maasin we were informed that for the evening meal the family had caught a 5 metre python. The meal was prepared for the whole village. I was told that a python tastes just like chicken . Yeah you are right - I am the chicken because it something that I would not be able to even taste.



TACLOBAN



Let Destiny Inc. introduce to you one of our new leaders that is rapidly proving one of the most valuable assets we have. The photo above is this leader. It is Arnel with his wonderful wife Ella and their two children.

Arnel is a young man that has such a fire to serve the youth of his city that before the great typhoon he was a youth leader with a group of 60 young people that met on a weekly basis. Then the typhoon hit this city on 8th November with so much velocity that many people died on that dismal day. Arnel lost 30 of his young people and this in turn caused him to lose focus and faith in what he believed he was to do.

Mark and myself went to Tacloban in the January 2013 to see what we could do to help. It was here that we found this young man reduced to a little more than just being alive. Destiny Inc. took him in, established him in a new home, fed him and started to rebuild this young man. Today there is again an exciting and a very powerful and passionate young man now thriving in what he believes he is to be doing for the young people.

Thanks to Destiny's great sponsors we were able to purchase a bike for this young family, who until now had been using public transport to do the feeding programs.

SAMAR

This an Island that we at Destiny Inc. have wanted to visit for many years. We now we have had the privilege and honour to visit the high school which caters for 380 high school children .

This island was also in the line of the typhoon and was left totally devastated.

Even now, 2 years after the typhoon, there is so much work that needs to be done just in the school. Destiny Inc. has offered to concrete the new canteen shed as only cobble stones are on floor.. The play area needs a brush cutter to keep the grass down as it is always wet and therefore breeds diseases. The children become sick which makes it very difficult for them to keep up with their studies to be able to prepare for future employment. Destiny Inc. started a feeding program here to feed the children twice a month . All the children are weighed and their health assessed by a nurse and the results are posted as a chart on the school notice board .

This chart will tell at a moment's notice the condition of the children. For instance a child that is categorised as 'wasted' is a child that is a little under nourished. The next group is classed as 'severely wasted'. At first we thought that as high school children they were coming to school on drugs but no, these ones are so badly under nourished that they need constant care. So Destiny Inc. is going to start a special feeding program for these 50-60 children where we will feed them daily with good food consisting of vegetables and protein. We will add to their diet vitamin pills which will be given out by the teachers everyday. It is so hard for us from Australia to imagine that this is still actually happening, but this is in an area where proper help after the typhoon has not arrived, nor is likely to.

This is a very big project to help in desperate circumstances and the funds needed are quite substantial. So please don't turn away right now as these are children doing their very best and just need a hand up right now.

Please contact Sue on : **0407513398**.

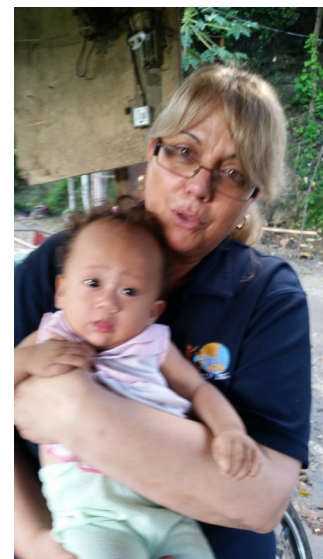
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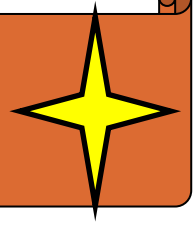
MAASIN

Our leaders here are Ronel and Neneth Lorezo, they are doing a fantastic job with the help of their two older daughters, Joy and Faith run the feeding programs with other youth that they have trained up. We visited the rubbish dump in Maasin, it is hard to believe that people live and work on the dump.

We went along to the Jail in Maasin and talk to the Warden and inmates. There are 19 to a cell and they have to sleep in turns due to lack of space and beds but the Warden is really looking to change things and rehabilitate the prisoners. They listened attentively to our message of hope in God. We also visited a rubbish dump in Maasin and gave out rice to around 30 families there. They collect cans and bottles at the dump site and make about 2 Pesos per kilo. One Australian dollar is worth around 30 pesos.



House 54



This house is being built at a rubbish dump called Mucabug for a father that had a serious accident 12 months ago. He fell out of a coconut tree and snapped his spine. As one could imagine this has put huge pressure on the family members to be able to look after him & to provide for the whole family.



Photo right: the family members. Top left is the eldest son whom Destiny Inc. had put through a Welders course to help with the family income. Next we have Gretchen the eldest daughter, then the mother Grace, followed by the father in the centre of the pic. Then at the bottom of the photos are Ramoncito & Rachel

Top right is the home that Destiny has just completed for them in just 2.5 days.

The building time of this home is a new record for Destiny Inc.



From The Directors Chair



This trip was different as we had a married couple who accompanied us. Even though they were inexperienced we all had to wear many different 'hats'. For example: teaching the children, building expertise and leadership training. We were able to see how all that was flowing onto the people whom we were wanting to help. I, as the Director of Destiny Inc., was so very proud of how each of us worked in collaboration with each other by encouraging and caring for each other. Just the logistics of the meals, the rooms and the transport were some of the challenges. We even hired a 4 wheel drive to transport a team of 12 people across the island of Leyte and Samar to be of assistance to the local people. The team functioned as one and so made the whole exercise rewarding. So to that end a very big 'well done' and thank you to everyone.

Sue



It is always great to go back to the Philippines and catch up with everyone there. It is like going home to see family, as everyone has become like family to us.

Our leaders are doing a fantastic job looking after everyone and to see the growth in each of the leaders was fantastic. Joey, Fayette, Sandri and Joy in Ormoc, Ronel and Neneth in Maasin and Arnel and Ella in Tacloban. Each of the leaders are building teams around them which is great.

All of the sponsored children are doing really well,. We visited a number of the schools and had time with the Principals. After our visit, the Principals assured us of their continued willingness to work together with Destiny Inc. to help the sponsored children. We caught up with some of the students while visiting their school. Two of them, Raquel Yap and Joan Acosta will be graduating from college this coming March. They are both really excited. Raquel has spent 4 years doing Teachers College and Joan , a 2 year Computing College Course. We are believing that they will have employment open up to them.

It was good to have Jim & Maria Crawford as part of the team this trip. They did a great job and really connected with people. Also to have Rizel, Mark's new wife with us was awesome. Great job, guys.

MARK

It was really great to be able to travel this time with my wife Rizel and work together. It was a different experience travelling in a group of 8 instead just with Roy and Sue.

Highlights of this time for me were being able to visit Maasin Jail . (story on page5) Tacloban was another highlight and being in Tacloban on the second anniversary of Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda was a special privilege. Our leaders there, Arnel and Ella, are doing a tremendous job. It was great to be able to speak to the youth; do a healing service on the anniversary of Yolanda and visit various feeding programs and homes. It was very touching to see a video they had made thanking Destiny Inc. for helping after the typhoon.

From Philippines, I travelled to India for a short 5 day visit. It was sad to say goodbye to Rizel though hope to see her again very soon.

In India I was happy to see my good friend Anupama whom I have known for 25 years who runs the work there.. We were able to provide a water filter and chairs for the young children at Happy Hearts School plus meet the parents and 20 Destiny Inc. sponsored children.



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