

# *Start of the New School Year*

## *2018 - 2019*



Two years ago, years 11 & 12 were introduced into the Philippines

Destiny had 6 of our sponsored children graduated year 12 in Ormoc City.

Congratulations to all the students in achieving this great milestone in their lives.

Thank you to all their sponsors who have taken them all the way through their school lives.



## *A word from Roy*

Here we are back from another wonderfully exciting trip to the Philippines. 6 weeks this time as there was so much to do. Before we left I had a lady come to me and say to be prepared as this trip as it will be so very different. Yes, it was very different than we could have ever expected, even though we had a very busy itinerary, things kept changing and yes we were able to complete everything. We left on April 1 and arrived home on the May 15.

Oh, how very hot it was, not quite used to that kind of heat but hey! We arrived in Ormoc around midday, 2 hours later we were attending the graduation ceremonies of the year 10 & 12 students. The next 4 days we went and visited some of the feeding sites where the children have a really great time of singing and games and stories after which comes the food. They said that we could have a rest day on Monday but come on this is the Philippines, there is always something to do.

Then came the YOUTH CAMP. WOW! What a great time we all had. This was the first time that we had brought the 4 cities together. Over a hundred young people attended. The youth were asked to go out and evangelize and to invite some to the evening meeting, they invited 28 young people. That was fantastic, and the new comers really enjoyed the evening.



*Your child would love to  
receive a letter from you.  
Next trip is scheduled  
Sept 2, 2018*



The next day we had a meeting with the Lord Mayor of Ormoc City. He is so happy that Destiny Inc. has taken up the challenge of feeding and educating the children in his city. The next day being Saturday we travelled by boat to another island named Comotes where we met and shared our vision with the pastor there. He would like to bring his 20 youth to next year's Youth Camp in Ormoc City. Comotes is a 45-minute boat ride, well kind of a boat ride with old outriggers to boot.

Then back to Ormoc to go and purchase all the school supplies for the 103 children that Joey our leader in Ormoc has. What a day of buying supplies it was organized chaos. This took 2 full days the next day, after putting each child's requirements together we had a meeting where we distributed all the supplies to each child. The Mayor of Ormoc organized to have a reporter there to interview us as we gave out the school supplies. The reporter was very impressed with how Destiny Inc. being so organized in the giving out of the school supplies.

This process was repeated in Maasin, Tacloban and Minglanilla cities with children in each city.

## *I am Dafni*



These are the words that were spoken to us by a young lady dressed in a school uniform as we were waiting to enter the Super Dome in Ormoc to attend the graduations. What a powerful statement from a young woman who was full of confidence as she approached us. We recognized her even before she spoke. You might ask what's the big deal, well for us it was a big deal as the young lady gave the impression that she knew who she was and where she was going. Dafni had not always been this way. You see Dafni was sponsored by Destiny a few years before but fell out of the programme because she became pregnant at a very young age, and she ran away from home with her boyfriend as she was shun from those who should have been supporting her. Dafni is a young mother with 2 children now. Her mother is now working overseas and her father is working away from Ormoc. Dafni has been reconciled to her family and is now back living at home with her 2 younger brothers, running the family home with her brothers and her 2 beautiful children.

Dafni's dream has been to become a chef, realizing that this would not happen she made some decision and made some changes to follow her dreams. She was there graduating from year 10. She had put her self back through school to complete her education. She has now found a course that she can do, this will take 18 months to complete that will give her the opportunity to achieve her goal.

Destiny has decided to sponsor Dafni as this is out of her reach financially that she can reach her goals in life and provide for her family.

Destiny is all about seeing children grow and learn to be able to reach their goals in life, to become leaders in their communities.

I am sure that you will join us in wishing her all the best as she walks down this road

## *Esmeralda*

We meet Esmeralda at Ipil one of the destiny's feeding sites, she was helping with the cooking of the food for the children, which her children were part of.

We learnt that she was married to a man who had lost his first wife suddenly and was left to raise 5 children. Esmeralda and Ranato married and now have 2 children of their own making 7 children together.

When the Typhoon hit in 2013 it destroyed their home Destiny stepped in and built them a new home, for which they are so very grateful for.

Esmeralda is always caring and looking after many others around her as if she doesn't have enough to do already with a family of 9. In April 2018 her sister in law passed away only 38 years old. Leaving behind 3 young children Esmeralda has taken these 3 children under her wing.

Destiny can not speak highly enough of this amazing lady, to see the love that she has for those around her in need.

Destiny would like to say a big Thank you .





## *Rachel's Story*



Good day everyone! This is my testimony about God's goodness in my life. I just want to share my life before meeting Destiny and how it is now. My father was a drug addict and my mother worked as a sugarcane worker and my father don't have a job. My mother must double her work to send us to school. We had a difficult life and there comes a time that my father got an accident he was fallen from the coconut tree, and he got paralyse and couldn't walk after that. My mother had to do everything for us her children and for my father's medicine, until my mother's wage wasn't enough for our needs and for the hospital bills. My sister was forced to stop in her studies to help my mother. My mother cries because of our very difficult situation and I also cry because there was no rice left for us to cook. When my mother and sister got home from working all day I can see how tired they were, and my mother will go to our neighbour and asked them if they can lend us some rice. My father cries because he can't do anything to help us. Me and my younger brother will be left at home to take care of my father. I feel pity for my father especially when we already have classes because he will be left alone at home and we will leave him with food. Our studies got affected and our performance in school, before I was an honour student but this time I got failing grades. I always pray that it's ok if I will not get an award in school, but the important thing is that I can take good care of my father. When I was in grade six I am a badminton player. I win my first competition in school and even my parents can't witness my every game I'm still happy because they are proud of me. Until in high school I am still a badminton player and in my every game I got my strength from my father. Until one day that we were in a very difficult situation and my father decided to sell illegal drugs. We always tell him to stop but his response was he had nothing to help our needs, he can't get a job because he can't walk and all he can do was to sell illegal drugs to help us. I can see people in our house and they will close the doors and the windows. Until one day my father called me and told me to help in packing the illegal drugs and even in harvesting the marijuana. That time we had more money, but I wonder because still it wasn't enough for our needs. I witnessed one moment that there were police conducting raid and my neighbours were caught, I cried and was very afraid for my father but despite of what had happened we didn't stop selling illegal drugs. Even if I'm in school there were men that will asked me if I had brought some illegal drugs because they will buy. I don't want my classmates to know that I'm selling illegal drugs and I cried a lot because of all that I've done. And my father as also taking drugs even if he was paralysed. And again, the police conducted a raid in our place and one of my neighbour was caught and I'm so thankful because of that my father stop selling. We got rid all the marijuana plants and some were stolen by other people when they knew that we were not selling anymore. I am thankful because maybe this was the answer of my prayers. Days passed, and my father got insane, he will shout and then laugh, and he was also got blind. He can't even recognize my mother and my sister. And the only name that he can say was my name and when he heard my voice my father cries. In school I have a training because we have an incoming game, I went to city with my friend to buy diapers for my father, when we are about to cross the road my sister called and told me that my father died, I stop for a moment not even thinking that I am still in the middle of the road, then I ran fast way home. When I got home I saw my father not breathing and not moving, he was dead. My studies were affected by what had happened I don't even attend to my classes and I am always in internet cafe. Months passed when I start attending church and people advised me to never stop serving the Lord despite of the problems and bad things that happened. And now I am active in church activities and this time I bring myself closer to God. I never imagined that this time will come that I will become a musician in church and it is a great privilege to use my talent in glorifying God. I always pray for my family. Now I will never be afraid to face whatever challenges and trials that may come because I know that God is with me and He won't give me problems that I can't handle and overcome. My mother and sister are now Christian, now attending services in Destiny church and I know that this is the result of serving the Living God that he would change lives. And God never fails to answer my prayers. I have just graduated year 10 and would like to thank the Sponsors for giving me and my siblings the gift of education.



Rachel receiving rice for her family from Destiny as a young child. (left)

Rachel now 16ys is a volunteer for Destiny feeding programs, serving the food that she once received for herself. She also teaches the children and plays games with them.



## *Rizza Mae's Story*

I am so blessed and favoured by God indeed. And I want to share how I spend my summer. Last two months was our summer since we don't have class I look for a summer job, I apply in Social Security System (SSS) it is a government department. And out of more than 100 applicants, from different schools, I'm so blessed to be one of the 5 that was chosen. But the start of my summer job will be also the start of our 3 days Summer Youth Camp, that time I'm really confused what would I prioritize. I go to SSS and asked if I could start my summer job late because I'll be attending 3 days youth camp, but they didn't agree. So, from that moment I got more confused. But at the end of the day I decline the summer job. I chose to attend the summer camp and I chose to prioritize God knowing that He will surely provide more than what I will lose. And I can't also afford to exchange the days that I will be with God, experiencing Him, with the things on earth. So, with gladness and excitement I attend the Summer Camp, and I had a great experience in that 3 days; learned great things, got closer to God than before and also, I met great people and make a lot of friends. Right after the camp I couldn't believe that the SSS called me and told me that they would reconsider my application, I just said to myself "Wow! God you are really good to me!" I pass all the requirements and start the job. In my 35 days in this government internship programme I learned a lot of things and how to adjust to different people in the workplace. I really enjoyed my whole Summer. And this week will be the start of our class and still I will do the best that I can. From the deepest of my heart I just want to say thank you for the financial support and may God bless you more in return. God bless!

Love,

Rizza Mae Macaban



This year is the start of Rizza Mae's 11th year of School Sponsorship through Destiny Inc. Now in her last year of college (University) she will have a degree in Chartered Accountancy.



# School Sponsorship 2018–2019

We have added another 20 children to the school sponsorship program this year, taking us to 2014 children in total. Made up of 20 children in India and 194 children in 4 different cities in the Philippines. Thank you to all supporters as none of this would be possible without each and everyone of you. We had a great privilege to be apart of the purchasing of the school uniform and all the school supplies this year. It was an enormous job that takes days to complete. After spending hours and hours in the shops the teams would go home and put all the requirements for each child together ready to hand them out to each child. All different sizes and shapes, all different requirements for what ever grade they are in. We sat in ore as we helped and watched the process take place in the different cities. Thank you to all the volunteers in each town to see this all come together is amazing. Well done team Destiny



*Ormoc*



*Maasin*



This is a glimpse of what happens when you sponsor a child. Without you this would not be possible. Thank you so much for your generosity and your love.



*Minglanilla*



*Tacloban*



*India*

## 214 Children Sponsored

103 in Ormoc City  
51 in Maasin City  
30 in Tacloban City  
10 in Minglanilla City  
20 in India



Payal





## *A word from Sue*

To see the amount of young people serving in all the different areas is so fulfilling to see. Once they were the little children receiving, lining up to have a bowl of food to receive a bag of rice for their families etc. now they are the ones that are serving others. They are grateful for the help that they have had from Destiny that they are there every week, rain or shine serving others. They can't help themselves but to give and help in whatever way they can. Gratitude in action, Love in action.

They are all growing and maturing physically and spiritual into such beautiful young people that can be a part of bringing change to their nation.



*Thank you to all the different teams in each city that volunteer week after week. Destiny is about team work. Without each one of you doing your part, nothing would be achieved.*



## *A word from Mark*

Zel's loving family was so excited to see Luke. It was a little hard for him at first with so many people in the house. At one time there were 17 sleeping there, just find a space and lay down, but it was a great experience and we were treated so well.

It was great to see the team working closely together, we got to spend quality time with our leaders and had time to instil the vision of Destiny Inc. and their feedback.

A high light for me was purchasing the school supplies for 30 children in Tacloban City with Arnel and Ella Cassador was amazing. They had their lists and Ella being very organised it still took the whole day to complete. It is amazing to see that they trace the child's foot on a piece of cardboard and then took it to the shop



where the assistant uses that to get the right size shoes. They then went home and worked until midnight to put the school supplies and uniforms together for the individual child. I love their dedication and seeing the young people that are sponsored themselves, knowing that they have been blessed they serve others, helping as well.

The day of handling out the school supplies was a great thrill. To see the children's happy faces and the parents delight to be able to send their child to school is worth the sacrifices we and the sponsors make.

Thank you for your continued support. We don't take it for granted and appreciate all our sponsors and supporters and all that you sacrifice and give to this work.

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