

Destiny Inc. April, 2019

What a great time and a great privilege to have 2 of our college young women graduate in their chosen fields.

On the right we have,

RIZZA MAE MACABAN who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting Technology.

This young lady was never to go past 3rd grade due to lack of money by her parents.

Destiny heard of the situation and sponsored her from grade 4 right through to the end of 4 years of college. What a great achievement for one so young.



Then on the left we have another just as talented young lady.

SARAH BEREZO. This young lady like most, if not all, has come from a very difficult situation. Sarah also has just graduated from college in her chosen field, a Bachelor of Science, Hotel and Restaurant Management

The opportunities that school sponsorship offers these deprived young people cannot be measured in dollars, but is measured by their hard work to achieve a better life for themselves and their families.

More opportunities are always available for you to be part of a wonderful and rewarding experience.

We would like to say a very big and much appreciated thank you to all those who sponsor the children

2019 YOUTH CAMP.



Wow! What an exciting time for everyone who was involved, from having a real bomb threat at the university (the president was booked to go there for an anniversary function) where we held the camp, to 2 earth quakes. We saw around 100 young people attend, but due to the threat around 60 did not attend.

Our family doctor, Warwick Pye, came with us on this trip. He has not been to the Philippines before. Warwick spoke to the youth about medical issues for their age. Also we invited a friend of ours to speak to the youth; he is a police sergeant in the Ormoc City police force. His message was to encourage them to live a good life and to keep away from drugs and a wayward life style. His name is Nelson Dapuran

Both of these speakers captivated the youth with what they had to share and both would like to return next year to the youth camp. Destiny is so grateful for their enthusiasm towards the youth and for giving of their time and expertise. Thank you.



BAPTISMS AT 5 AM

We were able to take Warwick to a few feeding sites to observe how we feed the children and while we were there he saw some children suffering with their breathing, so he asked if he could examine them right in the midst of all what was going on. He found that one little girl had chronic asthma and if we were in Australia she would have been taken to hospital immediately. It was here that improvising was needed as we could not purchase a spacer for the puffer. Sue and I saw the youth get very involved with all aspects of the camp. The singing and the items that were performed were an added bonus, as the young people gave it their all. On the morning on the last day (as in 5am) we were able to baptise 37 young people. The water was quite warm for us but for the young people it was cold.



A testimony from Dr Warwick Pye

I recently had the privilege of spending ten days in the Philippines with the staff at Destiny. They were generous with their time, covering all their activities from feeding children in villages, housing families, general care and for me, most impressively, giving children the opportunity for education that would not otherwise be possible. It was especially rewarding to see young adults who had been cared for since childhood graduating as teachers, accountant's, nurses teaming as doctors, knowing they will become community leaders.

It was both professionally and personally challenging and exciting as we developed ideas as a group, trying to meet common problems. For example diabetes is prevalent due to the high consumption of rice but it is not possible to reduce rice in the diet so we are trialling spacing the rice out during the day to level out sugar levels. Or the young girl living in a river bed next to a quarry with asthma for whom we adopted a plastic drink bottle into a spacer to improve her use of Ventolin.

Whilst there I had the pleasure of attending their youth camp which was an expression of the vitality and joy of this community.



Medical Clinics

As a result of this experience we went to see the medical supervisor in the public health department known as Phil Health. It was there that Warwick was able to share what he has been doing and asked if we, as in Destiny, could work alongside of this Department of Health. The response was a very strong, yes please. So Warwick will be looking into setting up a few medical clinics in the cities where Destiny is working.

What Warwick would like to see happen is for blood pressure and diabetes tests to be done and recorded with regular follow up done. He would like to have puffers available for those who have asthma, and for them to be treated and monitored regularly. He would also like to test for tuberculosis, as this is now very bad in the cities we work in. For Destiny to have medical clinics in our cities of operation would be of such a great achievement and help for our people.

School supplies in Tacloban. Maasin. Ormoc Minglanilla and India

It is that wonderful time again where we have the honour and privilege to prepare the school supplies. This year Destiny will be enrolling 214 children including 5 young people into college.

To prepare for this mammoth task takes much organising. Sue and I are very thankful for the teams that we have in Ormoc City, Maasin City, Tacloban City and in Minglanilla Cebu and India. who work tirelessly in the purchasing, and then the packing, of each school bag for every child. Thank you so much to you all.



The distribution of each set of supplies takes a very long time, as sometimes the parents don't bring the requirements (as in the school reports, the letters from the child or the signed contract), all of which are needed for the sponsors here in Australia. As Destiny is often dealing with generations of non educated parents, educating their child doesn't mean a lot to them as they do not understand why education is an important factor in the life of their child. We do this to try and bring some kind of responsibility and integrity into the program.

Destiny Inc has now been running the school sponsorship for 12 years now.

BUILDING OF HOMES



Again on this trip Destiny was able to look at another house that has been built for a family in Minglanilla whose home was lost due to a fire last year. With this house now completed, this gives Destiny Inc a total of sixty one houses now completed over a five year period. Destiny will continue to build houses as the need is forwarded to us.

The reason why Destiny build houses, even though they are only 4 metres by 5 metres, is to be able to give the people a place of security and protection for their families. Each of these houses takes around 3 days to complete from start to finish. The materials used are besser bricks, 4 high marine ply, as this is quite durable for a long time plus a galvanized roof, door and windows.

With each house that is built, Destiny hands it over to the family that it was built for as a donation, with no strings attached or any obligation imposed upon them at all. Each house is freely given.

TACLOBAN

As with any organization, there has been a change of leadership in one of our cities. In the city of Tacloban the leader there has chosen to leave Destiny Inc and to pursue another direction for his life and family. Destiny says a big thank you to Arnel and prays that he will find all that he is looking for his life. This young man is very gifted in his ability in being able to connect with the young people in Tacloban. Once again thank you our friend.

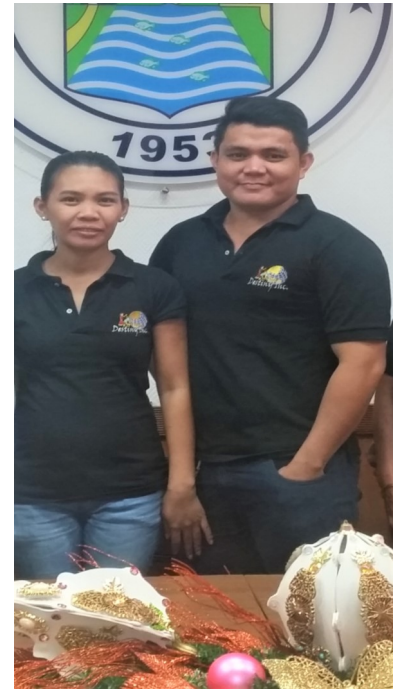
Introducing our New Leaders



Abel



Rizza Mae



Former Leaders Arnel and Ella

The new leader, who is married with 3 children, will be taking up residence soon in Tacloban. Destiny is also sending to Tacloban 2 youth, Rizza Mae and Rainer, who will assist in the feeding program and also in the youth ministry of the church there.

Our new leaders name is Abel and he is from Cameroon central Africa. He is only 200 cm tall (yes he is a big boy). Abel has such a gentle spirit, he will do well in Tacloban. Thank you for your sacrifice.



Rainer

Cost of living

While we were in the different cities it became very obvious to Sue and I how the cost of living has so greatly increased even over the last 6 or 7 months since our last trip back in October last year. Looking at the growth of each city, with many large department stores and supermarkets and also being very westernized now, one can understand why the cost is so high. It doesn't help the poorer people whose struggle becomes even more so.

Take for example a small potato, no bigger than a small fist, cost just over \$1 Aust each and cauliflower costs over \$8 Aust per kg. This does not add to a healthy life style, but there is always MANGO SHAKES. We all like these wonderful, tasty and soothing drinks. Even these are getting expensive, but with some things the price is worth it especially if you have had a hard, hot and trying day, like most days. Ha.



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Overseas Trips

Destiny Inc is open to people or teams of people to come on a trip with us to experience what is going on in the world outside of Australia..

It is an exciting time with the children as they gather around you to listen to what you have to say and to enjoy being with them .

Team Destiny would like to say a very big thank you for your ongoing support towards the children of a developing nation such as the Philippines and India.



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