# VAP Philippines-Palawan Mission Project Update



#### Contagious Generosity, by Betchie

In September, AWA sponsored the first feeding program for children in my village of Napsan. It was such a blessing for many children and for me and my family as well.

Afterwards, I uploaded the photos of the event to two social media platforms to share the wonderful blessing. I didn't expect anyone to send a message about donating slippers and toys from a stranger! A woman from the province of Laguna was moved when she saw the happy children from the feeding program. She asked for my assistance to coordinate the distribution of her gifts in kind. For three days I prayed every night on what to do. I didn't know this lady. Should I trust her? Then I realized that this lady didn't know me either but was trusting me with her gifts.

A week later, we received the gifts of toys and slippers and distributed them to the children who were elated to have been thought of and cared for by strangers from far away and near. In Proverbs 3:5-6, it states, **"Trust in the Lord with** all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

### Covid-Free, by Christine

My former housemate, who is also nurse at our local hospital, tested positive with covid19. She was instructed to quarantine in one of the designated quarantine facilities because she also has asthma.

As a direct contact, I was asked to self-quarantine. When most of my friends and church mates were getting infected with the virus, I praise God that I do not even have any symptoms. Thank you, Lord, for your protection and mercies in my life!



# A Mother's Faith, by Edgar

Behind the AWA base are low mountains that jet up from the rice fields into the blue skies above. They are covered in dense foliage and are steep to climb. In these mountains, lives a woman we will name Maria. Maria, along with her 10-year-old daughter left the city of Puerto Princesa and all its restrictions to live in these mountains. Her husband works abroad. Maria has a passion to work for the Lord, ministering to her neighbors and kids.

When AWA conducted Vacation Bible school in her village, Maria decided to continue the ministry for the children by teaching them how to play the ukulele. She would also continue teaching the kids about the Lord through branch Sabbath School with crafts, stories, and plays. She had the ideas, now she needed the supplies. How wound she acquire 17 ukuleles? She prayed to the Lord that if this ministry was God's will, that He would provide the instruments. She believed that God would answer her prayer, and without hesitation, ordered the ukuleles without knowing where to get the money. She called many friends to donate. Some agreed to help, but many could not because the pandemic had left them without jobs and struggling as well. When Maria received notice that the delivery arrived, she did not have all the funds. She sent messages to her friends, but no one replied. So, she emptied out her savings. She believes that the Lord will provide for her needs.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

- 2 Chronicles 7:14

One Sabbath afternoon Maria brought all the ukuleles to our village of Sagpangan. Raquel, one of the youths in our church and my wife Raylene went house to house, inviting people to come and learn to play. The church was full of joyful noise that afternoon! Then on Sunday afternoon we hiked an hour over steep and slippery terrain to Maria's home. Raquel and Raylene also taught people there how to play the ukulele. I'm sure God was smiling as He heard all those strings playing songs for Him with happy hearts full of His love.

## **Prayer Request and Project Need**

Project manager and pilot to join our AWA Philippine team. If you have a Calling, we have an answer!

#### God bless you!

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