



THE FIRE VICTIMS, by Betchie Albaracin

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

— *Philippians 2:4 ESV*

Fire disaster in the Philippines has become a major concern in recent years, particularly in residential structures. Fire disaster is classified as both natural and man-made causes.

This last February 07, 2024, it was just 9:00 am when I looked at my social media account. I saw the fire incident in the news report. It stated that it started with a group of friends enjoying the place where there was an unattended grill machine that allegedly caused the fire, lasting 3 hours. The local police have started the investigation and it's

determined that the fire was caused due to a short circuit. The nearby shop and apartments were destroyed and damaged because of the fire.

Then, on February 08, 2024, at 8 am in the morning, I talked to one of my roommates. I asked that if possible, they should give me clothes that they no longer use so that I can add to the items I will give to those whose houses were burned. I thank God because I was not disappointed in what they gave after I approached them.

My husband's and I's clothes that could still be used were included in the donation. We also gave over the groceries I saved from my stipends from Adventist World Aviation. It's so nice and interesting all the time to think that while talking to the people who received the items, they asked me the meaning of *AWA that they saw on my T-shirt.



I am grateful and give thanks to God because He continues to bless me so that I can keep doing these things for others. After I gave the people our help, we prayed to continue thanking the Lord. We also prayed that the government will continue to support their needs until those affected have a proper home.

Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.

Thank you, and God Bless!

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***Fun Fact: AWA or awa (ah-wa) in Tagalog means mercy.**



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