



SPENDING BIRTHDAY!

By Christine Cayetano

Many years have passed since we had a medical/dental team from abroad to conduct a medical/dental mission. 2018 was the last time we had a team from Alaska, which first came in 2015. Now, we have a group from Texas, California, and Australia.

It was a privilege to be a part of the 3-day mission, with the 1st day falling on my birthday. The first two days of medical/dental missions were held at barangay Sagpangan, where AWA airbase is located. We all had to travel more than an hour from the city for a few days, going south to reach the venue and then driving back afterward. Though it was tiring for me to get up early and drive back and forth, it was a breather to be away from office work and a time to serve the community, significantly in need of dental care, which is primarily unaffordable for ordinary people. It's hard enough for many to afford medical care and much more for dental services.

Most people lined up to have tooth extractions; a day

was not enough to serve them all. It took two days to finish all who came for the service, with four dentists doing it simultaneously, along with medical, physical therapy, blood tests, and optical services.

I praise God for these mission teams who came to serve and share their blessings with the elementary school by bringing clothes and school supplies for the children. Seeing all the smiles and happy faces brought joy to all, and I am personally blessed to have spent my day and be part of this great work. To God be the glory!



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