



The H.E.L.P. Foundation

Humanitarian Effort to Lessen Poverty of Underprivileged Children in the Philippines

Providing Hope And Opportunity

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Message From The Founder



Keith W. Hooper

In my 76 years, I can't remember a time where the whole world has basically been "shut down". In World War II, which was a worldwide conflict, bullets, artillery, bombs, etc. were dropped indiscriminately on populations in many countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. The bullets, bombs, etc. were the Corona virus of WWII. The only difference was that during WWII, instead of all "hunkering down in place", our fellow Americans rose to the occasion where

women and sometimes children saved the US economy by entering into the work force. During that terrible time, I am told that my mother loaded our broken-down Chevy, with my sister Karol (4) and me (2), with some foodstuffs and water to travel from Smith Center, Kansas to San Diego, California in the middle of the summer to be with my father who was in the Navy. It must have been a time like this that her courage and love was unquestionable. I am told that when she got to Arizona, we slept in the car during the day and travelled at night through the desert - a true expression of love! My folks never talked about this, but I am sure that this was the same story for so many of the wives of WWII. That was their generation -the Greatest - and this could be our Greatest Generation! I am awed by the generosity of you folks from shore to shore in your giving both physically and monetarily. I am so appreciative of your support. We, in the Philippines, are experiencing the same "lockdowns" and I have no idea when Pat and I will be able to return to the United States, but we continue to help those who are less fortunate.

I know that the Corona Virus has affected each of you in your own way and this virus has been potentially devastating for the charitable work that we do in the Philippines and also for other excellent charities throughout the United States. I have decided to change the format of our newsletter and share with you the facts and figures that keep our foundation solvent. Many of you have taken a "hit" in the stock market which is our foundation's lifeblood for the larger donations. I ask that you consider donating to the HELP Foundation, but I will understand that this year may be difficult to support the work we do to help the poor in the Philippines. I want to spend the rest of the newsletter outlining our charitable work.

2019 Annual Expenditures

1. Elementary and Secondary - \$32,333.02
2. College - \$8,961.81
3. Engineering Technology- \$13,726.34
4. Feeding and Health - \$3,576.04
5. Micro Finance/bank - \$20,133.63
6. Deep Well - \$1,475.60
7. Animal Livelihood- \$1,473.88
8. Arts & Trade- \$1,170.44
9. Building and Grounds - \$5,790.48
10. Admin/Ops - \$13,913.63 (Paid for by Keith & Paterna Hooper)



Remittances from United Charitable (HELP'S Umbrella Foundation)

We have been so blessed by the 600+ donors who believe in our work helping the less fortunate in the Philippines. Your donations in 2019 designated for our operating fund was **\$102,555.00** which is reflected in the above expenditure report. All of these funds are spent annually so we have to "start over" each year. We also have an Endowment Fund with United Charitable. These funds are managed by Wells Fargo. We took a minor "hit" in the past 4 months but still have \$110,000 in the Endowment fund. We have several donors who have designated a portion of their estate to the HELP Foundation. Additionally, we received an extremely generous donation from a retired Professor who was a former Peace Corps Volunteer in Bukidnon and the Best Man at our wedding in 1968. Pat and I have designated 10% of our estate to this endowment so that our work can continue well beyond our "passing". **If anyone is interested in designating The HELP Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of your estate, please contact me.** I was amused by an elderly couple whom we met in the Manila airport. They shared with us an observation - We all are in the "predeparture zone"

Remittance from Local Donors

The interest from local donors has gradually increased. Several sponsored students are now being sponsored by local residents. Additionally, our baskets (bayongs), have become quite popular. Our Arts and Trades manager attends many bazaars and has been able to market numerous baskets, greeting cards, jewelry, home canned food products. The total amount received from local residents is in excess of \$3,500.00. As you can see, the majority of the donations come from you in the United States.

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Now I would like to show how your donations have been spent.

School Sponsorship

Total Number of Sponsored Students for the Year 2019:

- **315 Scholars**
- **159 (sponsors)**
- **Elementary Students -49 (Elementary and High School - \$32,333.02)**
- **High School - 206**
- **College Students - 33 - (\$22,688.15)**

As you can see, our focus has changed from elementary students to high school and college students. I have found that this change has been most beneficial. Our efforts to support the educations of college students pay extra dividends. These young adults can find employment after graduation. In addition to this number of 33 college students, we also sponsor 6 students in an engineering technology curriculum. These students will spend 3 years in study and OJT with companies. Once graduating, they have the opportunity of spending an extra year to receive their engineering degree. These students are the “cream of the crop” and they have limitless opportunities. When asked what they will do after they graduate, all of them tell me that their first obligation is to help their family. What a great response! I am suggesting that instead of sponsoring one student for \$135.00/year, we pool our donations so that many students can go to college.



Engineering Technology Students with Host and International Rotary Clubs and CITE Faculty members



Production Technology Students with International Host club President

For those of you who are sponsoring elementary and high school students, remember that the school year in the Philippines starts in August (or whenever the virus ends), sponsorship for 2020-2021 is still the same - \$135/student. Sponsoring of college students is \$500.00/student.



College



High School



Elementary

Health and Feeding Project - (\$3,576.06)

This is not a sustainable project but vital to the work that we do with the poor. Our focus this year was on Barangay (village) Cosina. We identified 75 youngsters, ages 1-7 that were malnourished. Through nutritional education from our resident public health nurse and our feeding and nutrition program, we were able to raise the nutritional standard to normal for 52 of the children. We continue to monitor the children who did not achieve the standard weight and we provide milk, protein supplement, and vitamins to these children who have not met the nutritional standards. We also provided Health and Education Classes to 61 Mothers on topics of signs, symptoms, treatment, prevention, and home remedies for childhood diseases.

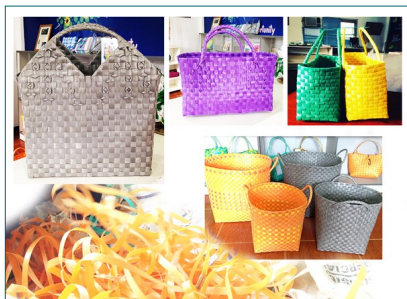


Nutritious meals served to undernourished children during feeding session.



Animal Livelihood (\$1,473.88)

Our swine project has given us a profit of over 100,000 pesos (\$2,000) in 2019. These funds are used to support our workers in other projects. Pat and I also fully support this project by purchasing 4 female pigs (gilts) to enhance the foundation's profitability. Our goats, rabbits, geese, ducks, and turkeys hold their own but have not yet shown a profit! I am partial to them because they are so much fun!!



Arts and Trade (\$1,170.44)

This has been one of our most successful projects and very sustainable. However, our friends in Dole and Del Monte have decided that their extra straps cannot be sold to us, so we are scrambling to find other sources. These are so popular in the US and even in New York where there were shown in a boutique! We are trying to find sources for the used straps and if we are not able to find them, we will look for an original source!



Project Kasaligan (\$20,133.04)

The progress that this project has accomplished in 2019 has not only made an important impact on the lives of the beneficiaries but to the project as well. On average, the monthly interest income incurred from January to December of 2019 is sufficient to pay the salaries and wages of our loan officers, bookkeeper, cashier, and Project Manager. The total amount collected in 2019 was **7,371,109.32 pesos or \$144,531.55**, a 29% increase compared to 2018. Total amount released in loans has increased by **18% - \$130,412.00 in 2019**. Some of our best performing clients who have been with us for years have requested loans beyond our capability to loan.

That is where you folks come in.

Some of the Highlights during Project Kasaligan's 8th Foundation Day 2019



Best Center House Awardee
(Village of Basak)



Best Performing Center Awardee
(Village of Basak)



Some of the recipients of 200 minor prizes
(kitchen wares)

CONGRATULATIONS to the CITE Scholars



Jabes Ocio

Sponsor: Roger & Diana Brown
The Villages_Florida

Top 5 & Dean's List
Table Tennis Sports Fest Champion



Leynard Lihayan

Sponsor: Chuck & Judy Nielson
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

One of the Top 5 in class for the 1st
semester



Leonard Peligrino

Phyllis & Cary Tucker
Lebanon, KS



Romelito Himalao
Sponsor: Sherill Daniels
Mankato, KS



Deonilo Sulindao
Sponsor: Douglas & Sharlene
Gardner
Phoenix, AZ



John Lloyd Sacay
Sponsor: Douglas &
Nancy Brown
San Antonio, TX



Cristony John Muelo
Sponsor: Rotary
Poster Making Contest
Champion
during the CITE Foundation
Day

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Final Thoughts



By the time you get this newsletter, my hopes and prayers that our efforts in fighting the terrible Corona Virus are behind us and our economy and the health of our brothers and sisters worldwide are living again without the fear of this terrible virus. Pat and I are in “lockdown” which means something different here in the Philippines than in the States. Because we are over 60, we cannot leave the house. If we do, we are fined. The “lockdown” will remain in place until the end of May and may extend until the end of June. Our younger relatives here bring us food, so we are fine. May you still consider your donations to the HELP Foundation as a special gift to help the less fortunate in the Philippines!

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