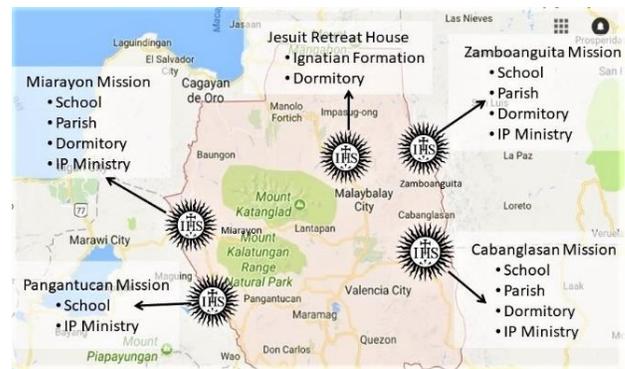


## JESUIT BUKIDNON MISSION – About Us



**WHO WE SERVE** – The island of Mindanao in Southern Philippines has long been the focus of the apostolic engagements and ministry of the Jesuits since 1596. They played a significant role in the evangelization of Bukidnon province in central Mindanao beginning in the mid-nineteenth century. Mission stations there were established in the 1930's. Extensive missionary work started mid-1940's through the 1950's, spurred by population growth. Lasting peace in Mindanao begins with education. Guided by the Diocese of Malaybalay, the Jesuits in Bukidnon have integrated their education and social outreach programs for the marginalized communities of the province. The mission parishes and high schools are located in Cabanglasan, Pangantucan, Miarayon, and Zamboanguita, with the Jesuit Retreat House in Malaybalay as their spiritual formation center (see map.) The Missionary Congregation of Mary, the Carmelite Sisters of Our Lady and the Ursuline Missionaries of the Sacred Heart assist in the academic and administrative services of the high schools and parish literacy centers. The mission serves rural communities along the base of Mt. Kalatungan, Mt. Kitanglad and the Mt. Pantaron range, inhabited by indigenous peoples ("lumad" in the regional dialect), whose tribal ethnicities are Talaandig, Higaonon, Manobo, Umajammen, Matigsalug, Pulangiyan and Tigwahanon.



### PRIORITIES OF THE MISSION

**College Scholarship for the Lumad youth** – With seed funding from the Philippine Jesuit Foundation, a college scholarship program called Kapawa hu Paglaum (Light of Hope) was established in 2017. Our ten-year goal is to journey and empower at least 100 indigenous youth to eventually become their tribes' leaders by providing them quality education and holistic formation. The program currently supports 49 scholars and requires about \$38,000 funding per year.



**Mission Chapels** – The mission parishes have 80 multi-purpose chapels located in remote highlands in Bukidnon. They also serve as literacy and catechism centers, providing early learning for children not reached by the public school system. They are made of sturdy but inexpensive structures. A budget of \$10,000 per year is set to cover upkeep or replacement, stipend for the lay volunteer teachers, liturgical and instruction materials.

**Jesuit Retreat House** – Severely affected by the reduction of retreat activities due to the pandemic, a Feed and Seed program has been initiated at the farm within our JRH facilities. Staff members are allowed to augment their food necessities by

sharing in the farm output. Farm inputs, such as seeds, fertilizers and animal feeds, are our major costs of operations. We will appreciate donations to maintain its sustainability.

**SUPPORT US** – US benefactors can send their donations to the Philippine Jesuit Foundation, Inc., a duly registered 501(c)3 organization. Mailing address: 39 E 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, PO Box 312, New York, NY 10028. For online donations, please visit: <https://www.phjesuits.org/pjf/share.php>. Philippine donors can give to the Philippine Jesuit Aid Association, Inc.

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