

AMEN



MISSION TO BATANES, PHILIPPINES



In September 2016 Typhoon Ferdes hit the Northern parts of Philippines. This megastorm was one of the worst typhoons ever recorded with winds of up to 215 km/hour. The centre passed over the island of Batanes causing great destruction. AMEN sent a team of people from Manila to the island under the leadership of AMEN partner, Joe Gonzales. The Phase 1 project provided food and seeds but also worked closely with five small churches to encourage them and build unity. This phase also identified areas for follow up ministry, particular evangelistic work in the High School on the island.

AMEN supported a Phase 2 project which built on the previous work done in Phase 1. Over a 3 month period, medical facilities were provided, excellent relationships were developed with the High School Principal giving an open door for sharing the Gospel, and considerable encouragement given to the pastors of five small churches on the island. 120 young people signed contact forms indicating that they wanted to follow Jesus. It was clear that although excellent progress had been made in support, a third Phase was needed over the latter part of 2017 and the first half of 2018 with an emphasis on

1. Instigating youth projects on the island to develop their skills and helping them find ways of using their time wisely.
2. Encouraging the young people to follow Jesus.
3. Encouraging greater working together and trust by the five pastors and their congregations.
4. Training the churches on the island in outreach.
5. Developing leaders who will be able to continue the ministry once AMEN leaders have gone.

Through the generosity of AMEN supporters, funding was made available, and we are delighted to be able to report that the project has been completed successfully on time and within budget.

The following pages of this final project report describe the outcomes achieved.

"To see a Christian church in every municipality in Batanes is my vision. This Workers' Camp has benefited me".

Pastor Jerry Redondo, Grace Ministries.

"Praise God!, This Workers' Camp has prepared us in the ministry me and my husband had been praying for almost a year".

Jenny Horiondo, Basco Baptist Church.

"Many young people had fun and have been reminded of the ways of the Lord through many games and activities. We all want to attend another camp. A Big Thank You to all of you who gave and supported us to make all these possible. Above all, to the Lord from whom ALL blessings flow." Batanes Believers

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Instigating youth projects on the island to develop their skills and helping them find ways of using their time wisely.

OUTCOME: AMEN has donated funds to buy musical instruments and are under the care of Lion of Judah, a church of about 20 led by pastor Joel. He says, "Having these equipments is a great help in our ministry specially to our young people who have a heart to become future musicians". Beach equipments were also funded by AMEN under the management of Jesus is Lord Church who now run a beach camp ministry for children and youth. Children and youth have great fun and learn about God during these times. The young are greatly lured by games in mobile phones even in these islands.



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Encouraging the young people to follow Jesus.

OUTCOME: 2 things that had happened for the first time in the island.

- 1.) From AMEN donations, 7 small churches had representatives who attended a CEF (children's ministry training) each received Vacation Bible School Materials. Five of the churches represented during the training went ahead with the outreach and were greatly blessed.
- 2.) The Interdenominational youth camp was also a tremendous success and the youth were greatly encouraged and want more.



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Encouraging greater working together and trust by the five pastors and their congregations

OUTCOME: Today, the pastors of all the churches are meeting together almost every month to encourage one another. An interdenominational youth camp was a fruit of these partnership with AMEN. Secondly the team building and donations of rice from AMEN after the typhoon pulled them to fellowship together.





Training the churches on the island in outreach.

OUTCOME: The WORKERS CAMP saw 25-30 attend from different churches for a 5 days training on Discipleship, Church planting and Spiritual Disciplines. A special series of Evangelism training was given to a young church of about 20 people under Grace Ministries planted and led by Jerry. Joe Gonzales has spent a considerable time mentoring and training Jerry and the members. Jerry is the youngest, most hard working pastor in this island who encourages other leaders to go for it 100%.



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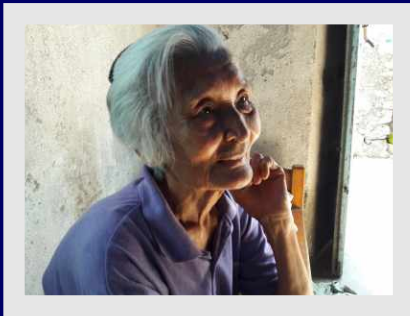


Developing leaders who will be able to continue the ministry once AMEN leaders have gone.

OUTCOME: BIG LEAP, this group was formed to empower churches to build God's kingdom in Batanes islands. The group saw good outcomes in some areas but struggled with plans that failed, e.g activities listed on the poster, see above photo or important things like registering the group and opening an account. The chairman resigned in his position and a new chairman is leading it. BIG LEAP is informed that the needed funds for 1.) 2018 Sabtang island outreach to the elderly and small group mentoring and 2.) JIL Sunday School materials and all churches Vacation Bible materials for 2019 will be held until they get registered and have a bank account.

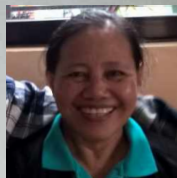


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Extending help to the
sick and needy.

Vahangsien, Kayhuvokan
Basco, Batanes
November 27, 2017



Dear Brethren in the Lord,
Greetings in Christ's wonderful name!

I praise and thank the Lord for the help you have extended to me through your organization. Three years ago, on October 27, 2014, I had a stroke and half of my body was paralyzed. Praise God for His day to day dealing and healing. Your financial help will be used for my medicines.

Even with my condition, I can still help in the work of the Lord. My husband and I am going to a nearby town to hold Bible studies. As opportunities come, I avail myself to do God's will in His ministry.

Thank you very much brethren. You are an encouragement

In Christ,
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