

(1) Activity: Turnover of Books donated by Move On Philippines to Rogaya Bajunaid Elementary School through Mahintana Foundation, Inc.

Venue: Mahintana Foundation, Inc. Office, Brgy. Cannery, Polomolok, South Cotabato

Date: June 4, 2009

Documentation

A favorable school performance is a result of good reading skills as reading is the key to learning. This is how Rogaya Bajunaid Elementary School (RBES) value their reading programs. RBES has recently expanded its services by enrolling high school freshmen from Barangay Tinoto and its adjacent barangays in Maasim, Sarangani Province. The school is one of the farthest from the town proper of Maasim, Sarangani province. It can be reached after a 45 minute ride via public utility jeep from the town proper of Maasim, or



The two Project Officers of Mahintana formally turned-over 318 books to Rogaya Bajunaid Elem. Sch. through its Principal In-Charge, Ms. Angie Ungkal. With her are two parents from the school.

about 20 minute travel from Gen. Santos City. RBES has 543 pupils from Grades I to VI and sixty-four 1st year high school students, 60% of whom are Indigenous Peoples (IPs) belonging to the Blaan tribe, 30% are Muslims and 10% are Christians. Majority of the households depend on small scale fishing while some are skilled laborers at the nearby RD Shipyard.

At the moment the school has no library facilities hence, the Principal In-Charge, Ms. Angie Ungkal, was very grateful to Move On Philippines for the donated books. With such books, the school plans to put up a library in partnership with RD Foundation, Inc. The 318 reading and reference materials were hauled by the school personnel from the Mahintana Office last June 4, 2009.

In an interview with Ms. Ungkal, she noted that they have developed strategies for using the books. Use of library and reading activities shall be integrated with the English subject at all grade levels. With these books, the school may now participate in the implementation of the “Drop Everything and Read” Program of the Department of Education Division of Sarangani. In this program, slow readers and non-readers are taken from their classrooms during Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:30 to 4:00 in the afternoon for remedial teaching and mentoring by the teachers who are being assisted by the pupils from the higher grades. With such assistance which are complementary with the school’s planned activities, Ms. Ungkal looks forward to an improved school performance in the coming school years.

(2) Activity: Turnover of Books donated by Move On Philippines to Datal Baca Primary School through Mahintana Foundation, Inc.

Venue: Datal Baca Primary School, Brgy. Datal Baca, Malungon, Sarangani Province

Date: June 11, 2009

Documentation

Books are tools in propagating knowledge. Mr. David M. Pandato, the Teacher In-Charge of Datal Baca Primary School has a dream for the school's reading program with their first set of reading and reference materials received from Move On Philippines. The school, which lies 45 kilometers away from the town proper of Malungon, Sarangani Province has a total of 166 enrolled pupils from Grades I to III. It can be reached through "habal-habal" (single motorcycle), horseback, and free rides from hauler trucks



Representative from Mahintana, Mr. Junbard Mahinay a Program Coordinator turned over the books to Mr. David M. Pandato (wearing black shirt).

passing along the main road. About 95% of the pupils are Indigenous Peoples belonging to the Blaan tribe and the other 5% belong to Cebuano and Ilonggo tribes.

The school received 370 reading and reference materials from Move On Philippines (MOP) through Mahintana last June 11, 2009. Mr. Junbard Mahinay, Program Coordinator of Mahintana Foundation, Inc. officially turned over to Mr. Pandato during the school's General Assembly. The parents together with the teachers were excited with MOP's assistance. The school will establish a library corner in one of its classrooms, which they plan to share with the community as well. This will encourage the pupils to read, enhance their reading skills and develop enthusiasm on books.

From a wide variety of knowledge found in the donated books, Mr. Pandato foresees the pupils, the parents and the teachers to be more open to more information and knowledge outside their community. Such gratitude has also enriched the personal fulfillment of Mahintana's representatives in community development work.

(3) Activity: Turnover of Books from Move On Philippines to Daliao Elementary School through Mahintana Foundation, Inc.

Venue: Mahintana Foundation, Inc. Office, Brgy. Cannery, Polomolok, South Cotabato

Date: June 23, 2009

Documentation

Daliao Elementary School (DES), with a total of 380 pupils from Pre-School to Grade VI, is about 8.5 km from the town of Maasim, Sarangani Province. Its ethnicity is composed of 60% Muslims, 39% Blaans and 1% Christians.

Currently, the school is renovating one of its old classrooms as library. This is being with the support of the 73rd Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army and the Local Government of Barangay Daliao.



Turnover of books from Move On Philippines by Mahintana staff to Ms. Raiya Tama, Principal of Daliao Elementary School.

On June 23, 2009, the Mahintana staff formally turned over 370 reading and reference materials from Move On Philippines (MOP) to DES represented by Ms. Raiya Tama, the school Principal. MOP's book donation was timely because the school is building a library facility.

With these books, the school can now fully participate with the Department of Education Sarangani Division's "Drop Everything and Read" Program. Ms. Tama sees this to be a 3-O'clock habit for the school, especially for the slow readers and non-readers. At 3:00 pm, the slow and non-readers are taken from their classrooms for remedial teaching and mentoring by the teachers with the assistance of pupils from higher grade levels. The pupils will also be encouraged to read at the library during their vacant periods.