

THERE IS HOPE!

Bgy. Cagmanaba & Badian, Oas, Albay



PROJ: KABUHAYAN PARA SA KALAYAAN

“We found hope and dignity when we were able to provide well for our families!”

“We wanted our children to finish their education for we believe that they will be the managers of the future companies that will rise up in this place.”

“I was able to buy Christmas gifts for my family for the very first time in my life.”

“Could you consider widening the parking area to accommodate our future four-wheel vehicles?”

These were but a few of the many touching and heartwarming declarations from the people the Lord directed us to reach out to. What is common amongst them is that they were given jobs in the coconut processing factory, Dignity Products and Services, which was set up through the loving initiative of two American friends and brothers in the Lord - Stephen Freed and Don Byker in partnership with International Teams Phils. The company was envisioned to



Ptr. Boying presenting the financial profits generated by the small business project owned and operated by a group of housewives in the community.

bring about community transformation through job creation. Since the factory was set up right at the middle of the poor community, it was able to utilize the human resource treasure in that community. Right at the very first day of construction of the buildings, hundreds of copra farmers, fishermen etc. found good paying jobs as construction workers. And when the plants were completed, hundreds more were employed as factory workers, managers and supervisors in the factory. It brought about major dramatic changes in the community benefitting hundreds of families.

Even with all the many wonderful things that were happening already in the community, we still recognize that there are still many more who could not be embraced by the business as mission program of Dignity Products and Services. There are many more families who still need help and are hoping that they too will be blessed in the same way that the others were blessed. We, in International Teams, clearly see the opportunity to be able to help more people, as wide open. This is where “There is Hope” ministry will come in. We envision complementing the effort of Dignity Products and Services with multiple small businesses and livelihood programs targeting those who have not been recipients of any employment opportunities from the company. We look forward to the day when they will have a good steady source of income stemming from businesses that they could manage and own.

GOAL

The aim of the project is to help the people set up small business ventures that will be sustainable and profitable. We will aim for businesses that can provide future employment possibilities for others. We also would like to create a Christian culture (not religion) in every business.



Twining of Coco Fiber, one of the livelihood programs implemented in several households that fit the community so well due to the abundance of available resource.



A newly introduced small business venture intending to provide an initial capital to each family for them to procure pigs, goats and chicken that they could raise and sell.



KABUHAYAN Program 1: SABON NG BAYAN

Soap making and marketing is a small business venture that fits the community so well. The soap products are in constant demand and easy to market. Training on soap production will be provided thru our TRAIN TO FISH Livelihood training programs.

KABUHAYAN Program 2: TINDAHAN NATIN

The program aims to help families set up small neighborhood convenience stores that will be started with minimal investments from each stakeholder. The first store started last year have already produced a good return on their investments and have proven to be a good business startup for the community that could easily be replicated in several locations.



KABUHAYAN Program 3: KAGMANABA sa CAGMANABA

“KAmBinG, MAnok, At BAboy” for the barangay community. We intend to provide small capital designated for the purchase of goats, pigs or chicken that interested families could raise and eventually market.

KABUHAYAN Program 4: TIANGGE SA BADIAN

We are looking forward to renting or acquiring a place where we could set up a small producer's market for all those who are participants of our small business ventures. We look forward to seeing it become the go-to place for all Cagmanaba and Badian products.



WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

A. VOLUNTEER

- Choose your preferred date to go to the place
- Fill up the Online Registration Form.
- Attend the online pre-departure briefing.
- Join the team bound for Bicol on the prescribed date and time.

B. DONATE (suggested items to contribute)

- Equipment and assorted items to be used for soap production.
- Live pig, goat or chicken for the Kagmanaba program
- Grocery items that could be added to the inventory of the Tindahan Natin program
- Financial gifts to be used as seed fund for the various Kabuhayan programs
- *Time & expertise in your field of specialization*

C. CHAMPION

- Serve as an emotionally invested spokesperson for the ministry.
- Set up and lead a prayer group committed to intercede for the community.
- Mobilize for the ministry by inviting other believers to join.
- Challenge the people of God to support the initiative through their donations. Rally the believers to contribute either in cash or in kind.

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