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Forward to a Friend

We Go in the Name of Christ



In 2013 Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines, thousands of people lost their lives and it will take decades to rebuild both the material and emotional devastation. However, even in the midst of such tragedy, we must remember the words of

our Lord Jesus, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5)

In February 2014, HELPING HANDS Medical Missions made its first mission trip back to the Philippines since the disaster. Even though our mission was concentrated in the Northern Philippines (Tanauan-Batangas) our hearts and prayers were with the many souls in the South.

"It was the 8th trip for HHMM to the Philippines in 10 years. This is not a very easy trip to make for the missionaries who come from the United States. Our missionaries did a wonderful job and I am so proud of them all. Not too long ago, this mission was possibly going to be cancelled due to lack of participation and logistical concerns. By the grace of God and the tremendous love and dedication from our missionaries, the past two years have had record participation and the logistics have gone very smoothly. There are many needs amongst the poor of Tanauan-Batangas both physical and spiritual, but we go in the name of Christ to heal and to teach and to witness the love of Christ to the poor."

> Eddie Jimenez, DDS Medical Director, Philippines Mission

Meet the Missionaries



Elizabeth Lanham

Home State: Connecticut

Parish: St Mary of the

Immaculate Conception Church

God is good. Highlight of my trip: On the second day of clinical, a woman came up to me saying "Mum Elizabeth!

Mum Elizabeth!" She was pointing to her neck and speaking tagalog. A translator nearby explained that she was showing me a scar from a previous year where we had removed her goiter...I looked closer and could barely make out the scar!

Then she hugged me and told me that she remembered how I had taken her into the operating room and helped her on the table, telling her we were going to pray for a safe surgery...She said all she heard was "Hail Mary" and then she was out...next thing she knew the surgery was over.

Before we left, she hugged me again and said she could never forget my face...thanked me again and left me teary and grateful. Definite wow-moment. God is good!



Zita Ibrahim Home State: California Parish: St Joseph Catholic Church

I felt spiritually enriched from the mission, and I realize why all the HHMM friends return for more missions. You all have been

an inspiration to me. Thank you. The Philippines mission was the first for Zita with HHMM, she plans to return in the future.

If you are interested in learning more about HHMM or would like to participate in an upcoming mission, please contact Gloria at mission@hhmm.org or (972) 253-1800.