

PROJECT PHILIPPINES

I wonder if 16th century English writer, John Heywood wrote "Many hands make light work" during the Christmas season. It matters not, because working together is in vogue every day of the year! Many hands working together teach all participants the art and joy of service. Many hands working together create community and a sense of purpose. Many hands working together achieve goals unattainable by one alone.

The recent Haiyan Typhoon destruction in the Philippines has given each of us opportunity to reflect upon our personal blessings and then to reach out our hands together to help another. One can easily see the enormity of the situation and walk away with the mindset that one individual act will not remedy or fix the situa-

tion. As with the one starfish thrown back into the sea, students and teachers at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy banded together to be part of the helping process.

Meaningful and age appropriate activities brought a sense of fulfillment to each one. Let's have a look at what they did:



*Junior High classes wrote letters of encouragement in their LA classes with Mr. Bedford. During the Conference wide



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Gandhi

Volley Ball tournament that was held a few weeks ago. Pastor Brent had the students spend some time on Sabbath afternoon writing letters as well. *Grade 8s and their teacher, Miss Galdamez, collected money to send ADRA Canada where the money will be matched by the Canadian Government.

*During the final week of November, students and their families were invited to bring donations of canned food, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, t-shirts and cash donations in support of the project. Cash was forwarded to ADRA Canada, while other collected goods, along with the letters that the students wrote were shipped to the Central Philippine Union Conference in Cebu City, Philippines. CPUC will in turn bring it to the people who have been affected.

*Children in Grades 1-3 (Teachers: Mrs. Buhia, Ms. Leslie, and Ms. Kennedy) dedicated one morning to putting special "Someone in Canada is praying for you." labels on cans of food and other collected items. The label also included the scripture found in Isaiah 40:31: "But the people who trust the LORD will become strong again.

They will rise up as an eagle in the sky; they will run and not need rest; they will walk and not become tired."

*Students in Miss Stacy's Grade 6 helped to pack the boxes being sent to the Philippines. They also held a bake sale to raise more funds for ADRA.

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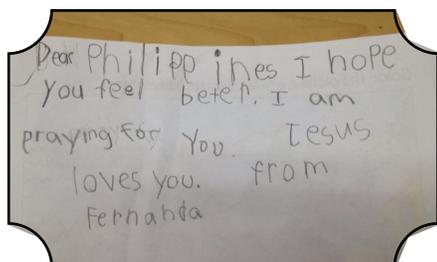
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As the projects took wing, the school was abuzz with compassionate activity and talk. "It was a warming experience to see our students actively involved and interested in helping the Philippine people," said Grade 1 teacher, Mrs. Buhia.

(Thank you to Mrs. Divina Buhia for providing pictures and information to me.)



"Be Strong" in Tagalog



Letter to the Philippines by Grade 1 student

In Touch With You...

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32

I read this scripture and asked myself, "When last was my heart *burning* for Christ and others? Sure, I am a Christian. Yes, I love God. I am concerned about and love my "neighbors". But a burning heart? "Draw my heart to Yours, Lord!" is one of my prayers for 2014.



*Coralwood
 Christmas Concert
 and Annual
 Christmas Sing*

