



Mary Mother of the Poor

Charitable Organization

WHO IS MARY MOTHER OF THE POOR?

We are a non-profit organization of Catholic religious and lay persons, founded by Father Fernando Suarez, dedicated to the following:

MISSION STATEMENT

To seek holiness in evangelizing and working with the poor through the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

OBJECTIVES

To **relieve poverty** by providing food and other basic supplies to persons of low income, by establishing, operating and maintaining shelters for the homeless, and by providing counseling and other similar programs to relieve poverty.

To **coordinate health care & social services** for people with debilitating diseases, illnesses and conditions including aging.

To **advance and teach the religious tenets,** doctrines, observances and culture associated with the Roman Catholic faith.

to **help youth develop their talents** and to become good citizens.

WHAT HAS MMP DONE SO FAR?

- created a non-profit daycare centre: in Butong, Batangas
- provided financial aid to 150 families in Butong, Batangas
- provided fishing boats to 2 families in Lemery, Batangas
- constructed 3 homes for 3 impoverished families
- facilitated workshops on nutritious food preparation and greater income-producing products for farmers
- conducted 3 medical/dental missions providing free medical and dental care to over 3000 impoverished patients in Quezon and Batangas.
- constructed a two-floor extension to an elementary school in landslide-ravaged Gumian, Quezon Province
- built 2 classroom extensions in Lemery, Batangas
- donated over 100 tuberculosis treatment kits: Tondo
- established a soup kitchen program providing meals to 1000 students who typically only have 1 meal a day. Since the feeding program was established, average student weight has increased by 8 lbs; attendance and provincial test scores have improved! Butong Elementary was once ranked 7th in the district and is now in 1st place!
- co-financed a vehicle for a priest: Zambia, Africa.
- started a bead handicrafts livelihood project to increase income
- funded an operation to have a large cystic hygroma removed from the neck of an infant: Lagawe, Ifugao
- lead hundreds of masses to cater to the spiritual needs of thousands of people from all social classes

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE GOALS OF MMP?

MMP intends to maintain on-going spiritual and temporal support to the impoverished in the Philippines while expanding its reach to other countries around the globe.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

We all can make a difference in this world.

Even a dollar or one soccer ball can change someone's life. The Philippines is a country filled with young people that are bright and eager to learn. I pray that as Catholics, you will find it in your hearts to help them any way you can.

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