

A day with the fire victims of Baseco

A team from Springboard Foundation (SF) went last Saturday, Feb. 6th 2010, to bring relief to the victims of the blaze that destroyed the homes of 328 families.

SF partner Hope Worldwide prepared the operation and in their usual thorough information gathering they had selected those families who were truly the victims of the fire. All families have identification papers where the received relief is recorded.



Long lines were waiting patiently for the goods to be distributed. A lovely puppet show from Hope entertained the children throughout the event.



Families received clothes, food, vitamins and hand sanitizers and they were able to get clean water from a fire truck that Hope organized to distribute the water.



Caroline Cliff brought two volunteers from her medical team who treated a few little patients who suffered from skin infections. Caroline is planning an information campaign to teach better hygiene practices to the community to prevent such infections.



After the Puppet Show all children received a hot meal prepared by Hope. As always we were impressed with the dedication of the Hope volunteers and organizers.



The people still need much help. The land area that fell victim to the blaze is being filled with construction material to elevate the ground to prevent future flooding of the area. After that, the land will be prepared for rebuilding and lots will be distributed to families who have lived there before.



In the meantime they have to suffer the heat and lack of water and services until the Barangay is ready to move ahead with the distribution of land.

Water supply is one of the major problems, even though it would cost only 1000 Pesos per day to supply 6000 liters of water so that 300 families could fill a container of 20 each day. Springboard is very grateful for the donation from the US Embassy Club of PHP 25,000 which provided for the majority of this relief operation. Unfortunately Springboard has received very few donations for this emergency and we appeal to you to help us get the people through these hard days until they can start rebuilding their lives.



Children are severely malnourished in this area and we would like to have a daily hot meal for them by setting up a soup kitchen to prepare the meal right there in the area. Also many elderly are suffering

from hunger. We have seen young breastfeeding mothers who didn't have milk to give to their babies because they had very little to eat themselves. Because of the malnourished status of many elderly and children skin diseases are severe. They need food badly.

Please donate towards the emergency relief for Baseco.

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