



In 2010 We responded to a tragedy in the Philippines. We sent 12 cartons directly to the St. Vincent de Paul National Office in Manila .

We got great support from our Vincentians, congregation and financial support from the Ontario Region of our Society.

These factors made this project possible. Without our benefactors we could do very little.



In November, again the Philippines were devastated with thousands dead and winds close to 300 Km destroying a wide swath across the central part of the Philippines. What was left behind was thousands dead and piles of rubble that was the humble dwellings of those Philippine people affected.

These unfortunate people who survived had no food, water place for shelter or clothing other than what they were wearing. Children were injured and walking around with open cuts and nothing to even put around them.



We watched a video where the bulldozer was pushing body bags into mass graves.

How could people not respond. Canada was one of the first in with military equipment and personnel for purifying water. If sure, as Canadians, we are proud when we see our military doing peace keeping humanitarian acts such as this.

Our Particular council decided that we should do some small part to help those suffering in Philippines. We all know many Philippine people so it is more personal. Having done this before we knew what to do.

Putting out a request for help by e-mail was all it took. Shipping boxes were ordered and materials started coming in. Our shipper sends the boxes directly door-to-door to families in the Philippines. In some cases several boxes went to one address to be picked up by a person who, right now, has no address. The shipments are tracked.

A Philippine friend of ours, Mary Ann provided the names and addresses. More than that, she made phone contact and got their input as we filled the boxes on Friday evening and Saturday. Saturday Mary Teng from St. Leonard Conference worked as well as Tom Reilly, John Fitzgerald, Henderson Veira, Jackie Maisoneuve, Shirley and myself.

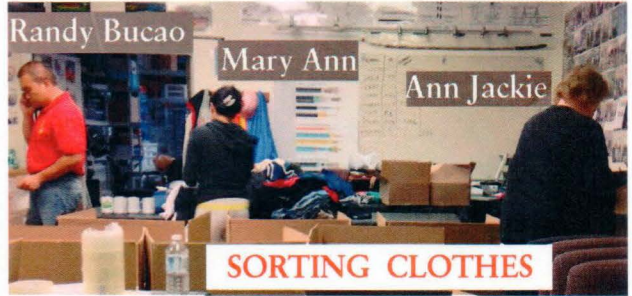


Without homes or even roofs we decided to purchase 33, 10' X 12' Tarpaulins. We had a lot of food donated from Saint Leonard conference and additional pasta. We had a lot of donated school supplies and backpacks. Shirley went shopping and came back with about 20 8kg bags of rice, powdered milk,

coffee and peanut butter as well as small first aid kits.

One of the schools brought a large amount of children and adult summer clothes and shoes. Other people stopped by with donations. We received a donation from one individual and a generous donation from a bordering conference.

We are Sincerely grateful for the help and also understand that the SSVF Ontario Region will be offering financial assistance.



Boxes have to be totally covered with tape to make them waterproof for their journey which could take up to eight weeks



Two shipping companies are being used. Both companies have a good name. We will know when each is delivered and the condition of the shipment.



Sunday evening and 12 boxes for shipment and eight more waiting for addresses and more empty boxes ordered for Monday.