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THE SIMPLICITY OF LIFE IN DAVAO

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Life is beautiful if we will live it simply with love. Each day, be thankful...be happy. Come closer to God through prayers and through His Words , the Bible.

My home is here in Davao, a peaceful place to live. A simple community surrounded with people who live freely, following city rules to create peace and harmony.

Life is here, so they say. Yes, it's true! For the people here are hardworking, friendly and peace loving. Showing respect to one another.

Each day is a precious day. We may face different challenges in life, in love. But still, we can continue to be strong, to build confidence and trust. For perfectly, God directs our ways.

Life is simple in every home. If we share, if we care, if we love each other and respect one another.

Life was created by God for us to enjoy, to have fun and simply be happy. The simplicity of life depends on us. On how we treat ourselves, others and the community that surrounds us. Life is simple in every way. We work, eat, drink, and be happy. Life is a gift from God. Let us treasure it. Let's make it fruitful and productive. Someday when we become older and ready to go, we will look back and say "I made it this far". I made this good and happy to say, "Well done!" Thank you very much, Lord.

REMING'S VICTIMS: SURVIVORS

Noong sumalanta ang Bagyong Reming sa Bicol noong Nobyembre 2006, kaming mga taga-Malobago, Daraga ay nag-evacuate sa Tabon-Tabon Elementary School sa may Daraga rin. Nobyembre 30, 2006 noon. Mabuti at kinupkop kami ng mga madre ng Daughters of Charity. Sila ang tumulong na mamalagi kami sa evacuation center sa loob ng tatlong (3) buwan. Sa tulong ng NHA, Daughters of Charity at iba pang sangay ng gobyerno, nalipat naman kami sa Anislag Resettlement sa loob ng Daraga. Nagkaroon kami kaagad ng pagtatayuan ng bahay. Naitayo rin ang pamahalaang elementarya para sa mga kabataan.

Malaking bagay ang pagtatatag ng isang livelihood project, ang Handicraft-Bukluran sa Kabuhayan, saamingpinagipatan. Itô'y sa pagtutulungan ng iba't ibang ahensiya, kabilang ang NHA, YMCA, Bicol Center for Christian Development (BCCD), DTI at DSWD na nagsagawa ng mga training at seminar para sa mga piling relocatee. Seasonal man ang paggawa ng mga handicraft, patuloy naman ang aming mga proyekto.

Salamat sa gabay na ibinigay sa amin taga-Anislag. lalung-lalu na NHA at YMCA. Kaming mga biktima ng bagyong Reming ay nakabangon at nakatayo bilang bagong komunidad.

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Why Do People Cry?

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“To lead is to learn. To learn is to lead.” We learn from those who lead and those who lead, learn.

Nowadays, people who want to lead are more than those who don't. Sadly, few of them are deserving to be called “leader”. A leader is the one who controls, who puts himself down for the good of others. One who is selfless, generous and responsible enough to take care of the group. They should serve us and not us who serve them.

Ricardo Diño Sr. was a Barangay Chairman of Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City. He was in his mid-70's when the residents first elected him. He later served in his position for another term. We chose well. He is one of the leaders whom we looked up to.

He gave food to those who were hungry, giving hope to those who are hopeless, playing with children and giving them snacks after. Also giving work to the unemployed, particularly those who were wasted. He appointed them to sweep and take care of the cleanliness of the plaza every morning and to ensure the safety of the barangay 24/7. They did not get government pay so Chairman Diño divided his salary those he hired. He organized a group of Senior Citizens who would always participate in barangay activities, and gave scholarships to those who could not pay their tuition.

One morning, something tragic happened. The Chairman, whom we knew to be healthy and strong, suddenly collapsed. The doctors said that it was a heart attack. He underwent surgery and we had thought that he was already fine. But it was not so. Maybe God told him that he had done enough, his “mission accomplished and it was time to rest”. But people cried over their loss.

And so, we had to choose other leaders to take the Chairman's place. But many became anxious about it. Will things be the same? But God had observed, foreseen and decided. A new mission had begun. May people not cry again.

