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PREFACE

On the way home from the Torp conference, I and my wife Jovelyn, took the way through Oslo, where we met, among other, Sara Teigen, who has visit FTMS work in Mindanao during the last quarter 2009.

We has in earlier newsletters told how Sara and Kjell helped to give food, clothes and toys to the godchildren, and their families when Thor Johnny were wounded in an accident with a motorbike. Sara has sent a travelling document about her impressions from this, her journey, with her father Kjell, and what they experienced.

The letter is, in its original, written in Norwegian, Bokmål, and since we has sponsors and readers of our newsletter in Norway, who in common has to read Swedish or English, we publish this account of a journey in its original in our Swedish newsletter, so that our Swedish sponsors and donors can practice their knowledge in Norwegian this time.

We show shortly about the exhibition in Torp which we had on EFK's summer conference during the midsummer week 15 – 28 June. We shared 1500 pamphlets and 100 newsletters, and we hopes that more people will find our mission and work, and find our faithfulness and loyalty in the work to help children, youth and families in need, among the Filipino people.

Thank you for your engagement!

Thor Klaveness

Sara Teigen's account of a journey



Hello!

My name is Sara, I am 19 year old and am from Buskerud, and I have had the joy to visit Filipino Tribe Mission, their projects in the Philippines. It is something that has given me perspective on things, and experiences, I never will forget.

After finishing elementary, middle school and secondary, I was some school tired and not sure what I should do in my life. I has always had the desire to travel and experience things that not the "ordinary Norwegian" does on a vacation; it is a heritage from my father. So, we talked about dreams and wishes, and suddenly two tickets for the Philippines was a reality. Daddy should stay for a little more than two months, and I for six. Then came the queries, what should we actually do there?



I had not just had an "A4 Adolescence". My mother and father took me and my little sister to the Philippines while we were young children, and they worked on an orphanage outside Manila. I had already talked with them there, and was welcome to work there, but we also wanted something more. Something that was new to both of us. Daddy found an article by the Filipino Tribe Mission Sweden, and adventurous as we are, we took contact.

Right before the date of departure, we got a Philippine phone number, and we went with fact about different tribes, projects that were ongoing and goals for the Filipino Tribe Mission, which they had to read about. From Manila to Mindanao, further flight ticket was fixed, but during a week in the Philippines, we got a call that were not pleasant. Thor Johnny, our contact and future "guide" to the different projects and places in Mindanao, had had an accident with a motorbike. God saved his life, but he could not walk and were in terrible pain.



AGUSAN



Mindanao was a part of the Philippines, which was unknown to us, but after much walking and questioning we found the place where Thor Johnny was. Thanks to my mother, who is a nurse, she had packed a lot I never thought I should use, but which was perfect to Thor Johnny; support bandages, creams and ointments, wound cleanser, large patches and analgesic. The arrival was maybe not as planned, but we quickly understood that this was just randomly, but a wounded guide didn't stop us, neither Thor Johnny! On the pulpit with homemade crutches, in small vehicles through the jungle and the road, and this that we were allowed to help inspired us.



We were, as told, participate in a lot of, and since Thor Johnny were wounded, we were cast into different situations, which otherwise we should not taken this big part of.

In Prosperidad we became heads of procurement to more godchildren in cooperation with the lovely pastor couple Quintas.



PROSPERIDAD



The godchildren should have food, clothes, school material and school uniforms, and what did it all so much better was that the children themselves was allowed to participate.

It was fun to see the joy in the eyes of the children when they was measured by the sewer, so that they could have their first school uniform, and not least be allowed to choose their own School Bag and pencils!



Each child was, on by one, and it was good to be with to enjoy the children on behalf of the sponsors at home in Scandinavia. Not only that we were with the children in the different shops and markets, after that everything was purchased, we went to the place where they lived and delivered the stuff.



Maybe the children did not dare quite believing that it would actually be their own assets before we stood on the porch with it, it was how it looked like due to the joy seemed in their eyes.

You would think that they did not live so far away from Prosperidad, because on the tour from Butuan, where we arrived with the flight, we saw some civilization, but how wrong could one have.



We drove far into the country in the blazing sun, then into the jungle, up and up, roads were not to brag of – did I forgot to tell that we had to come there on a motorbike? Nothing else would have made the trip!

So here we sat, two big Scandinavians on a motorbike, and three small Filipinos on another with rice sacks and large boxes of food and material and it was quite a sight!



The trip up was challenging and we thought it would take no end, but when we finally arrived, and a small village became visible with many happy children were all forgotten, the only thing I thought then that I knew once again just three of the children, when we arrived a little more than ten children were jumping around, but they all look alike happy, even if they knew that the things in the boxes were not for them.



When we handed out to the godchildren, we had seen a joy that I did not even have looked at home on Christmas Eve, and that I will never forget!

SURIGAO



We had been on a lot of other stuff too, we went and visited not only Prosperidad and the godchildren there, we also got a fantastic opportunity to visit Cantilan, Adlay and Carrascal, where we went around with Rev. Efren Rubenial, and others, to visit several tribal in different places of the jungle.



It was really an experience in itself. You think perhaps that all tribes are quite close, but the atmosphere was different in every one, and we quickly noticed that what Filipino Tribe Mission plan of different projects to the different tribes will be tailored to each tribe. I look forward to hearing more about the projects when they begin.



Now I have been home for a couple of months and I did not notice that I have different views on things or changed me much until I had drawn breath a few times and be "recognized" again by Norwegian habits, etc.

It is not long until school starts and I will be studying child education at the university in Stavanger. Finally, I know what I will continue and it is a wonderful feeling, no wonder that I was inspired by such a trip. I am quite sure that the experiences I have had both when I did get along with Filipino Tribe Mission and the rest of the Filipino tour will affect me the rest of my life, and things I thought I would never do I know now that I can with God on my team.



2. The Torp conference



During the midsummer week 15 – 28 June, we set as usual on EFK's summer conference in Torp, where it is estimated about 15,000 visitors during the whole week.

This we could see well when we handed out during the week 1500 pamphlets and 100 newsletters, and already Saturday afternoon we were out of stock.



We hope that more people will find our mission and work, and find our faithfulness and loyalty in the work to help children, youth and families in need, among the Filipino people. The collect boxes on our table gave this year a total in SEK 193.00 for Child Health Care and 178.00 for Mamanwa.

Following has been scheduled for the program of FTMS with reference to Scandinavia.

19 September Thor preaching about his call at JIL, Jesus Is Lord Church in Copenhagen, Denmark

30 September Thor show the slide show "Without language - image as a tool" in Ystad Photo Club



For more information concerning these events, see information and follow links at our home page.

If you want to book us to know more about the Philippines and our work, please contact us on given numbers or e-mail as shown last in this newsletter.

Observe that we are pleased to come, if so only, for the sake of the information, for instance, the life in the Philippine provinces, and about how to help to own support. Information which can be well for use to, for instance, Swedish school youth, scouts etc.



It is you that decide the theme in cooperation with us, for instance, in connection with the UN-day, or any international engagement, or theme day at your work. School – Organization – Work, does not matter.

I ask our deepest and warmest thanks from me and our co-operators for your engagement. Please, talk with a friend about the possibility to be a sponsor to a child or to any of our many projects in the Philippines.

God's peace

Thor Klaveness

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The monthly fee for a godchild is
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and can be paid as follows:

1. By autogiro
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When paid within Sweden, payment can be done
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NOTE

This Newsletter is written to reach people not common with the Filipino culture. To tell about the way Filipino's lives and give an opportunity to help where help is needed.

We are in no way participating in any political movements, but are involved to lift the knowledge to have patience and ability to live side by side with one another. Notwithstanding if it belongs to be to Filipino's or other.

If you want to contribute with your own experiences and/or knowledge, please feel welcome. News in our newsletters is solely based on facts from Filipino's and experiences from other within the Philippines itself. We belongs to different cultures, therefore it is sometimes different viewpoints on the news.

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Date: _____ **Reg. No:** _____

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____ **City:** _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Birth date (voluntary): ____/____/____ - ____ (four last only at autogiro use)

Interest/Hobbies (voluntary): _____

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Own information/wishes that you want, as a sponsor, be taken into account:

Please tick or underline the following choices:

Wish to pay sponsor ship fee per month/quarter/half year Other: _____

Invoices are sent one or three per quarter alt. one per half year/whole year.

Wish to pay sponsor ship fee in: __ EURO __ SEK

Wished length on engagement: ____ YEARS Other: _____

Signature of Sponsor

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The view over the mountains, called Nubenta, is fascinating. To come to our village Adlay, we must pass here.



This is members of the Mamanwa tribe in Surigao del Sur. They belong to the aborigine's of the Philippines, and live as a free people in the mountains.

There is a tribe alike Mamanwa in northern Philippines called Aeta. We're not quite confident that they belong to the same tribe since Aeta is smaller in stature and have different language, but it is possible they have the same background.

Mamanwa lives also in Adlay and Jovelyn Klaveness has together with FTMS a special program for them called **CHP4051**. We welcome your donation.

Thanks for your time

Please submit your questions or to make a contribution!

Maraming salamat po!

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