

Bukal

Life



Ministries

Ubbog

Newsletter of Bukal Life Ministries

The LORD will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring (**"bukal"** / **"ubbog"**) whose waters
never fails.

Isaiah 58:11

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Munsons, the Mercedes, and Angie Gomez) decided to form a task force to minister to the needs of

Benguet province and surrounding regions. Several of us already had worked together previously through Dakilang Pag-Ibig DIADEM Ministries (DPDM) or the "Shepherd's Oikos" Pastoral Care Team.

Our first project was to minister to police cadets at CARTS (Cordillera Administrative Region Training School). They were conscripted to do body recovery from some of the area landslides. The largest of these landslides (in Puguis, La Trinidad) claimed 77 lives. The CARTS Program started in providing supplies to help the recovery team. Then it expanded into crisis care intervention and training for the cadets, a medical mission, and eyeglass service.



**Medical Mission Team at Bagulin, La Union,
with Gifts from Hosts**

WHAT'S BUKAL LIFE MINISTRIES?

This is our first newsletter. Since we only formally organized a few weeks ago, this is hardly a surprise. But here is a bit of an attempt to describe our brief history.

September and October 2009

Two devastating storms raged through the Philippines. The first, Tropical Storm Ondoy, dumped a month of rain on Manila and surrounding provinces in about 24 hours. Then, while relief efforts were underway in Central Luzon, Typhoon Pepeng caused a great deal of flooding and landslides in Northern Luzon.

With relief and counseling support offered from the Virginia Baptist Mission Board (VBMB, the board of Bob and Celia Munson), and gifts from a number of churches/individuals, several people (including the



Recovery Work by Police Cadets

November 2009

During this time, Chaplain Charlie Benton of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board joined us, to do crisis care counseling and train us (and others) in this important skill. We were able to be trained and train others at several sites during this time. This also included crisis counseling at a couple of communities in Benguet that were ravaged by landslides. These were Coroz and Belong (both in Tublay, Benguet). In this we partnered with the Winters, missionaries in Tublay.



Children Learning Action Songs at Coroz

During this time, we decided to formalize our group as Bukal Life Ministries. Some pre-existing ministries became part of Bukal. These include Divine Love Kids Club, Divine Love Family Savings Cooperative, and Shepherd's Oikos.



Chaplain Charlie Benton, of the VBMB, Teaching Crisis Counseling at CARTS

Children at Belong, Tublay in Line for Lunch Provided by the '94 PMA Wives Group (at the Belong Medical Mission) ==>

December 2009

We had a big medical mission in Bagulin, La Union, with approximately 500 served (medical, dental, surgical, and eye glasses). Ces Garcia, with "Discipline Others to Love Jesus" (DO2LJ) trained a number of church leaders in one-on-one discipleship.

SO, WHAT DOES "BUKAL" STAND FOR?

Balikatan Working shoulder-to-shoulder
Ugnayan Networking
Kaagapay Coming alongside
Adivayan A gathering for fellowship
Lingap Care

<For linguists: The words above are Tagalog, except for "Adivayan", which is Ibaloi. Additionally, "Bukal" is Tagalog and "Ubbog" is Ilokano.>

We seek to focus on wholistic (aka "holistic") ministry. This combines physical, mental, social, and spiritual ministries for individual and community transformation. We believe this is what Christ has called us to do.

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