

The Philippines schools project



September 2023, the parcels Jo has carefully and lovingly packed are ready and their journey begins



Wheeled away, loaded in the van, and the two-month journey home begins.

We arrive in the Philippines and unpack them



2024



Our main build project for this year was to bring these two un-used classrooms back in to service. The main problem was that they were built low, and flooded during the rainy season.

Our low-tech solution? Lift off the roof, raise it by a foot or two and put it back on, (with suitable filling in of the gaps, of course!) Then raise the floor and provide ceilings (they didn't used to have them) and fit them out with everything they needed to become functional and workable for the teachers and students.



Stripped off the roof sheeting



Raising the roof and re-sizing the windows and doors





Fill in the gaps and fit new roof sheeting



Fit new windows, add a ceiling, tile the floors



New toilets, ceiling fans and lighting completed the job

Two finished classrooms, next to the two-storey unit we built the previous year.



Our tractor is loaded with all the gifts we will give away today.



The students wait patiently as the gifts are given out



We give out the gifts and get lots of smiling faces



On another day, we gave out more gifts to the High School students. They put on an impromptu dance for us.



Lines of gifts ready for collection



The students tidied the chairs away at the end of the event



A local carpenter made this book case, the teachers liked it so we had more of them made



We supplied a large rice cooker so the children could get a lunch-time meal

Clean, chilled drinking water is essential as the ambient temperatures reach 39+. With no air-con you can only imagine how hot the classrooms get.



Ceiling fans are an essential in these classrooms; so we bought four for the two refurbished rooms and two to replace broken units.



Two storage units for two of the classrooms and one dish drainer cabinet for the canteen.



We bought twelve printers this year and gave six to the elementary school and the rest to the high school.



One large industrial fan for outside events on the stage

50 bowls and a large casserole, to help the volunteers who cook food for the students



We had more of these made, as they were so helpful for the teachers who used them last year.

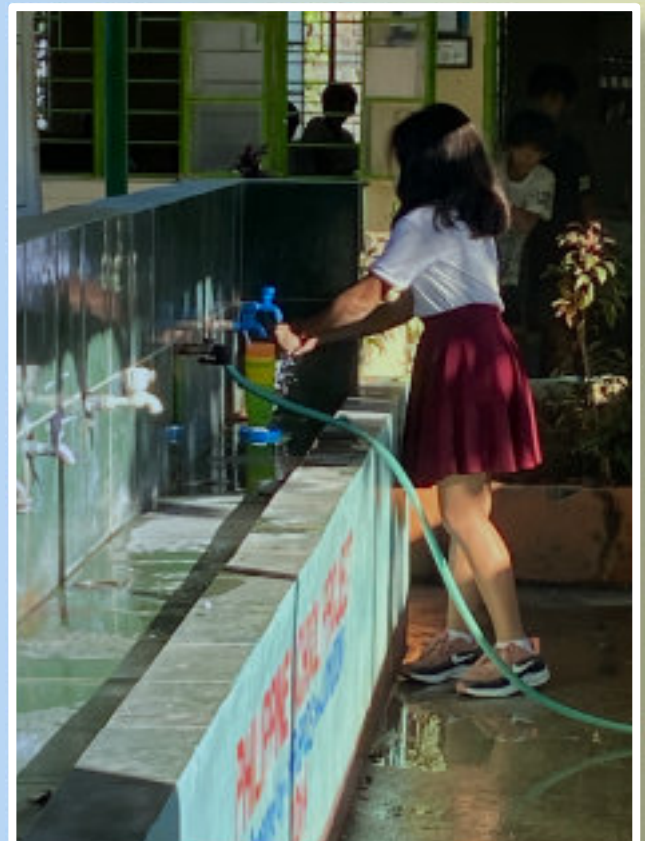


50 "monobloc" chairs

It's quite normal to find students who have arrived into school early, watering the gardens or doing other gardening chores



Or sweeping up and generally tidying, before class starts.





Sports supplies for the high school



Lockers and cabinets for classrooms



We had new tables & chairs made for the kinder classes and bought supplies for the village hall



Supplies to help the voluntary health workers



We collected the apples for the students on our tricycle!



None of this would be possible without your support! We can only say "thank you", which seems inadequate, but it is backed up by the voices and thoughts of 1,300 students. Their hopes and dreams are our inspiration.