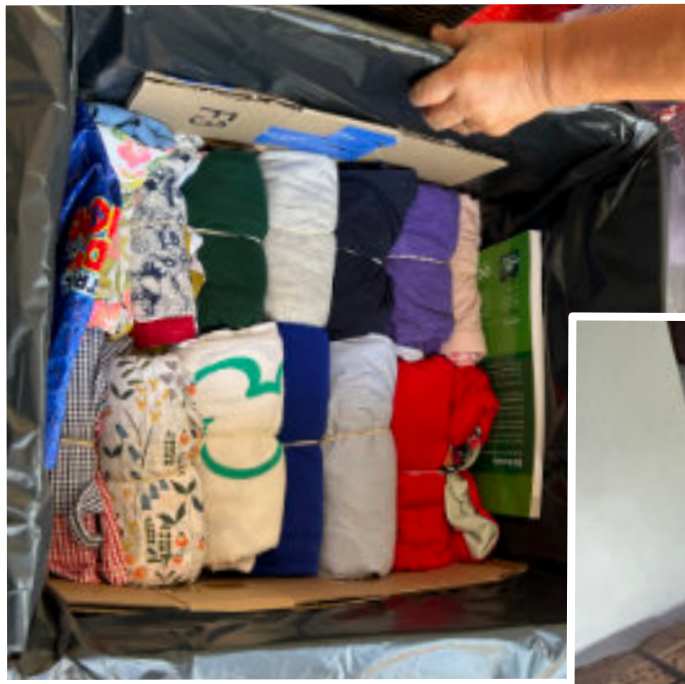
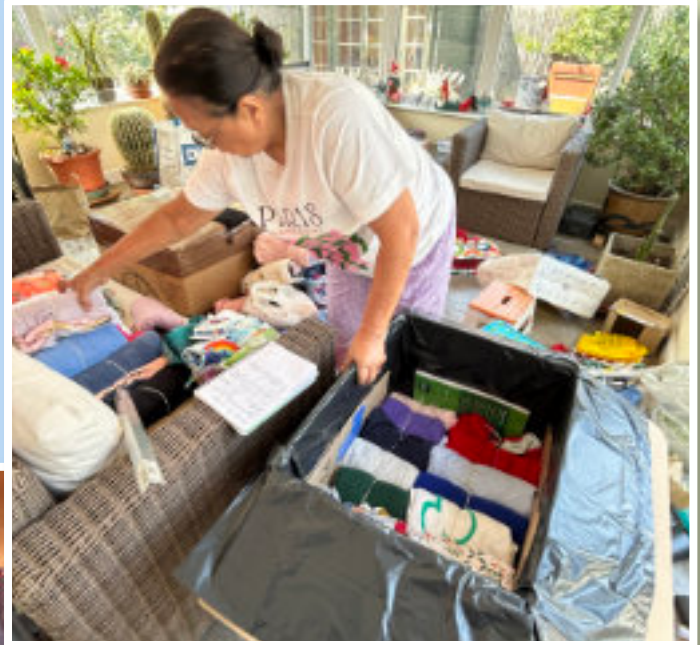


The Philippines schools project

September 2024, and once more Jo has been slowly and carefully packing the gifts our wonderful friends give us, ready for their long journey to the Philippines



As usual, when we arrived in the Philippines, they are there, ready to be opened.

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Some of the classrooms are in poor condition. The raging heat plays havoc with any painted surface and termites have a similar role with anything wooden.



In the elementary school we have six rooms that are in a particularly bad way, where the steel roof has leaked which in turn has rotted the ceilings.

Our solution is to replace rotted roofing sheets, repair or replace damaged ones and give everything a fresh coat of protective paint.



Then, add a new ceiling with improved materials that would not be subject to water ingress or infestation in the future

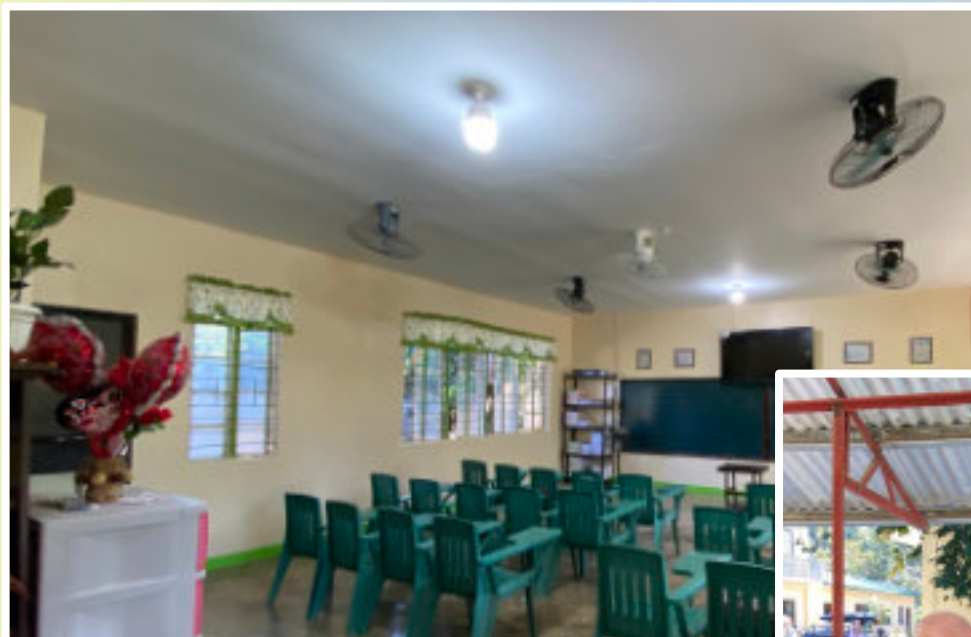
Two double classrooms had a wooden divider which had been severely attacked by termites. This divider did little to muffle sounds between the adjoining classrooms.



These dividers might also have been a safety hazard in the event of an earthquake, to which this area is prone. Solution, knock them down and re-build in reinforced blocks.



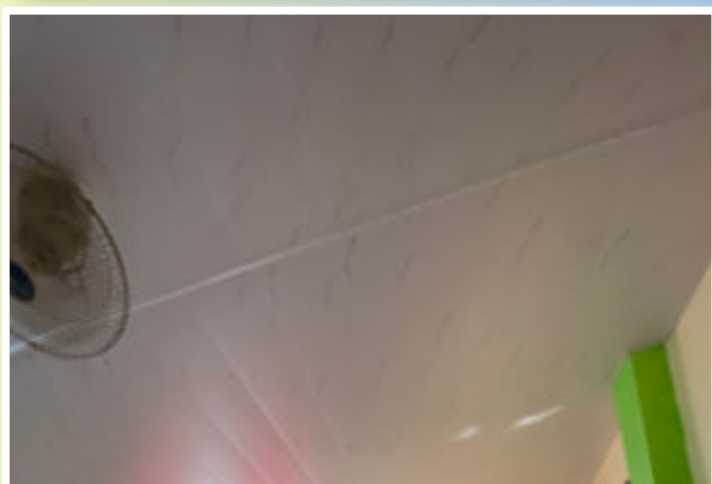
The exterior overhangs are fitted out with the same boards



New ceilings and
a fresh coat of
paint



Officially open!





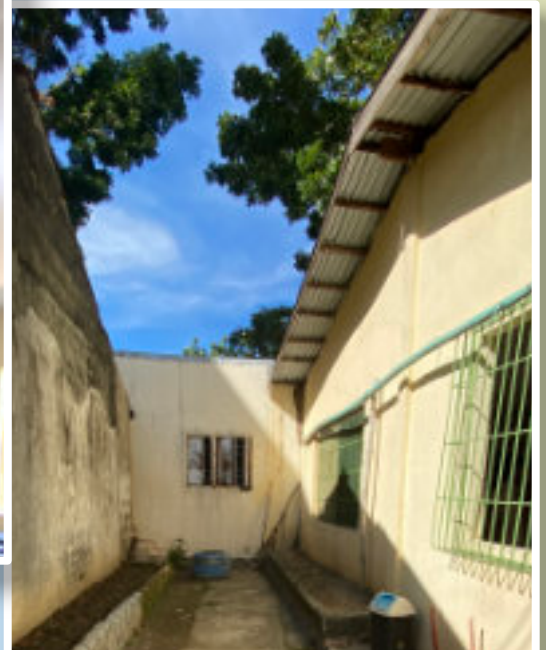
In the high school, a classroom we had extended many years ago was now in danger due to a termite infested roof. Solution, pull it down and replace it with a new steel truss.



It was suggested that we might extend the new roof over a gap between two adjacent classrooms.



The new ceiling is very smart, and now there is a covered outdoor area for the welding classes

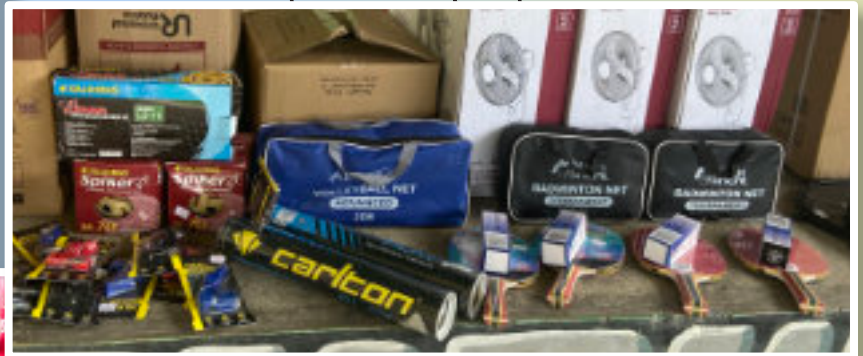




Printers, fans and water chillers as requested by the high school



They also asked for white boards, cork boards, guillotines, laminators and sports equipment.



Chess sets and chess clocks, hard drives and sports equipment for the elementary

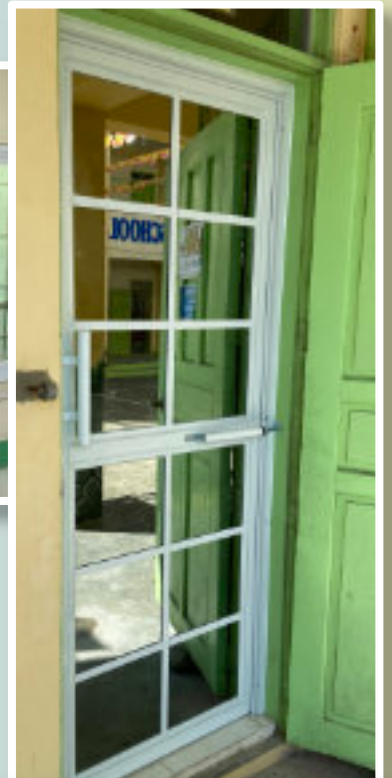
Elementary also got their fare share of printers, fans and water coolers plus one large screen TV.





various
assorted
children's
books for
the
elementary
plus some
hand-built
cabinets
and tables





Two glass doors in the home economics room and four windows and a door in the principal's office, high school

We always try to help the wonderful voluntary workers who assist the regular visits of the midwife with some medical supplies. They look after our students of the future



There was an open verandah which we bricked-up to form some additional rooms. This was just being completed as we left to return to the UK.



We purchase all of the school supplies locally and distribute them alongside the gifts we send from the UK



Writing and drawing supplies for the elementary school

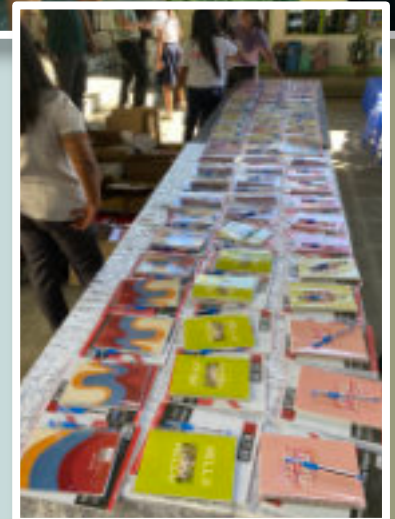


Unpacking the gifts ready to distribute

All gratefully received



Writing supplies for the high school



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.