

Hilamonan Elementary School, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental, Philippines

Feeding Program

Sir:

On behalf of the teaching force, parents and teachers, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and to all the supporters of the Feeding Program of Hilamonan Elementary School.

Indeed, the Feeding Program marked a very great impact in the lives of our pupils, not only physically, but spiritually, morally, and intellectually as well. Physically, we have raised the percentage of pupils with normal body weight from 50.67% in the beginning of school year 2009-2010 to 67 % at the end of the school year. With the difference of 17.67%, we can say that these pupils really need more nourishment.

Spiritually and morally, because we have learned to be thankful and prayerful to God, to all the people who have big hearts to extend their help to the needy.

The Feeding Program has also improved our pupils intellectually because we have raised the Division Achievement Test (DAT) from 50.95% to 53.89%. The difference of 2.94% gives us the positive view that we are improving academically because we have helped the very needy pupils with their foods to support their body and strength to be alert in all school activities.

The feeding program has reached the total school population of 391 this school year 2009-2010. These school children belong to the poor families in the far-flung places in Barangay Hilamonan, in the City of Kabankalan, in the Province of Negros Occidental, Philippines.

Barangay Hilamonan is the third biggest barangay of Kabankalan. The Hilamonan proper is 3 kilometers away from the city, where the school is situated. It comprises of several far-flung sitios which are more than 5 kilometers away from school, where 25% of the school children need to walk every morning and every afternoon. These sitios are Tapi-an, Danao, Cot-cot, Paloypoy Dako, Paloypoy Diutay. Another 25% of our pupils live in more than 3 kilometers away from school places or sitios are Cabangahan, Pacol, Casipsipan. Other 25% of our pupils still walk 1 kilometer away from school and other 25% surrounding the school in Hilamonan Proper.

Most of the people here are farmers or laborers for they work as paid workers in the farm or sugarcane farms as "Carga-Tapas laborers" only. Some are indulged in small "Buy and Sell business."

Others are carpenters and tricycle drivers. Parents are hard-up with their daily needs that they even use some of the bigger and older children to help them augment their family income. Some children even dropped from school just to work to help the family.

Sir, may these background information guide you and those with more sympathetic hearts to continue helping us in our endeavor in the field of education. The whole DEP ED family is extremely thankful of your financial assistance and it is above all proud that Filipinos are helpful people.

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