

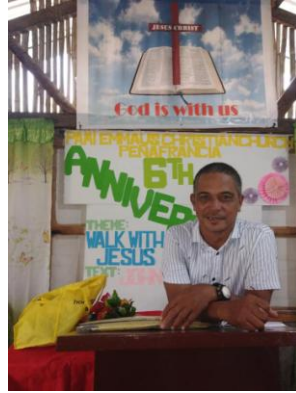


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The Philippines has lately experienced a lot of calamity--typhoons, volcanoes, earthquakes, rebels, political challenges, poverty, hunger, physical and spiritual sickness--and all the more needs Jesus, and PAMI is there to be a beacon of hope. For the last month and a half PAMI has focused on relief and recovery to our ministry locations throughout Sorsogon Province that were hard hit by Typhoon Tisoy on Dec 2-3. PAMI has supplied \$4000 aid for relief/repairs so far, and may augment that with \$3000 more. PAMI churches with the worst damage were Penafrancia (daughter church of EBI) and Candumaay Matnog, and about half of the \$4000 went to replacing their roofs. In both these places, PAMI pastors and others came together for *bayanihan*, which is sort of a community teamwork akin to an Amish barn raising. In a short period of time both places were fixed to be better than they were originally (see before and after pictures below)!



Penafrancia Church before & after bayanihan rebuilding. Ptr Rolly Catubig led the 6th anniversary celebration on Jan. 5th with theme from John 8:12.



Candumaay Matnog Church before and after reroofing, replacing a woven roof with stronger corrugated steel.



Praise God for typhoon relief goods from several sources--PHILRADS, Operation Blessings, Compassion, BCCL, Judy Jeniebre, Clarita Murray, Bryant Trust, LINC, etc.

Please check *The PAMI Post* for additional pictures, information, and updates: [www.pamimission.org/blog](http://www.pamimission.org/blog)

## **Jan. 7th letter from Sister Ofel Mendizabal, head of Emmaus Bible Institute partition of PAMI**

Hi Brother Mike, PAMI Board & Supportors,

It has been a great blessing for us knowing that you are continuously praying for us here in the Philippines. Thank you for always extending your full arm of support to us. It has been a wonderful 2019 for us here in PAMI Philippines. There are many blessings and also trials and problems but the Lord is always faithful to us and gives us strength to overcome challenges. We faced many difficulties, like the typhoon, but God's plan is better than our plan. He opened many opportunities for us to minister to people; He gives us many partners in the ministry to reach and evangelize the people. We have been partners with Operation Blessings, which helped 350 needy families whose houses were partially/totally damaged by the typhoon in our nearby barangays of Capuy, Bulabog and Bucal-bucalan. Before the distribution they participated in counseling and acceptance of Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They not only received relief goods, but they received the most important gift, "Eternal Life". We received a very positive rating from their Disaster Response Team. They said they were accommodated warmly here at EBI and the distributions are very organized, unlike in other places they've been to. Praise the Lord!

Another partner is PHILRADS, which worked through the Pastor's Association of Sorsogon. PAMI pastors and other pastors received relief goods from them and helped with distribution in affected areas in Matnog Sorsogon, especially in the coastal areas like Manurabi. Several EBI Freshmen come from homes in Manurabi that were washed away by the strong winds and waters coming from the sea.

I am blessed that Sis. Mayet Bueno, director of BCCL, came to EBI and wanted us to choose a place to distribute 100 bags with school supplies. I choose Manurabi. With a team from EBI, we will do counseling and preaching of the Word of God there. God is good for an opportunity of spreading the Word and promoting EBI to that place. Glory to God!

We in EBI praised God that many are touched by God to help. EBI graduate Sis. Judy Jeniebre has a successful international placement services business in Manila and helped provide 100 bags of relief goods for needy families in the nearby barangays of Gimaloto, Barayong, Pumarayan, Penafrancia etc. EBI has been a blessing to many families here in our place. Compassion also gives some relief goods for the Compassion sponsored children and their families.

A PAMI worker family Christmas Party was held at EBI on Dec. 27. Everyone had a good time. We had a short program, ate some food and distributed gifts received in your balikbayan boxes (including University of Minnesota basketball shirts, caps, purses/backpacks, toothbrushes/toothpaste, pencils/pens, art supplies, toys, books, laptop, etc.). We also had our church Christmas party on Dec. 29. Everybody enjoyed the fellowship and about 400 people attended, including children.

We are preparing for the book distribution for the pastors here in Sorsogon sponsored by International Christian Literature Distributors. We are very thankful to John Stacknik for the books and reading materials for the pastors.

**2020 Vision: "That through the help of the Holy Spirit as our guide and wisdom, that with faithful hearts continues to serve God and His people through us His servants."**

**Our Mission: "To carry on the Good News of Salvation to people and expand His Kingdom."**

**Thank you Bro. Mike and PAMI Board and Supportors for sincere and earnest prayers and supports for all PAMI families each and every year. For this year 2020, may we have a blessed and productive year ahead of us. A blessed and happy New Year to you!**

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Follow up Bible studies for the recipients of relief goods from our partners
- Good health for all of us
- Studies of my girls, Nicole and Shelley
- More EBI students
- World peace