# RISE AND REBUILD FOUNDATION

Winter - Spring 2022



#### MISSION STATEMENT

#### **Rise and Rebuild Foundation**

RISE AND REBUILD is committed to aiding the poor and the malnourished in the Philippine Islands. The initial program began with the building of communal bathrooms after the devastating Typhoon Hian in November 2013. While we continue to build bathrooms, RISE AND REBUILD focuses on the nutrition of malnourished children, from birth though secondary school. We also drill potable water wells, build nutrition centers from the bricks made at our brick making facilities, and operate garden centers. The establishment of large gardens provides free vegetables for the nutrition centers as well as needed employment for people from the local villages.

The need for aid in the Philippines is overwhelming. RISE AND REBUILD FOUNDATION is able to enrich and bless the lives of many because of the generous donations of supportive friends. Without such help, none of what is depicted in the following photos would be possible. We have had substantial growth during the past nine years and the demand continues to increase.



#### **NEIGHBORHOOD FEEDING CENTERS**

As a result of research conducted by the Philippine National Government, it has been determined that in order to improve the physical and mental health of the Filipino people, malnourishment must be addressed from birth. Therefore, RISE AND REBUILD has begun to institute neighborhood programs for young children and their mothers. This program differs from the school nutrition program in that we are not constructing new buildings in which to feed the children. Each neighborhood (barangay) has a local government building where we establish and equip basic kitchens. Employees from RISE AND REBUILD serve as feeding coordinators and the local mothers cook the food provided by RISE AND REBUILD. The coordinators explain that the two requirements necessary for participation in this program are planting a home garden, when space is available, and bringing the children to the feeding center at 7:00 a.m., 6 days a week. We supply all of the gardening materials and check the height and weight of each child weekly. An individual chart is kept and monitored to track their progress. In a relatively short time, significant improvements have been made, with many rising above the malnourishment standards.



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#### **GARDEN CENTERS**

The purpose of our gardens is three-fold: to supply needed vegetables to the nutrition centers, to the feeding centers, and to others in need. The gardens also provide income for local residents. Currently, there are 300 gardeners at four different garden centers: Leyte (16 acres), Tarlac (14 acres), Cebu (25 acres), and Lucban (35 acres). Because of the advanced gardening methods used at each center, we can produce 6 times that of a local Filipino garden. The crops are generally harvested within a 4 to 6 week period following planting. Under normal circumstances, the unused vegetables are sold at local markets to subsidize the gardeners' income.

#### **TARLAC GARDEN CENTER**



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## **LEYTE GARDEN CENTER**







## **CEBU GARDEN CENTER**



## **LUCBAN GARDEN CENTER**



#### **TYPHOON RELIEF**

Typhoon Odette slammed into several islands during December, 2021. Rise and Rebuild provided immediate relief in the form of 76 small nipa huts, as pictured below. We also provided over 2,000 new corrugated roofs. While these provided emergency relief, the foundation is working on new improvements and more emergency storage.



#### **NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS AND GREENHOUSES**

The need for more neighborhood gardens has become apparent. While we have four main garden centers, with a fifth one in the works, Rise and Rebuild recognized the need for more neighborhood involvement. This has proven to increase the health of more people and has led to greater stewardship within the local communities.









## **RESULTS FROM GARDENS**



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#### **MANAGEMENT TEAMS**

RISE AND REBUILD could not do without the hard work and dedication of these teams.



Left to Right — Richard and Trixie Espinosa, Reyson and Judith Pua, Liahona Bandoy, Ray and Debra Goodson, Ben and Jinky Cinco, Stella and Marcelino Abril.

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