



Badjao Bridge ANNUAL REPORT 2015



PROGRAMS

Child Sponsorship Program

2015 was pivotal for our child sponsorship program. After presenting our program to First Presbyterian Church of Hayward, California, we increased sponsored enrollment by more than 95 children! A total of 110 children received scholarships to attend the local elementary school, 10 students were sponsored to attend high school and three students are continuing to attend a local university under our scholarship.



Preschool

Led by Weng Amper, we continued our preschool class with 16 children in regular attendance. Our classroom is located in the middle of the stilt hut community where we provide facilitated learning, books, school supplies, and lesson materials. In partnership with the Feed My Starving Children organization, children receive a protein-fortified meal each

Teen Literacy Class

A full time teacher was hired in the fall to facilitate basic literacy for teens who don't have elementary school education. Paz Oroyan is overseeing this effort. Despite the pressure on these teens to start providing family income, they are motivated to learn and attendance is consistently strong.



LIVELIHOOD

Pearl Products

Livelihood efforts remained focused on helping Badjao parents enhance and produce their handmade pearl jewelry. Product quality and packaging improvements are a big help in selling to foreign tourists in the area. We continue to sell the artisans' pearl products at occasional fundraising sales in the U.S.



Health & Safety

We facilitated basic safety training to Badjao fishermen to help reduce accidents in their fishing endeavors. In connection with the training, we provided a wetsuit for each fisherman for a nominal cost. The tribe loses one or two men each year due to unsafe diving practices. A wetsuit allows a fisherman to fish longer at a safer level.



CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

Sunday Program

On Sunday mornings children gather to listen to and reenact Bible stories and memorize Bible verses which help reinforce reading and writing skills. Alith Billion uses innovative techniques to reinforce the children's literacy. Children also receive a fortified meal, prepared by teens in the community.

Leadership and Values Training

Teenagers in the community participate in a discipleship training program every Friday evening. Teens study and apply scripture in practical ways: through prayer, generosity, service and care for others. This wholistic approach fosters an inward desire to seek positive change in the community.



COMPLEMENTARY INTERVENTION

Basic Health Care

Children continue to be affected by conjunctivitis, so we provided antibiotics for 20+ children and their families. We also provided antibiotics for scabies and other skin infections, thereby reducing the number of missed school days.



First Aid

We provided eye medication for both adults and children suffering from wounds

Dental Hygiene

We conducted a presentation for over 80 children and some adults in the community, discussing causes of tooth decay and preventive methods. Each child received a toothbrush and toothpaste and a demonstration on brushing.



Vision and Hearing

We began bringing children with vision and hearing problems to see doctors in a nearby city. This resulted in the diagnosis of several children in need of corrective lenses. In one case, a boy was found to have a degenerative eye condition that may lead to blindness if not treated. 42 children were found to have hearing issues which range from impacted wax to completely ruptured eardrums. Several children have been identified as candidates for hearing aids which are being provided free of charge from a local hearing center.



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Lighthouse

The Lighthouse project received more than \$66,000 in donations! Despite a construction setback, we began evaluating options to our original road access plan.

Missions Trips

A group of six volunteers from Hayward, CA visited the community for a week, assisting in health and hygiene training and instruction in seedling planting to help the children grow food for their families. They also presented career options for the children who otherwise see only teaching and police work as a life option to fishing.

Photography Camps

Another of this popular camp, which began in 2011, was held in October to help children develop artistically and discover a voice through taking pictures. Six teenage girls participated.



ADMINISTRATION

--- We accepted an offer by First Presbyterian Church of Hayward to use an office, free of charge, in The Bay Area, California!

— Executive Director Dan Johanson continues to raise his entire support for his position, which keeps our U.S. administrative budget less than \$1500 a year

--- Badjao Bridge Philippines and Badjao Bridge U.S. continued coordinated efforts to operate the programs as efficiently as possible.

FINANCIALS

	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET INCOME
Programs (1)	63,060	45,772	17,288
Lighthouse learning center (2)	67,050	7,420	59,630
Executive Director (3)	<u>50,727</u>	<u>51,514</u>	<u>(787)</u>
TOTALS	180,837	104,706	76,131

Notes:

(1) An large unexpected donation allowed us end with a healthy balance, which will be helpful as we expand to another community in 2016.

(2) Restricted fund; pre-construction expenses included taxes and legal fees, and land preparation.

(3) Income comes only from and is limited to donations made specifically for Executive Director support. Expense comprises salary and employer payroll taxes.

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PLANS FOR 2016

- Continued expansion, provision, and oversight of our Child Sponsorship program
- Continued work towards evaluating solutions to secure road access to our property so that construction can begin on our 4-story Life and Learning Center
- Implementation of a learning lab with tablet computers loaded with interactive math and science modules
- A group of college students will travel from the U.S. to visit the Badjao and to learn about their needs as they participate in hand-on projects

VISION

Badjao Bridge is an international partnership of Christ-following believers whose mission is to provide hope and opportunity for communities living on the sea. Working in partnership with local communities and churches, our focus is on children and their families—to promote human transformation, seek justice, and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

We pursue this mission through integrated, holistic commitment to:

- Witness to Jesus Christ by life, deed, and word that encourages people to respond to the Gospel.
- Discipleship Training for leaders to carry on the ministry of Jesus in their communities and beyond.
- Transformational development that is focused on providing children access to quality education.
- Emergency relief that assists sea-dwelling children and families afflicted by disaster.
- Promotion of justice that seeks to protect vulnerable children and change unjust structures affecting the poor.
- Partnerships with churches to contribute to spiritual and social transformation.
- Public awareness that leads to informed understanding, giving, involvement, and prayer.
- Provide tangible support to children and their families so that they have access to basic education.