



Badjao Bridge Annual Report 2016

PROGRAMS

Child Sponsorship Program

Child sponsorship remains the main focus of our efforts and is the most powerful and cost-effective way to change the life of a child. For about 65 cents a day, we continue to provide a child with quality education, nutritious meals, basic healthcare and spiritual nurture.

Pictured here (right) is Juvy, one of the most courageous and hard-working 15-year-olds around, who graduated elementary school in 2016. Losing his father in a fishing accident some years ago, the pressure to provide for his mom was enormous. Despite the teasing of being 5 years older than his classmates, he was determined to attend high school with the help Badjao Bridge provides.

2016 was another breakthrough year for this program because for the first time since our inception, we expanded to a second Badjao tribe in the Mimaropa region (specific location withheld for child safety requirements). This location has its own set of challenges, most notably a lack of sanitary conditions in the village. With the help of Badjao Bridge's Lighthouse funding, we were able to purchase suitable land where the tribe can thrive and live in sanitary conditions. Combined, we are now sponsoring over 140 children!



College Scholarships

In October 2016 we celebrated a ground breaking milestone—the first Badjao college graduates! We have been helping Lorna and Madonna for over five years to achieve their goal of completing a Bachelors in Criminology degree, which will enable them to become local police officers. This journey out of poverty for them has been a struggle, but the gals overcame nearly impossible odds and are now a shining light of hope for all the children in the community.

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Water and 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.

Because of a severe drought affecting most of the Philippines, access to clean drinking water has been a major issue. With no option but to purchase water, most families were unable to provide children with enough to drink, let alone bathe, wash dishes, etc. To help alleviate this we purchased a water tank that collects rain water which the community can access.

Literacy

With the help of a generous donation of electronic tablets, we were able to jumpstart our literacy efforts for children of all ages. These tablets are pre-loaded with educational apps, and kids will be able to get a head start heading into grade school. However, we are not able to make full use of these tablets until we establish a secure location during our tutorial sessions. We expect to make fuller use of this resource when our Lighthouse Learning Center is completed.



Preschool

Our faithful teacher Paz Oroyan continued teaching our preschool class with 12 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 day in our program.

DISCIPLESHIP

Leadership and Values Training

Led by our Program Director, Weng Amper, teenagers in the community participate in a weekly discipleship training program where they learn 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.



Saturday Program

On Saturday mornings children gather to listen to and reenact Bible stories and memorize Bible verses. Our staff and high school volunteers use innovative techniques in these sessions to reinforce the children's reading and writing skills. Children also receive a fortified meal, prepared by teens in the community.

LIVELIHOOD

Pearls

Pearl products remain the main source of income for many Badjao families who can no longer fish because of government restrictions. Our livelihood efforts with these families decreased in 2016, mainly because our volunteer, Hazel Johanson, is no longer available to dedicate sufficient time to the sales effort in the U.S. Hazel is pictured here during a training visit in April where she trained several craftsmen how to use an innovative technique to knot pearl necklaces using a special tool, which the community now successfully uses.

We continue to sell the artisans' pearl products at occasional fundraising sales in the U.S.



COMPLIMENTARY INTERVENTION

Lighthouse Learning Center and Living Community

In 2013, we had planned to build a four-story Learning Center. However, our plans were stalled as we continued to work through a thorny road-access issue to our property. The new plan calls for a two-story building with the first floor dedicated as a classroom and the second level as a small office and staff apartment.

In hindsight, the slower-than-expected progress to build the Learning Center was fortuitous in that the scaled-down plans enabled us to use some funds for constructing a **Living Community**, on land, for a second Badjao tribe on a different island.

This strategic opportunity to assist another Badjao tribe opens the door to working with even more children in desperate need and we have already begun a new Child Sponsorship Program for the children.

This new property will allow for over 100 families (pictured here) to live on land near the sea, where they can thrive. This location has a clean water source, is walking distance to the elementary school and is accessible to a local town where families can sell their limited catch of fish. We have made plans for providing the sanitation needs of 500 people—this need is critical.



PROJECTS AND FUNDRAISERS

Missions Trips

A group of three volunteers from California visited both of the tribes that we work with, assisting in health and hygiene training. In addition, they assisted in literacy classes and presented the children with career alternatives and the importance of an education to achieve their life goals.



Mt. Kilimanjaro Fundraiser

A group of four climbers dedicated their climb of Africa's highest peak to Badjao Bridge! Together, the team comprised of Kat Lam, Ronnie Mosley, Matt Johanson and our Executive Director Dan Johanson, raised \$17,559 for program support.

ADMINISTRATION

— Executive Director Dan Johanson draws no salary from the Badjao Bridge program funds, thereby keeping our U.S. administrative budget less than \$2,000 a year. **His salary is funded by his personal donor support network, which has sustained his ministry for nearly 20 years.**

— 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)	128,712	56,183	72,529
Lighthouse Projects (2)	2,940	33,371	(30,431)
Executive Director (3)	<u>46,582</u>	<u>54,950</u>	<u>(8,368)</u>
TOTALS	178,234	144,504	33,730

Notes:

(1) A large unexpected donation in December allowed us to end with a healthy balance, which will be helpful as we continue our expansion efforts.

(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. Badjao Bridge did not provide any benefits, health or otherwise, in 2016.

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PLANS FOR 2017

- Continued expansion, provision, and oversight of our Child Sponsorship program
- Groundbreaking of our Lighthouse Learn Center will take place in April with construction to be completed by December.
- Completion of the septic tank project, allowing a Badjao community to thrive in an area that is both sanitary and closely situated to the sea.
- Installation into the Lighthouse of interactive learning lab, complete with tablet computers loaded with interactive math and science modules
- Completion of the accreditation process with the Department of Social Welfare
- Application submission for Badjao Bridge to be registered as a tax-exempt organization.
- A group of volunteers will travel from the U.S. to visit the Badjao and to learn about their needs as they participate in hands-on projects