CORON MEDICAL, DENTAL, SURGICAL MISSION, 2017

CORON, PALAWAN IS NOW ONE OF THE BEST TRAVELDESTINATIONS IN THE WORLD. HOWEVER, WITH ALL ITS BEAUTY AND ELEGANCE, THERE ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE STILL STRUGGLING FOR BASIC HEALTHCARE. THE NATIVES (TAGBANUAS) ARE PROUD AND HUMBLE BUT ALSO POOR, STILL CAUGHT IN THE SLOW PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT BUT HOPE IS RISING AND REAL PROGRESS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

FOR 2 1/2 DAYS, 70 DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES JOINED HANDS AND PROVIDED FREE MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND DENTAL CARE TO ABOUT 2,000 RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES.

ORGANIZATIONS LIKE UERM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ITS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ASSOCIATION OF PHILIPPINE PHYSICIANS IN AMERICA (APPA) ANDAUXILIARY, PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHER CALIFORNIA (PMASC) AND AUXILIARY, ARELLANO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING, AND ASSOCIATION AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES INTERNATIONAL ALL JOINED TOGETHER AND THE RESULT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.

DR. HEDY WINDSOR, APPA PRESIDENT; DR. WARREN GABRILLO, PMASC VICE-PRESIDENT; AND, DR. JOSELITO BABARAN, UERM MAASC PRESIDENT LED THE GROUP WHO WERE INVITED BY CORON MAYOR AJERICO BARRACOSO.

FEEDING PROGRAM AND GIFT-GIVING WAS ALSO A PART OF THIS NOBLE ENDEAVOR. 600 INDIGENT KIDS WERE GIVEN SCHOOL BAGS LOADED IWTH SUPPLIES, FREE MEALS OF CHICKEN AND SPAGHETTI AND DRINKS MADE THEM VERY HAPPY.

SPECIAL THANKS TO KOKOSNUSS RESORT, BALINSASAYAW RESORT, MAYOR BARRACOSO, LOCAL VOLUNTEERS, JOANNA PE, ATE ROSE AND EMILY FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND INVALUABLE SUPPORT FOR WITHOUT THEM, THIS MISSION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE.

WE THANK OUR LORD FOR THIS UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR COUNTRYMEN ONE BARANGAY, ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME!