MISSION TO LUBAO, PAMPANGA AND LUCENA, QUEZON, A LABOR OF LOVE

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THE UERM MAASC (SOUTHER CALIFORNIA CHAPTER) AGAIN CONDUCTED A SUCCESSFUL HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVOR FOR 2016. LUBAO, PAMPANGA AND LUCENA, QUEZON WERE THE VENUES FOR THE JANUARY 29 TO FEBRUARU 4, 2016 MISSION. SIXTY PLUS VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND DENTAL CARE TO MORE THAN 3,500 PATIENTS.

THE GOUP HEADED BY DR. JOSELITO BABARAN, CURRENT UERM MAASC PRESIDENT WHO IS A NATIVE OF PAMPANGA PROVIDED FREE MEDICINES, SURGICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES. WITH OUR GENEROUS HOSTS PROVIDING FREE ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD, DOING CHARITY WORK WAS MUCH EASIER AND REWARDING.

HYPERTENSION, DIABETES AND UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS WERE VERY COMMON. SURGICAL EXCISION OF CYSTS, LUMPS, THYROID MASSES AND UTERINE MYOMAS WERE PERFORMED. MULTIPLE DENTAL EXTRACTIONS WERE ALSO DONE

ABOUT 60 VOLUNTEER DOCTORS AND NURSES, DENTISTS AND PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL FROM THE USA WERE JOINED BY HUNDREDS OF LOCAL VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED IN THIS HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITY WITH A COMMON GOAL OF IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OUR KABABAYANS ONE BARANGAY, ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.

FEEDING PROGRAM FOR 600 INDIGENT KIDS WAS ALSO A PART OF THIS MISSION. JOLLIBEE MEALS AND CHOCOLATES WERE GIVEN AWAY INCLUDING BALLOONS TO THE DELIGHT OF THE CHOSEN KIDS.

ONCE AGAIN, WE THANK OUR LORD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AND WE THANK OUR DONORS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.