

Tabang Bicol Fundraising

(Written by Alan Durante)

FAAWC and the Bicolanos in the Western CT had a Dinner and Dance Event last January 27, 2007 at 6:30PM-11:00PM at the Hall in St. Mary's Church, 28 Dodgingtown Road, Bethel, CT. The main purpose of that event was to raise some fund to help the Super Typhoon Reming's victims in Bicol (TABANG BIKOL).

The main organizers were Cathy Ampeloquio, Chie Jardeleza and Alan Durante. Jesse Jardeleza donated his time and sound system equipment for the event. Herb and Kairen Cledera for allowing the advertisement posted at their H&K Store. Chona Trinidad and Naty Aldecoa were our dancing instructors. Vil Rasing lent his projector for the showing of PowerPoint slide presentation. The FAAWC officers and members contributed their time and inviting friends to join in this worthwhile cause. The Bicolanos of Danbury was in full attendance led by the Ampeloquios and did a wonderful job in the setup and preparation of food.

To mention some of out-of-towners who supported the fundraising from New York: Violy Dorozan group, Rosa Galesky group, Job Palaya & family, Rollie & Heather Tengco Family, Janice Peralta, The Palencias Family, Dr. Erlinda Villaluz, and Naty & Luke Aldecoa group. Also from Greater Connecticut: Dr. Teeking & Family, Dan & Maila Alvarez, Rudy & Mila Mariano and Dr. & Mrs. Phil Guevarra.

The money raised was transmitted to Father Wilmer Tria. He wrote this thank you letter:

“On behalf of the many Bikolano families devastated by the Super Typhoon Reming, please accept my profound gratitude to all the officers and members of the FAAWC in Connecticut. IBFI received the amount of 1,634.47 dollars. Your concern for our fellow Bikolanos is certainly heartfelt and comes from a deep love for God and devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Your assistance goes a long way to help our fellow Bikolanos as they struggle to rebuild their lives and get back on their feet.

Your donations were sent to the Social Action Center of the Diocese of Legaspi c/o Most Rev. Nestor Cariño, D.D. and the Archdiocese of Caceres c/o Most Rev. Leonardo Z. Legaspi O.P., D.D. These two centers have more than 500 volunteers involved in the daily relief operations especially at the most remote parts of the region.

May the grace of God shower you and your family with good health and prosperity always. Sincerely, Father Wilmer Tria.”

Good deed was done!