

**REPORT ON VISIT TO  
BULIHAN SITES & RELOCATION PROJECT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Silang, Cavite  
September 1, 2007**

Dear Colleagues,

Hello from Manila! I wanted to share a few photos taken during my visit with the Bluebirds of the 250th Presidential Airlift Wing of the Philippine Air Force, MOP's partner in Luzon. As you know, with PAF's assistance, MOP was able to send books to Bulihan Sites & Relocation Project Elementary School in Silang, Cavite. This is a school for slum kids relocated from Metro Manila to Cavite.

Accompanying me is Ms. Izel Guatno with the Manila Rotaract. There was a brief "welcome" ceremony at the 250th PAW Headquarters led by Colonel Tan, Acting Wing Commander, and other officers of the PAF. We then paid a courtesy visit to General Michael Mendoza. Both officers expressed appreciation for MOP's work. On behalf of MOP, I received a plaque of appreciation from the 205th Presidential Airlift Wing.

Several officers of the PAF took me to Bulihan Sites in Silang, Cavite (an hour and a half drive) to visit the school and to turn over the books MOP sent from Florida. The principal reiterated the school's appreciation for the books donated by MOP. We toured the library (shelves are empty; only books there are those donated by MOP), the science room (very bare), and the classroom building which was severely damaged by Typhoon Millenio. The building is still buried in mud and classes have been moved to another building, causing overcrowding.

There is so much work to do, and it is obvious that the school needs help. My heart breaks for the poor children, but it is encouraging to see that MOP's assistance is making a difference. And it is heartwarming to see the smiles on children's faces.

The principal requested more science books. She also asked for science equipment for their science laboratory.

I am traveling to Davao on Monday afternoon to visit Duterte High School. Then MinLand Foundation is picking me up on Tuesday to visit the schools in North Cotabato. I return to the U.S. on September 9.

Sending you best wishes from the Philippines. Thanks for your continued support.

Doreen



Col. Alger Tan, PAF, Acting Commander,  
250th Presidential Airlift Wing  
(MOP's partner in Luzon)



Visit with General Michael Mendoza, PAF  
(With Ms. Izel Guatno of Manila Rotaract)



Arrival at Bulihan Sites & Relocation Project Elementary School, Silang, Cavite  
(Col. Tan introducing me to school officials)



I spoke to school children about the importance of setting goals  
and not letting poverty hinder those goals