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FEATURED STM Chapter

We are thrilled to share highlights from the June 2003 Program Report on the newly established STM Chapter in Sta. Rita, Pampanga. Work at Barangay Becuran is just the beginning. Preliminary work for establishing STM programs are also underway in Dila-Dila and San Matias.

We are indebted to the late Pete O. Lapid for making this chapter a reality. The vision of a Sta. Rita Chapter that Pete worked for planted the seed and the financial support of his friends and family made possible the creation of the STM Chapter in Sta. Rita, Pampanga. Pete's family continues to actively support this Chapter.

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Save A Tahanan, Inc. (STI) is a tax exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. Its mission is to mobilize resources to improve the lives of families through training and microfinancing and to empower them as responsible members of the community. STI believes that a self-sufficient tahanan (home) is the foundation of a strong society. It is guided by the principles of sharing and participation that instills accountability.

Santa Rita Chapter

Situational Analysis

Guided by STI-STM's guidelines in selecting program areas, Barangay Becuran of the Municipality of Santa Rita, Province of Pampanga was selected as the pilot community for the STM-Santa Rita Chapter based on the following observations:

- a. STI-STM's objectives fit the priorities of the poorest segment of the population.
- b. Demands of the poorest segment of the populations are compatible with STM-STI Management capabilities.
- c. Substantial evidence exists that the program is likely to succeed because of the presence of capable informal leaders willing to integrate themselves in the program.
- d. Substantial evidence exists that some local agency & organizations both public & private express interests to participate & continue the program beyond the period of STM's involvement.
- e. STM Intervention will result in increase family's socio-economic development.
- f. Potential success of program outweighs the risk factors.

Becuran Program Management Team

The following are members of the Program Management Team of Becuran, STM-Santa Rita Chapter:

- a. Maria Mercedes Cadiz - Executive Officer
- b. Purisima O. Licto - Deputy Executive Officer
- c. Corazon S. Reyes - Treasurer
- d. Anthony Licto - Secretary
- e. Enrique Bonifacio - Head, Likod-bahay Kaunlaran Program
- f. Purisima Licto - Head, Family Enterprise Development Assistance
- g. Maria Dalisay Macarabu - Head, Kapamahalaang Barangay sa Kaunlaran (KABAKA)
- h. Lucita Manalo - Head, Pamayanang Dalub-Aralan ng Buhay (PDAB)

During the situational analysis, these members expressed willingness to be part of the management team. They became PMT members upon successful completion of the rigorous Leadership Training facilitated by Mr. Santiago, the STI Executive VP for Philippine Operations. PMT members were also required to participate in the continuous Program Management Skills Training, a learning program that helps them:

- identify & arrive at consensus about priority problems;
- plan realistic projects to solve problems identified;
- identify & mobilize the resources required to implement the projects selected;
- manage project activities within the team's structure;
- identify their own training needs & strategies for meeting them;
- provide feedback & evaluation for continuous project development;
- effective meetings; and
- select & train program participants.

Program Participants

The Becuran Program Management Team, with the assistance of Mr. Antonio Santiago, ST1-Executive VP for Philippine Operations, conducted Orientation & Training Seminars to fifteen (15) families. Successful completion of these seminars is one of the requirements for qualifying for assistance.

Small Business Enterprise Loan Program

Fifteen families currently participate in the Small Enterprise Loan Program. The PhP 3,000 loans received from STM-Santa Rita Chapter are being used as additional capital to their small scale, family-based income generating activities. Here are encouraging results of the program to date:

- (a) Each participant granted three 3-month loans have repayment rates of 100%.
- (b) Participants enjoy a substantial increase in income due to low interest loans and reasonable return on investment.
- (c) Participants continue to improve relationships among themselves.
- (d) Participants now save for capital build-up and practice good business management.

Current participants are:

Tahanan Selda - Sampaguita: *Business*

- 1. Purisima O. Licto, Leader: *Sari-sari store*
- 2. Estrella N. Manalo, Member: *Sari-sari store*
- 3. Petrocimo N. Manalo, Member: *Vending*
- 4. Teofila Garcia, Member: *Sari-sari store*
- 5. Rosita M. Pangilinan, Member: *Carinderia*

Tahanan Selda - Rose: *Business*

- 1. Ma. Corazon S. Reyes, Leader: *Meat Dealer*
- 2. Noel Garcia, Member: *Market Vendor*
- 3. Lucita Manalo, Member: *Sari-sari store*
- 4. Amelia Manzavares, Member: *Food Trade*
- 5. Gloria Meguit, Member: *Sari-sari store*

Tahanan Selda - Cattleya: *Business*

- 1. Anthony Licto, Leader: *Beauty Parlor*
- 2. Norma S. Cabusao, Member: *Sari-sari store*
- 3. Elisa C. Cruz, Member: *Sari-sari store*
- 4. Liney M. David, Member: *Sari-sari store*
- 5. Edwin P. Paguio, Member: *Vending*

Likod-Bahay Kaunlaran Program (LBK)

The two projects under the LBK program are bio-intensive gardening and backyard poultry-raising. Bio-intensive gardening is a small-scale food production of vegetable, feed grains, and root crops suited in small home lots. Poultry-raising is a choice of any of the following: chicken, ducks, pigeons, turkey, geese, or quail.

The "dispersal approach" is used to ensure continuity and expansion of these projects. In bio-intensive gardening, recipients of planting materials pay back in kind, as in seeds or seedlings. In poultry-raising, recipients give back the equivalent number of poultry received. This will be distributed to qualified families waiting for their share.

Current participants are:

- 1. Enrique R. Bonifacio
- 2. Amor R. Bonifacio
- 3. Roberto Reli
- 4. Rolando Ottillano
- 5. Jon-jon Lizario
- 6. Aileen Villalobos
- 7. Demetrio Apostol
- 8. Alejandro Beligano
- 9. Michael Ramos
- 10. Ma. Mercedes Cadiz
- 11. Tony Calima

WE NEED YOUR HELP

This report gives a glimpse of what is involved in starting up a Chapter. Your support today will help us continue our work. A donation of \$100 helps start a program for one family. Any amount will help cover the costs of maintaining existing programs, establishing new Chapters, as well as expanding existing Chapters.

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