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COMPASSION KNOWS NO TIME NOR BOUNDARIES.
IT JUST GIVES.



The Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation Inc. is a non-profit organization that offers dignified, systematic, and holistic care to the homeless and to victims of extra-judicial killings.

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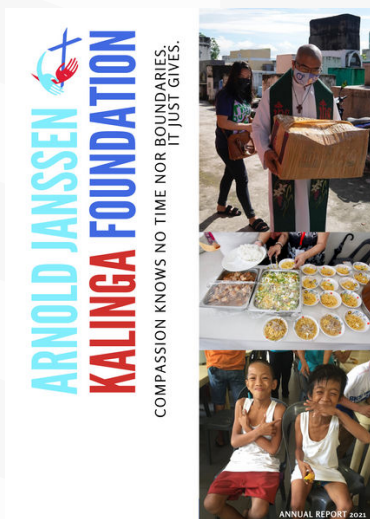
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ABOUT THE COVER

The three photos show a glimpse of AJFKI's service in 2021: Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD carrying a box of the exhumed remains of an EJK victim; a snapshot of the homecooked meals the AJ Kalinga Center provides daily for our dear homeless; Matt and Jeff (not their real names) find comfort after a refreshing shower as part of the “Kain-Aral-Ligo Ng Ayos” assistance the Center offers everyday.



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INTRODUCTION

Did people stop needing care, food, and shelter after a year of COVID-19 community restrictions? If anything, they needed it more.

Last year, through technology and creative persevering ways of reaching out, we continued helping drug war orphans and widows heal, this time, through online psychosocial interventions. For the first time, we also started facilitating the exhumation and burial of EJK victims' remains that were threatened

2023





to be lost forever in mass graves. To create a more long-term solution to homelessness, the Arnold Janssen Bahay Kalinga, which opened in 2020, also regularized its operations last year.

Times may have changed but we continued to be resolved to provide dignified, systematic, and holistic care for the MOST - the marginalized, the outcast, the sick, and the tormented.

Amid the so-called "new normal", we discovered and renewed the ways we did mission.



“ May the heart of Jesus live in
the hearts of all...”

ST. ARNOLD JANSSEN
FOUNDER, SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD

A NOTE FROM THE FOUNDER



If you look at what's wrong in the world today, it's easy to see a lot of issues destroying lives: homelessness, hunger, corruption, injustice, poverty in general. But if you think about it, they all lead back to one thing: indifference. When coupled with deception, it is a whole new tragedy. Recently, we have experienced how damaging disinformation can be, how a lie if repeated often enough becomes the truth.

In 2021, we were truly challenged in our capacity to continue caring. We often had to pause and ask ourselves, "Until where should Christ's compassion lead us?" Events and developments showed us, however, that to care for another person is a sacred task, it is a calling.

A NOTE FROM THE FOUNDER

The best in our humanity cannot be separated from the charity and concern we show to others, especially to the poor. Caring for people, especially the marginalized, also entails caring and safeguarding the truth, the truth that our country is so wounded.

Last year saw the Foundation diving headlong into the "new normal" of giving formation virtually, online meetings, daily feeding in various locations in Manila, etc. We started Project Arise, under Program Paghilom, to exhume and autopsy the remains of EJK victims, turning them over in urns to the family so they can be soon laid in permanent and final resting grounds.

Our team has stayed agile, upskilling to help beneficiaries in new ways. Many of the things you will read in this report would not have been possible without our passionate and faith-driven staff. Thank you for loving Christ in everyone we serve!

Times are tough, but Divine Providence has never let us down. Stay up to date and find out how you can be a partner in the mission of re-creating and empowering lives!

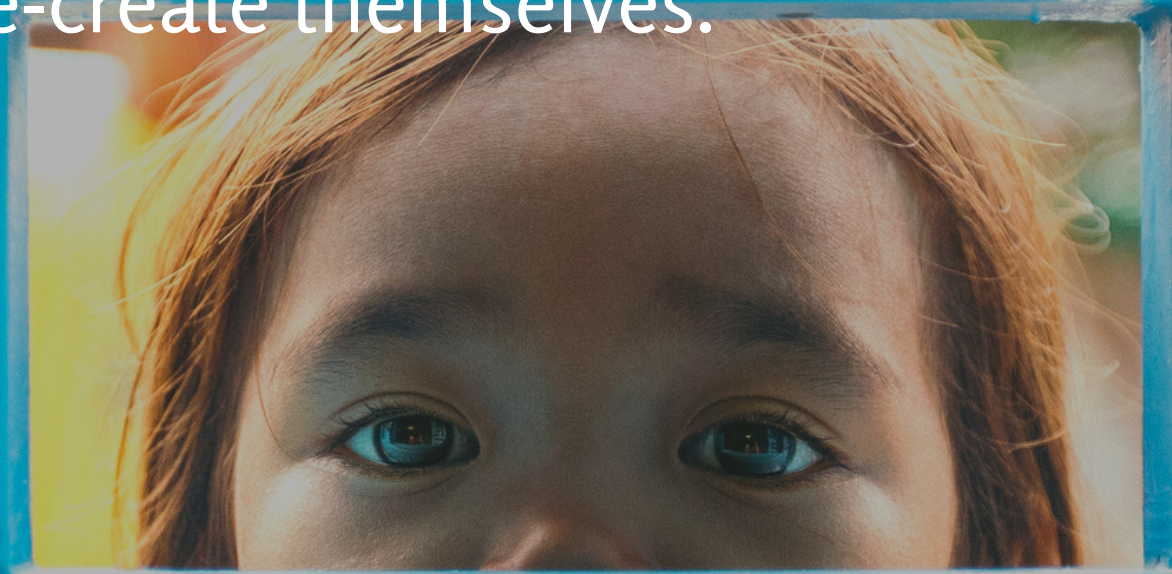


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CARING FOR THE M.O.S.T - THE
MARGINALIZED, THE OUTCAST,
THE SICK, AND THE TORMENTED

The 5Ps of our partners in mission: **Pesos, Products, Presence, Promotions, and Prayers** help the most vulnerable sectors of society, the homeless re-create themselves.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



A lot of things went digital in 2021. With the shift, many needs could be addressed online. But how do you fill a hungry stomach virtually? This was a part of Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation Inc. (AJFKI's) mission that we had found a way to still fulfill despite on-and-off community restrictions and the continued freezing of AJ Kalinga Center's regular in-house operations.

For the past 6 years, AJFKI has been working towards the vision of re-creating and empowering the lives of street dwellers by providing dignified, systematic, and holistic care. Created on July 16, 2015, the feast of Our Lady of Carmel, AJFKI first started by addressing one of the most basic human needs: food. At the AJ Kalinga Center (KC), street dwellers are given the chance to reclaim their self-respect through the 7-station process in a systematic manner of caring:

- Welcoming
- Profiling
- Clothing
- Bathing
- Grooming & Affirmation
- Meals & Bonding
- Sending off

Eventually, street dwellers continue the journey of starting anew by leaving life on the streets for Arnold Janssen Bahay Kalinga (BK) in Caloocan City to undergo formation, psycho-spiritual interventions, Alternative Learning System (ALS) classes, and technical-vocational training. Eventually, they move back to KC for a 3-month "on-the-job-training" helping feed the homeless in Manila. They return to BK and stay for a month where they will either be matched with a suitable employer, endorsed to an institution, or reunited with their families.

Meanwhile Program Paghilom shares the vision of re-creating and empowering lives of the wounded and victims by enabling orphans, widowed spouses, and other family members of extra-



judicial killings (EJK) victims reach their full potential and facilitate more effective interactions with the larger social environment. In 2021, Project Arise was born, providing a means for drug war victims to give the remains of loved ones a permanent and dignified burial place.

With the on-and-off lockdowns persisting throughout 2021, the government estimated that 177,000 more Filipinos slid into poverty while 444,000 more lost their jobs.

The Asian Development Bank predicted Filipinos would be poorer by 20% in 2021. The rest of the world seemed to be moving on, but the urban poor already struggling were being pushed closer to despair.

While round-the-clock media coverage focused on COVID-19 cases, the drug war continued mostly in Metro Manila and Cebu. Nearly half a decade of helping EJK victims' family members get back on their feet had exposed the Foundation to a need which few had even thought about. Long-dead EJK victims now had the leases on their public cemetery tombs expiring, and their remains could be lost forever in unmarked mass graves if no intervention was made. Though another year for much learning and pivoting, 2021 was a year of exploring how to serve our beneficiaries' needs in fresh ways.

From April 25, 2020 to December 31, 2021, the AJ Kalinga Center served 342, 465 meals to street dwellers in Lawton, Kalaw Avenue, Chinatown, FEATI, Canonigo Street—all in downtown Manila. We had a total of 465 feeding days. Even as the number of street dwellers rose every month, the team pooled resources to be able to meet a growing need. Generous partners in mission also stepped in, helping the Foundation raise Php 11.8 million (USD 224,899).

As the Foundation reached more people, more homeless people were also given the chance to start their journeys of transformation. From July 2020 to December 2021, 152 street dwellers had been welcomed and had undergone the formation program in BK. Eight of these upskilled through technical-

vocational courses also offered in BK. Twelve were eventually hired by companies. Eight, who had been away from home for years, were reunited with their families.

Just like many families, the families of the drug war mortalities also suffered from the socio-economic uncertainty of 2021. Program Paghilom stepped in to provide financial assistance to 250 families of EJK victims. 155 children of drug war victims were also given educational support through much-needed school allowances.

A total of 95 psycho-spiritual interventions were made to Program Paghilom beneficiaries to continue the process of healing and recovery.

Also in 2021, the bodies of 43 drug war victims were exhumed, cremated, and turned over to the families in solemn liturgical ceremonies through Project Arise. To further enhance the sustainability of the program's assistance, 96 EJK families were given livelihood assistance packages to help them start small businesses and earn extra income.

It's been a packed year for everyone at the Foundation, and a time of great generosity of spirit. In 2022, we hopefully look forward to scaling down our daily feeding to be able to re-open regular in-house operations in KC and once again physically welcome the homeless. Soon, the Foundation may also be serving a new demographic and open in a new location.

A lot remains uncertain and yet we remain hopeful and look forward to intensifying the mission even more.



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2021 KEY METRICS

OUR IMPACT



NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE WE FEED DAILY.



(As part of their holistic formation, dedicated homeless volunteers help prepare & cook food for their former comrades in the streets.)



**NUMBER OF FEEDING
DAYS WE MISSED
IN 2021**

(Very soon, their remains will be permanently laid to rest in a dedicated grave site for EJK victims.)



**NUMBER OF EJK
VICTIMS' REMAINS
WE EXHUMED
IN 2021**



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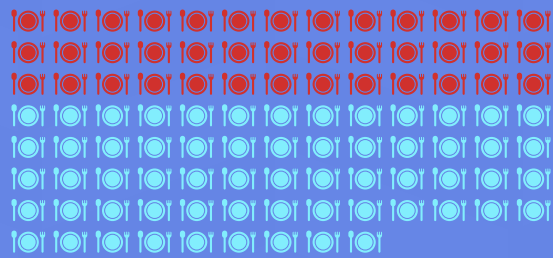
AJ KALINGA CENTER 2021 IMPACT

From April 25, 2020 to December 31, 2021

342,465

MEALS SERVED

We served hundreds of thousands of daily home-cooked meals to the homeless.



FEEDING DAYS

465



Even as the number of street dwellers rose month after month, we stretched every centavo to feed them every afternoon.

₱ 11.8M

COST INCURRED

With the help of big-hearted partners in mission, we were able to pull it off.



'LUTONG KALINGA': ALY ALMEROL



Like many of the people who find themselves on the streets, Aly decided to leave home because of unresolved issues and conflicts in the family. Undergoing counseling helped him begin to come to terms with some of them.

After first meeting 44-year old Aly Almerol, it won't be long before you notice how concerned he is that you're well-fed and taken care of. The effort to personally feed you is almost motherly. Despite the grueling shift of cooking 1,000 meals a day, Aly, as one of the Arnold Janssen (A) Kalinga Center volunteers, still finds time to prep a staff member or volunteer's favorite dish or snack. It could be raw bitter melon salad with peppery

vinegar and tomatoes or it could be good ol' Pinoy-style spaghetti—Aly finds time.

“My being able to cook with joy and with my whole heart for some 1,000 poor of Manila is something I consider a grace that God has given me so that I can help my fellow homeless living in the streets,” he shares in Filipino. For Aly, “Every slice and scoop comes with both sacrifice and love.”

Homeless for twenty years

For someone who has been homeless for almost two decades, Aly remains a striking case of transformation among the AJ Kalinga Center volunteers. Disowned by his own family for identifying as a homosexual, Aly admits he was angry at the world. “They couldn’t accept that I was gay,” he adds. This was what forced him to start living on his own. “I just took all of life’s blows, I became numb and full of anger in my heart,” Aly recalls, who first met AJFKI in March 2020 when he sought shelter at the Paco Catholic School in Manila where the Center started giving away some of their home-cooked meals to the homeless.

Soon the “Kalinga Way” would slowly change him. He explains: “I’ve been cared for in Kalinga, that’s why I will also care for others with joy!” Becoming part of the first batch of formerly homeless AJ Kalinga Center volunteers who underwent training and formation, Aly shares that it was also through Kalinga that he learned to love again and forgive. “Because of them, I learned to dream again. Light shone on my bitter and dark past,” he adds.

New Year’s Eve reconciliation

In December 2021, Kalinga also found a way to reconcile Aly with his family in Sorsogon, who finally accepted him. At first, his father hurled whatever he found in his hands after seeing Aly again, but soon he would finally find it in his heart to welcome his prodigal son back. Aly felt the tight embrace of his father while he was cooking their New Year’s eve dinner.

“[The Foundation] shone the light of love on me; they made me feel that I have value, a person who has abilities and dignity, and most of all, someone they consider family,” he adds. Aly is proof that love heals and love unites.

“Aly felt the tight embrace of his father while he was cooking their New Year’s eve dinner.”



Living in AJ Bahay Kalinga, Aly learned livelihood skills like baking and explored other kitchen basics.



ARNOLD JANSSEN BAHAY KALINGA

AJ BAHAY KALINGA 2021 IMPACT

From July 2020 to December 2021



152

UNDERGONE
BK'S PROGRAM

We've welcomed 152 street dwellers into BK, giving them the chance to start anew.

8

LEARNING NEW
SKILLS/JOINED ALS

Never too late to learn. In BK, street dwellers learn technical-vocational skills/ or join Alternative Learning System classes.



12

COMPANY-HIRED

Hired! Twelve former street dwellers we've trained are now contributing to society as workers in construction and even in the BPO industry.



8

REUNITED WITH
THEIR FAMILIES



We've been an instrument that has helped reunite 8 families after years of separation.

AJ BAHAY KALINGA 2021 IMPACT

From July 2020 to December 2021

LOCALLY STRANDED **7**



We've helped people, who had lost their jobs, return home after years of absence.

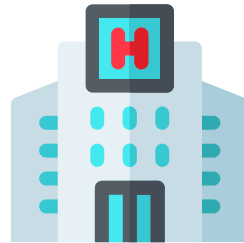
8 HELPING FEED
1K HOMELESS
DAILY



Preparing, cooking, and distributing meals daily for 1,000 people living on the streets is no joke. From being homeless, our formerly homeless volunteers are now helping others.

3 ON OJT

Working with trusted partners in business, we've helped three formerly homeless people earn while learning.



6 ENDORSED TO
INSTITUTIONS

Coordinating with other institutions, we see where a former street dweller can be best cared for.



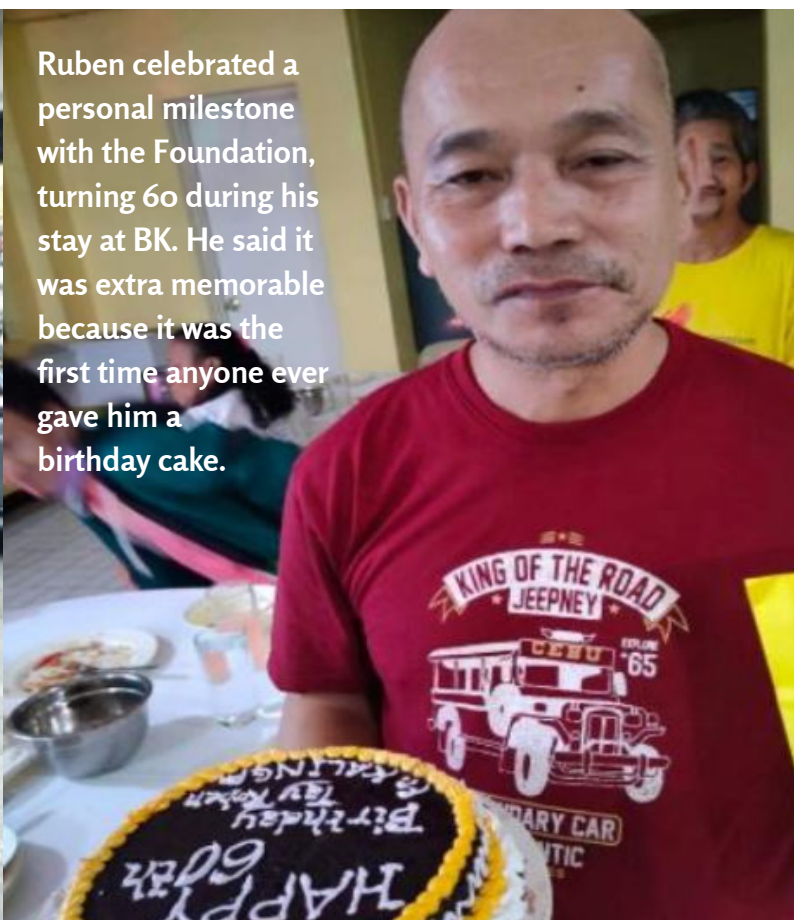
77 VOLUNTARILY EXITED

The AJ Kalinga way also means allowing people to decide for themselves. Even if they decide to leave, we try to help them make empowered choices.

FINDING A HOME: RUBEN BUNGAY'S JOURNEY



It was his realization that he wasn't getting any younger that strengthened Ruben's desire to change and begin again.



Ruben celebrated a personal milestone with the Foundation, turning 60 during his stay at BK. He said it was extra memorable because it was the first time anyone ever gave him a birthday cake.

Belief in God is often born in the home.

But for 60-year old Ruben Bungay of Tondo, Manila it had been the cause of a lot of strife in the family. His late parents were members of Iglesia Ni Cristo, and he was forced to attend church activities even if he didn't want to. Growing up, Ruben felt pressured by the family's belief system.

This led him to have frequent fights with his parents. Feeling rejected and disowned, Ruben decided to leave home. His life on the streets started in 1997. It's a sad and complex truth that a bad mix of religious and drug abuse issues made him decide to leave his family. Quiet and introverted, Ruben would spend 25 years away from home.

The young Ruben soon started hanging out with other wayward teens and got addicted to drugs and alcohol. On and off the streets, he would struggle with homelessness throughout his adulthood.

Ruben's finishing a cookery course from a TESDA vocational school through Hospicio De San Jose is proof that he could work hard for something he really wanted and had a thirst for learning. Months before the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) was imposed nationwide, Ruben was working in a quarry in a far-flung town in Pampanga. The ECQ left him stranded. When community



In a letter to Fr. Flavie, Ruben thanks the Foundation for helping him live out the *Kalinga* values. In his two years with the Foundation, he realized, "My faith in Christ is deeper and deeper, and my faith in Catholicism has become lighter and shines with light." He also added, "My relationship with God has become deeper, which is more valuable than the material gifts that I received every Christmas here in BK."

restrictions were lifted in June 2020, he returned to Metro Manila. But with no place to stay, Ruben was a street dweller once again, living in the area of Kalaw, Manila.

On December 5, 2020, he was rescued and welcomed at the Arnold Janssen Bahay Kalinga in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City. First coming to BK, Ruben was stiff, reserved, kept to himself, and usually stayed at the back during Masses. For a while, he even went back to smoking when he started receiving an allowance for helping with the Foundation's daily feeding operations. Never having fully escaped the specter of relapse, Ruben even jokingly asked a visitor once to buy him a sachet of shabu for old times' sake.

But this brief transition period would give way to what can only be called a true conversion experience.

Never having been pointedly asked to officially convert to the faith during his time with the Foundation, Ruben woke up one day and decided to fully embrace the Catholic faith. He started to make the sign of the cross and was interested in reading the Bible and the lives of saints.

Ruben wanted to learn the prayers and know the responses for Holy Mass. He would be one of the first to sit in front. Listening to him, sometimes the permanent damage of years of abusing drugs is obvious. Ruben would talk about the east and the west, and even cosmic realities in one breath. His personal reflections would sometimes be so abstract as to seem like the ramblings of an unhinged mind.

But from 2021 until the end of his stay, everything was starting to make sense for Ruben—and for those around him. Everything was falling into place.

He had been quietly observing the beauty of the Catholic faith while reflecting on his own life after his stay in BK. Ruben soon became a father figure and a role model for his fellow homeless people, giving them wise words of advice that came from finally choosing what's right after years of going astray.

Eventually, he decided against returning to his family, choosing instead to be transferred to a Catholic home for the aged, the Divine Mercy Home for the Abandoned Elderly. When asked about his decision, Ruben said: "It was the Catholics who helped me at the time when I hit rock bottom, and I never felt their condemnation. I'm the one who was a bit aloof because that's what I'm used to in the Iglesia ni Cristo." He said that living in a Catholic institution would help him discover more about the love of God.

On March 22, 2022, Ruben was brought to the Divine Mercy Home for the Abandoned Elderly in Calamba, Laguna. All smiles and at peace, finally, Ruben finds his home.



After back-and-forth discussions with his siblings and relatives, Tatay Ruben, as he is fondly called, chose to live in a Catholic home for the aged.

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ADRIAN APARE LEARNS TO READ

"Nine-tenths of education is encouragement."

- Anatole France

Unstoppable, relentless optimism.

This is another way to describe the work in AJKFI, and it's especially true in the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Program, a program in partnership with the Arnold Janssen Mission Foundation (AJMF) whose vision and mission is to create and sustain Alternative Learning System (ALS) centers nationwide. With the program, even street dwellers can go back to school!

For the homeless, the idea of learning is a strange luxury. Even more so for someone like Adrian Abraham Apare, a 32-year old house boy who joined AJKFI's ALS Program, unable to read nor write. When ALS teacher Stella Talco first introduced herself to Adrian via Facebook messenger, she was surprised to receive a voice message in return. It was then that she discovered that her new student couldn't read a single letter.

'A happy shock'

Joining his first virtual ALS class in October 2021, Adrian or Ayan, as he is fondly called, first learned the alphabet. According to Stella, to reinforce the learning, she sent him videos he could re-watch to practice his reading. "Kahit sobrang nakakaumay na 'yan, ulit ulitin mo (Even if you're sick and tired of it, just keep on replaying it," she recalls telling him.

There is truth in Colleen Wilcox's words "Teaching is the greatest act of optimism" because by December of the same year, Ayan was reading and writing. He sent his first Facebook message to his teacher—a happy shock. "Nagulat ako. One time, nag-update s'ya sakin nag-chat s'ya, 'yung mismong message talaga. Tinawagan ko, 'Marunong ka na mabasa?' (I was shocked. One time, he updated me, sending an actual message. I called him to ask, 'You can read already?')," shares Stella in a recent interview.

Motivated even more

Months after, Stella is still blown away by the transformation. "Sobrang wow...blessed. 'Di ko talaga



ma-explain, kasi sobrang down na down ka dahil ang dami mong iniisip, tapos narinig mo na marunong na s'yang magbasa. Parang nawala lahat ng mga problema mo kasi may achievement ka. (A big wow...blessed. I really can't explain it, because I was so down with a lot on my mind then I suddenly heard that he could finally read. It's as if all my problems vanished because I've achieved something.)

Today, Ayan continues to make progress, and Stella is even more motivated to introduce struggling students into the brave, new world of learning. "Target ko talaga is maparami talaga ang mga estudyante and 'yung mga estudyanteng 'yung heart nila na pumasa, na tulungan 'yung sarili din nila (My target is really to have more students, and the kind who really have a heart to persevere and to help themselves)," she explains. Truly, in Kalinga, we eat optimism for breakfast.

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Ayan is one of the ALS' Program's recent success stories, proof that giving people a chance is worth it.

PROGRAM PAGHILOM



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PROGRAM PAGHILOM 2021 MILESTONES



PROGRAM

Paghilom

Jan - Dec

Provided direct financial assistance to **250** EJK families

Jan - Dec

Provided food packs to **271** Paghilom families through DLSP

Jan - Dec

Provided educational assistance for **155** surviving children of EJK victims

Jan - Dec

Organized guidance and formation for **20** area coordinators who are family members of EJK victims

Jan - Jul

Gave livelihood loan packages to **96** families

May

Gave tablets to **50** orphans for their online classes for SY 2020-'21

Jul - Dec

Organized exhumation and cremation assistance for **43** EJK victims

Jan - Nov

Held psycho-spiritual interventions for (PSI) **95** EJK victims' family members

Aug

Organized psycho-spiritual interventions for **20** EJK orphans

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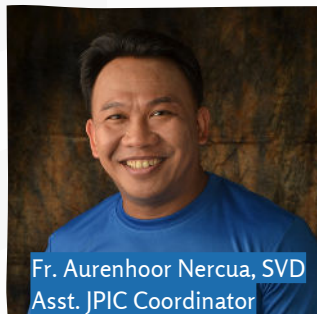
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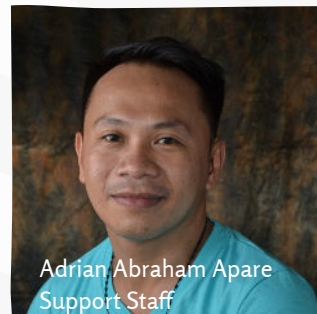
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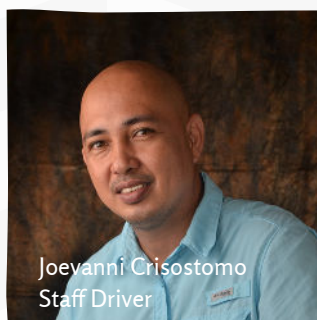
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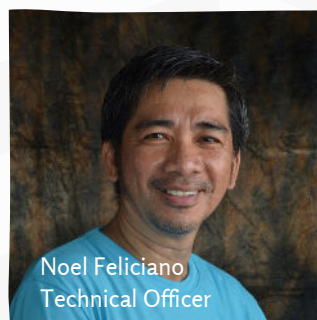
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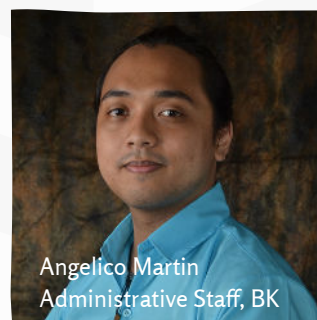
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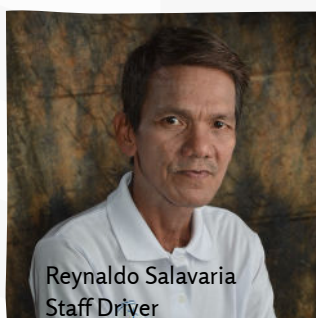
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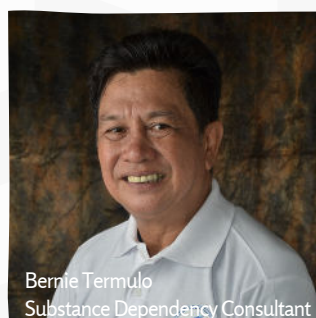
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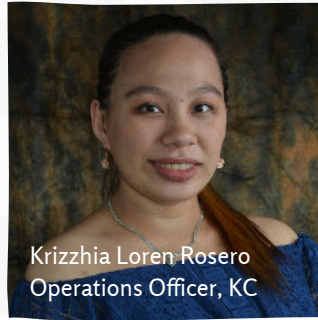
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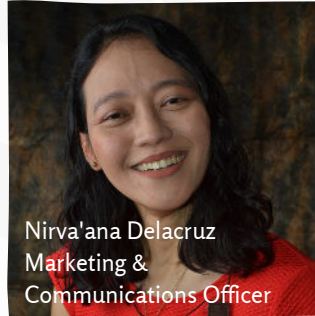
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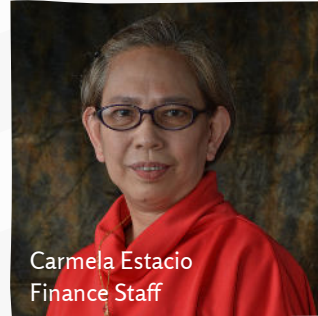
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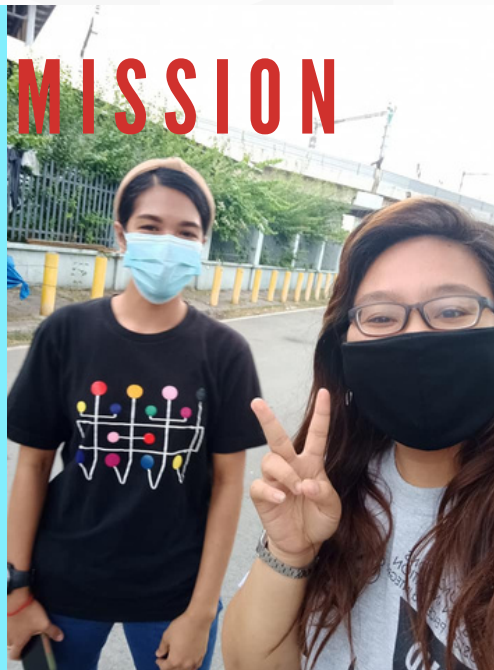


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#AJKALINGAFAMILY

