

Philippines Project History

In 1998 a couple, who were supporters of ICC in Newfoundland Canada, accepted a call by the church to AIIS in the Philippines. The husband would be teaching graduate students at the University there. They took with them a desire to start a chapter of supporters there for the work of ICC.

After they were settled they gathered a group of people together who shared the same desire to help children. Soon they discovered that there were children in the Philippines that needed homes and the care of loving parents. The SDA Union invited us to start an ICC program there and gave us land to build on. This was the beginning in the Philippines.

In March of 1999 an ICC team traveled to the Philippines to sign an MOU with the Philippines SDA Union. The vice-president of the country was at the official MOU signing ceremony. (She is now the President of the country).

We took a look at the donated property located next to the Mission school in Pampanga in the Northern Luzon district. This is in the area affected by the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in June 1991.

By this time we had rented the first home and had taken in around 12 children. Over the years the program has grown. Soon we rented a second house and increased the number of children to 22. During this time we began construction of the first home on the property. We found that it was necessary to construct more than one home before moving the children out since we need room for the staff too.

In 2003 we completed the third home and moved the children to the campus. Presently the accommodations are crowded and we are in desperate need of staff housing. The children are divided between the three homes and the staff share the third home with five of the children. We also started construction on the school for the children. The first classroom is almost completed, and progress is being made on the second one. Since the children are young we will be able to expand the school as we grow.