

JANUARY 2020 ISSUE



SMALL MIRACLES

The Monthly Newsletter of Chosen Children Village Foundation, Inc.

TAAL VOLCANO ERUPTION & EVACUATION ISSUE

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TAAL VOLCANO ERUPTION: A CCV TIMELINE



JANUARY 12, 2020: THE ERUPTION

On Sunday, January 12th, Taal Volcano erupted after eight years of inactivity. Taal is the second most active volcano in the Philippines and it has come to life 33 times prior, most of the time hardly noticeable. By 7:30 PM, PHILVOCS has raised the situation to Alert Level 4 following a series of phreatic eruptions accompanied by frequent volcanic lightning and wet ashfall.

Everyone at CCV was ordered to remain inside their cottages and prepare emergency supplies. We made sure that each cottage had emergency lights, flashlights, batteries and food for the night. Dinner/feeding was done in the cottages instead of the dining hall as the ashfall made the ground slippery and unsafe.

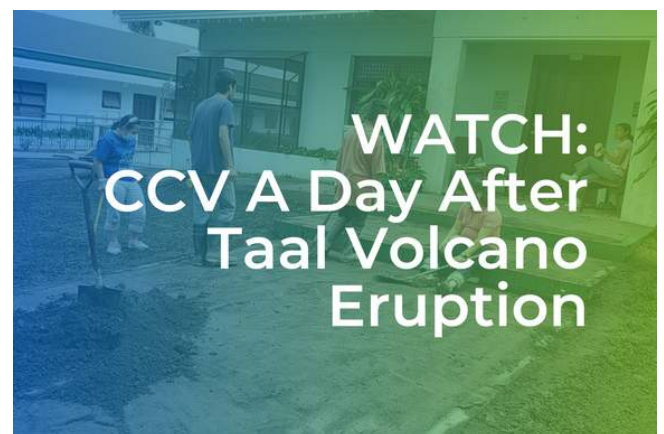
JANUARY 13, 2020: ASH HAS FALLEN

We woke up to a gloomy Monday morning. It was grey everywhere. The ground was covered with wet ash more than an inch thick. The smaller plants were like fresh sculptures made out of clay; you can see hints of green as if they were trying to find a hole to breathe through the fine sulphuric powder that is engulfing them. The animals remained safe in their barns but we couldn't let them outside to graze. There was no edible grass left to feed on.

If left alone, the ashfall would dry and turn into cement and cause further damage so we mobilized the staff to start the cleanup. Our young adults insisted on helping them and they helped with shovelling the ash off the ground, watering the ash off the plants, and feeding the animals in the barns.

We were also blessed that a few friends visited that day with their donations despite the Alert Level 4 warning. We received sacks of rice, bottled water, face masks, and used clothes from some of the guests. Others dropped by with cash donations.

The next day, our Board of Trustees, dropped by with supplies and tools for the cleanup. These included wheelbarrows, boots, garden hoses, and shovels. They also brought canned goods so we can feed the staff who were working tirelessly to clean up the village.



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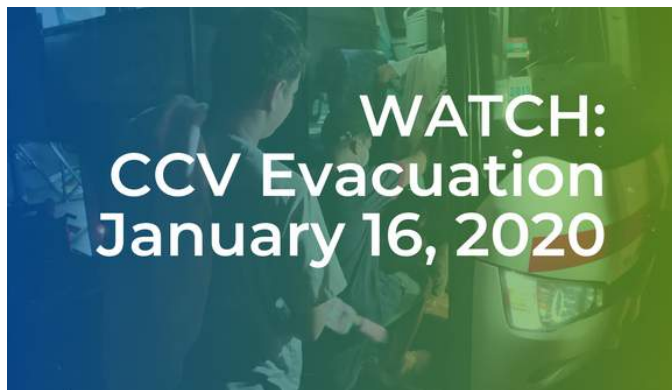
JANUARY 15, 2020: STATE OF CALAMITY

On Wednesday, January 15th, [Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla](#) declared the province under a state of calamity. This is largely due to the fact that Alert Level 4 remained in effect over Taal Volcano. This means that hazardous explosive eruption is possible within hours to days.

As a result, our founder Mommy Lita started considering the possibility that the village might have to be evacuated for safer places.



JANUARY 16, 2020: EVACUATION DAY



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At 6:17 and 6:21 AM on January 16th, Taal Volcano erupted short-lived dark gray ash plumes 500 meters and 800 meters high. DOST-PHIVOLCS strongly reiterated **total evacuation** of high-risk areas within the 14-km radius from Taal Main Crater. This included the village and after a visit from local authorities, Mommy Lita had decided to evacuate the village.

Packing up our belongings took the whole afternoon and most of the night. It was a huge undertaking and even then we couldn't bring all that we needed. We just hoped that people would respond to the call for help we sent out via email that morning.

Speaking of help, we are very much indebted to [British School Manila](#) for lending us two of their school buses with very short notice. It arrived a little after midnight to the delight of the children. There was a slight hiccup though; the drivers informed us that it would be unsafe for the bus to get down to the village from the highway. We had no choice but to climb up in total darkness as the mandatory blackout was in effect.

It was challenging getting everyone up the highway and aboard the bus. The toddlers had to be carried and the wheelchair-bound pushed up by the staff. The older children assisted the ones who weren't stable enough to walk uphill and made sure that they do not wander around. It was tough but everyone made it on top after an hour.



JANUARY 17, 2020: CCV LANDS IN BAGUIO

Seven hours after departing from Silang, 90 children and residential care staff alighted at St Scholastica's Retreat House and smelled the ash-free air of Baguio. A huge thanks to the sisters for welcoming and accommodating us for an entire week. Taking in our family must have been a big adjustment for them but they were very gracious all through out our stay.

And we also have to express our gratitude to our newfound friends in Baguio! We are truly overwhelmed with the support they have shown us. Representatives of the local government arrived shortly after we did and extended their help. Guests kept arriving daily with food, clothing, blankets, groceries, and more, making sure that our stay will be comfortable.



[Click the image to watch the video](#)

We received so many donations throughout our stay at the retreat house that we decided to send a truckload of it to fellow Taal evacuees in Batangas. We also sent some to impoverished communities in La Trinidad and Benguet.

JANUARY 25, 2020: CCV MOVES INTO LOAKAN



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As much as we appreciated staying with the nuns of St Scholastica's, we do not want to impose on them longer than necessary. That's why on Saturday, January 25th, we moved to a rental property at the back of the [Philippine Economic Zone Authority \(PEZA\)](#). It has enough rooms to house the children and staff and ample outdoor space for our angels to get their morning sun and afternoon playtime. Watch the short video tour done by our very own Charlie Sin!

To help the staff and give the children some semblance of normalcy, we have given the older, functional children light chores. They help the mamas and papas take care of their brothers and sisters during the day. Some also help in the kitchen, fold laundry and tidy up around the house. It is heartwarming to see them being conscientious about their tasks and looking after each other.



Yassie tells his brothers to finish their food before they get dessert!



The older girls with stability issues help with feeding the wheelchair-bound.



The older boys look after the little boys and make sure they don't hurt themselves.

FEBRUARY 2020: THE ROAD AHEAD

As of this writing, **Alert Level 3 is maintained over Taal Volcano**. The Loakan House will be our home until authorities say it's safe to go back to our home in Silang. But we cannot deny that the children are missing their home badly and are eager to reunite with the mamas and papas who stayed behind to rehabilitate the village while we are gone. We could only hope and pray that the volcano resumes its restive state soon so that everyone, including our fellow Taal evacuees, can return to their homes.

Until our return, the staff in Silang will focus on rehabilitating the village so that it'll be ready upon the children's return. Efforts are ongoing to clean up the roofs, replant the farm, get the farm animals healthy again, and get caught up with admin work.

Meanwhile, for those who are wondering what kind of help we need, please take a look at the lists below:

PRIORITY NEEDS IN BAGUIO

- Ground Pork/Beef and/or Chicken Meat
- Cooking Oil
- Sugar and Milk
- Fruits and Vegetables
- Drinking-Water
- Vitamins and basic medicines
- Funds to Cover Expenses: utility bills, groceries, and laundry (bed sheets and blankets)

PRIORITY NEEDS IN SILANG

- Funds for roof and gutter repair
- Paint & painting supplies
- Seedlings for the farm
- Fingerlings for the fish pond
- Expert(s) to consult about the farm and the aquaponics setup
- Food supplies so we can restock our pantry



Thank you!!!

Welcome to our New Child Sponsors for January 2020

- George & Mercedes Gallent
- Efren & Benjie Esternon
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Please forward this newsletter to family, friends and colleagues who might be interested in sponsoring a child(dren). Or you can also send this link:

<https://chosenchildrenfoundation.com/sponsorship/>



We would like to thank everyone who answered our call for help and sent us financial assistance in this time of great need. You have eased our burden tremendously and enabled us to continue providing a safe haven for our little angels in the city of Baguio. Thank you so much! **YOU ARE ALL AMAZING!**

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



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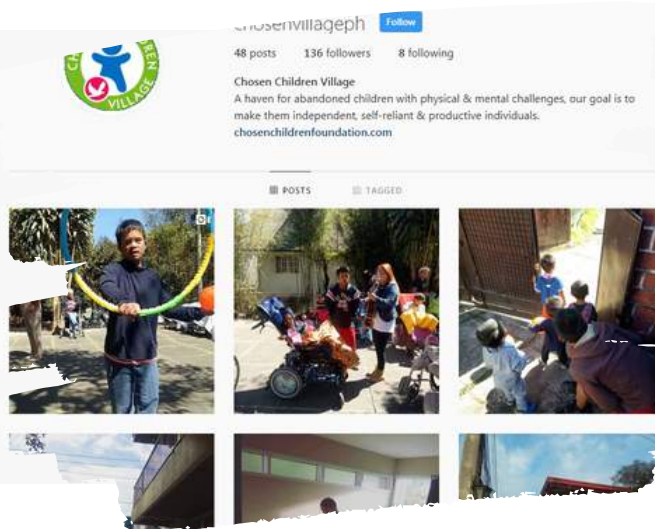
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