



# Influencing Lives Through Service

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In yearning to achieve the common good, resident Asclepians showed no hesitation despite the short notice as Dr. Ruel Malata invited the Order of Asclepius to a medical and surgical mission sponsored by UNILAB at Malangabang Island, Concepcion on May 8.

Malangabang is considered to be the most populated and one of the islands greatly devastated by Typhoon Yolanda.

As such, it took the team 2 hours of land travel and almost an hour by sea to get to Malangabang. But certainly, the long travel or the scorching heat of the sun did not become a hindrance for service to be delivered.

Resident members JMA Argee Alonsabe, SLA Denise Granada, Debby Jardiolin, Nikka Quiñanola and Raissa Juntado from Batches 36 and 37, together with volunteers from the Iloilo Medical Society and Doctors In Touch were able to serve at least 20 boys for circumcision and approximately a hundred for consultation.

Asclepians were indeed fortunate to have had this opportunity to be of service. It will be considered a privilege to influence not only the lives of others, but theirs as well.

**Frater. Medica. Servia. #**

The Order would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Rosemarie Bendicion-Rinon (Batch 21, GLA) for her donations, Dr. Ruel Malata and the Iloilo Medical Society for surgical mission supplies.

There will be several more medical and surgical missions scheduled for this month and updates shall be posted regularly. If you are interested in joining, please contact GLA Angeli Nicole Portigo at 09285024601 or JMA Argee Alonsabe at 09222900634. Any form of assistance will be greatly appreciated. The official BPI account of the Order of Asclepius is 1333308408.