



OA Partners with Bernasol Education Foundation for Charity Work

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There is less than a week to go before class resumes again, but the Order of Asclepius cannot be deterred to stay true to its commitment to be of service to the Filipino people.

Last June 4, 2014, members of the Order braved the distance and 3-hour travel to Sitio Taloto-an, Pan De Azucar, Concepcion to personally give school supplies to the 130 students of Donato Valderrama Primary School. Each student received 7 notebooks, 2 pencils, 1 pad paper, 1 sharpener, 1 eraser, crayons and 2 envelopes courtesy of Bernasol Education Foundation.

The Bernasol Educational Foundation aims to extend help and provide resources to impoverished areas in the Philippines, focusing on educational development, technical and spiritual support for communities in need. It was founded by Godofredo "Bernie" Bernasol, Jr., owner and CEO of Bernasol Enterprise, Inc. in Chicago. Having come from a humble beginning in South Cotabato, he is passionate in

his vision to do missions and relief operations across the country.

The activity was spearheaded by JMA Argee Alonsable and GLA Angeli Nicole Portigo together with resident asclepians Mark Dominic Iwag and Jeffrey Millan. In exchange for the supplies the students promised to study hard and never take the value of education for granted. It was very fulfilling and it brought smiles to the students, teachers and parents who were present.

This activity marks the last one for this summer. The resident members would like to express their gratitude to all the Asclepians for their support and generosity. Another school year is about to start and a lot more can be expected from the Order. The resident members would gladly receive any help, in kind or in cash. You may contact GLA Portigo at 09285024601 or JMA Alonsabe at 09222900634 for inquiries, or deposit at the official BPI account 1333308408.

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