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The Binirayan Out

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Binirayan literally means "where they sailed to". Indeed, we "sailed" through the 17 municipalities of the province of Antique.

The event has gone full circle as the fourth and final week seals the end of this seahorse-shaped province when it started 3 weeks ago from north as it goes southward, traversing the land where the mountains literally meet the sea.

Circumcision is commonly performed on school-age boys in most parts of the country, and in the province of Antique, Philippines, it is a tradition the Antiqueño's continually practice as a symbol of male maturity and is ritualistically considered a rite of passage to manhood.

Adding 460 individuals from the towns of Tobias Fronier (Dao) and Anini-y with 244 and 216 respectively, the Province-wide free Tuli Program commences in the southmost tip of the province, Anini-y, May 26, 2015 with a grand total of 3,687 successfully circumcised individuals.

With the last leg of the province-wide event, the team of volunteers headed by Junior Lady Asclepian Ma. Celine N. Villo is composed of Jayrick

F. Aguirre and Aizlynn Anne J. Robledo from Batch 37; William Matthew T. Suaboksan, Louise Cecile S. Del Rosario, Jhon Philip P. Fuego, Peterson P. Chang and Charles Jebb B. Juanitas (Batch 38); and Mary Khristy Joy L. Tallador, Xyra Angelie M. Sanchez, Judd Elixir L. Berano and Mignonette S. Delgado from WVSU-COM Class 2017 (Excelsior).

"Be able to learn new things and to be of service to the Antiqueño's makes the experience worthwhile.", said William Matthew T. Suaboksan who was present in the surgical missions in all 17 municipalities of the province catered by the program.

Kids from various ages throughout the province participated and availed of the free circumcision services as well as post-operative medications such as antibiotics and analgesics which were provided. The said event was made possible through the efforts of the Antique Provincial Government in cooperation with the following agencies: Office of the Governor, Department of Health – Region VI, Provincial Health Office headed by Dr. Ric Noel A. Naciongayo, PHO II (Batch 10), Municipal and District Hospitals, Local Government Unit

and Municipal Health Offices of The 17 municipalities catered by the program, Personnel from the 31st Division of the Philippine Army, and the Order of Asclepius.

Tuli season may near it's finale for this summer, but circumcision as part of our culture is far from done and will continue in the years to come.

Sure enough next generations of Asclepians will be part of the journey of those man-to-be as they claim manhood the Filipino way. Kruhay! #

Number of successfully circumcised individuals:

WEEK 1: May 4-11 <i>Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi, Tibiao</i>	1,087
WEEK 2: May 11-15 <i>Barbaza, Laua-an, Bugasong, Vladerrama, Patnongon</i>	1,039
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WEEK 4: May 25-26 <i>Tobias Fronier, Anini-y</i>	460
GRAND TOTAL	3,687