



Service Without Boundaries: Asclepians take part in Tigbauan Medical Mission

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The service of an Asclepian knows no bounds. Whether through the deepest reaches of the urban jungle or the farthest valleys and plains, the plight of the needy will always cause the heart of any true Asclepian to heed the call and go.

This was proven true again as Asclepians from Batches 37 and 39 converged with various health agencies around Iloilo for a medical-surgical mission last Sunday, October 25, at Barangay Dorong-an, Tigbauan, Iloilo.

The tasks for the day were divided into two parts; a circumcision program was held at the municipality's main Health Center, while the medical mission was held at the covered court of Barangay Dorong-an. Volunteer Asclepians, numbering 14 in total,

were asked to serve in the latter.

As is with any circumstance in the field of medicine, one must always expect the unexpected. The volunteer Asclepians were in for quite a surprise, as unforeseen events caused preparations for the medical-surgical mission to be placed aside in order to make way for a new set of experiences and learnings. While the Asclepian volunteers were originally slated to serve in the surgical mission, they were instead tasked to go to Barangay Dorong-an to help out in the medical mission. The journey to the barangay was also eventful, with the team even needing to cross a river to get to the area of concern. However, circumstance did not get in the way of service, as the Asclepians in the mission were more than happy to oblige.

Asclepians took turns in

rotating in the different stations made available for them to serve in; some volunteered in the triage station, while others provide help in the pharmacy. In the end, more than 100 pediatric patients and 200 adult patients were served in the far-flung barangay.

Another day, another opportunity for service. Whenever the need exists, Asclepians will always be there, willing and ready to take on the challenge to serve.

The medical-surgical mission was made possible in coordination with Asclepian Brothers and Sisters Dr. Ronar Silao, Dr. Mei Silao (Batch 24), and Dr. Owen Poral (Batch 13). The event was also held in partnership with the West Visayas Medical Center, the West Visayas Sanitarium, the Department of Health, and the Municipal Government of Tigbauan. #