



# The ECP Banquet Fund NEWSLETTER SECOND QUARTER, 2024



## Recovering a farmland that was almost lost during the pandemic

Solomon Pasian is a vegetable farmer in Brgy Balili, Mankayan, Benguet. Because of lack of provisions during the covid-19 pandemic when economic activities stopped because of the lockdowns, his parents were forced to mortgage a portion of their farmland which was Solomon's share. (shown in the picture below) Under the mortgage agreement, Solomon cultivated the land and the mortgagee supplies the farm inputs. The produce was then divided between the two but because of the high costs of inputs and low vegetable prices, Solomon's share cannot provide extra amount to allow him to redeem the mortgage.

Solomon's story is not uncommon among farmers during the pandemic. With no income from their usual livelihood, farmers were compelled to mortgage their farmlands in order to survive. But even after the lockdowns were lifted, these farmers had difficulty redeeming the mortgages and many found themselves about to lose their farmlands. It was in response to this situation that the E-CARE Foundation set up a Mortgage Redemption Program to assist farmers facing this predicament and allow them to recover from the pandemic. As a member of the Shalom Farmers Association which is in partnership with E-CARE, Solomon availed of the program and was able to redeem his mortgage. Now, he is liberated from external control in the management of his farm and is deriving better income.





# PASSING ON THE GIFT

## *(A story of a community almost forgotten during the pandemic)*

Meet Rosalina A. Pino, 90 years old, from Sta Felomena, Makilala, North Cotabato. She was one of those rendered homeless when a series of earthquakes hit Mindanao in the latter part of 2019. By early 2020, thousands of those affected were living in evacuation centers unable to return to their villages, two barangays of which were declared completely uninhabitable. By March of that year, the pandemic hit the global village and everyone forgot about the earthquakes- affected evacuees.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines however did not forget and despite the restrictions brought about by the pandemic lockdowns, its Diocese of Southern Philippines purchased a 2.6 hectares of land in Brgy Sta Felomena, Makilala, North Cotabato where 71 households from among the worst affected were relocated. This was made possible with donations from congregations in the diocese as well as support from Episcopal Relief and Development and World Relief and Development Fund. A substantial part of project fund also came from the grant-backs of the Hugpong Kalinaw housing community in Sabang Bao, Ormoc City who were also rendered homeless by a supertyphoon in 2013 and who were able to acquire relocation lots and build houses thereon, the cost of which they granted

back through the years under the Receivers to Givers Practice (R2G) in the Episcopal Church in the Philippines where receivers of development grants are supported to utilize these grants for their development so that at some point they are also able to grant back and pass on what they receive. Through this practice, households and communities help each other in a never-ending spiral of receiving, utilizing, giving back and passion on.

Despite her age, Rosalina A. Pino was among the first of the households in Sta Felomena to fully grantback the cost of the land awarded to her. Six others have likewise made a full grantback, amounting to a total of Php 910,000. This is ready for pass on to communities facing similar relocation challenges in the future.

The Makilala Relocation Project received strong support from the ecumenical community. Encouraged by the action of the Episcopal Church, the Catholic Relief Services (CRS), offered and later built the houses made of intermediate materials intended to provide temporary shelters while the participating households work for more permanent structures.



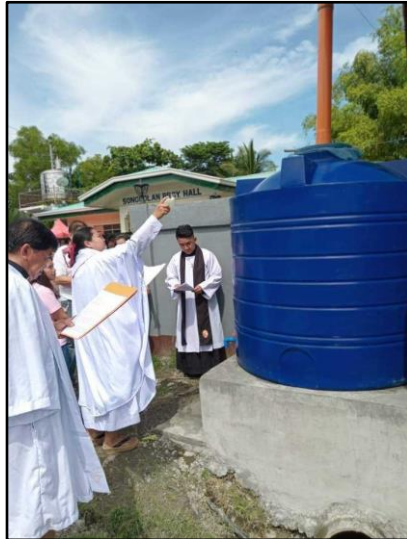
## **Songcolan Seashore Livelihood Association utilizes rain water**

Rainfall is a blessing! It makes agricultural production possible and allows plants to grow everywhere. The Philippines which is blessed with abundant rainfall has diverse ecosystems as more water supports a wide range of plant and animal life. With climate change, however, rainfall has become destructive in many ways. Typhoons have become more frequent and with more ferocity. This is aggravated by the current practice of gathering rainfall from buildings into gutters and spouts and directing them to canals or sewage systems which overflow and cause flooding.



To make rainwater more of the blessing that it is, E-CARE is supporting rain-catchment projects that collect rainfall and direct them to water tanks for productive purposes. These projects reduce the concentration of rainwater flow and thus reduce flooding. Using the water for domestic and agricultural purposes also enhances groundwater recharge.

The community of Songcolan in Batan, Aklan does not have a water source and thus depends upon water delivery purchased from another place. E-CARE partner, Songcolan Seashore Livelihood Association, built a rain catchment project that now supplies rain water to households for domestic purposes. This project also serves as the association's contribution to flood control in the community as it reduces the concentration of rainwater flow that causes heavy flooding in the area.



Christ Church in Paracelis, Mountain Province, under the Episcopal Diocese of Santiago, is powered by solar energy at the same time has a rain catchment tank aimed to utilizing rain water for productive purposes.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines aims to solar power and rain catchment a regular feature of all its church and institutional buildings and facilities.



# GIVERS TO THE BANQUET FUND

The Banquet Fund was established by the ECP as one program where people can live out the parable of the great banquet in Luke 14:7-14, where the Lord Jesus Christ said that **"when you give a banquet, don't invite your relatives or rich neighbors as they will invite you back and you will be repaid. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind and those who cannot repay you and you will be blessed!"** People who host celebrations or banquets and cannot fully obey this commandment may give to this Fund which supports those whose livelihoods are devastated by disasters. The establishment of this Fund in late 2019 was timely as it aptly responded to the covid-19 crisis. Consistent with the E-CARE Foundation's policy that it does not simply give charity or relief assistance that may help people for a meal or two but creates opportunities for affected communities and households to rise up from devastation, the Banquet Fund partners will grant back what they received when they are able so that the said funds will also be passed on to others who are in the same or worse situation and thus enhance the spiral of sharing from one community or household to another under what is known in the ECP as Receivers-to-Givers (R2G) Practice. Under this scheme, the Banquet Funds do not end when released to partner families but are used and then shared by one to another in the never-ending spiral of sharing. Givers to the Banquet Fund become perpetual partners of families and communities which avail of the Fund.

THE BANQUET FUND As of 30 June 2024		
	Name	Amount
1	ABAD, PADI ALLEN	2,000.00
2	ABCD Study Tour & Training 2023	61,941.00
3	ABEN, ARIANNE C.	3,200.00
4	ABIDAL, PADI FLORES	2,160.53
5	ACHAWON, EDWARD & PADI LIOBA	1,000.00
6	AGUILA, PADI JAYSON	497.43
7	ALAWAS, ANNO	1,000.00
8	ALAWAS, BRENT FENGAG	1,550.00
9	ALAWAS, CHUMYA-AN	1,000.00
10	ALAWAS, ERWIN	1,500.00
11	ALAWAS, MAGEN	1,000.00
12	ALAWAS, MAKHARAI	1,000.00
13	ALAWAS, PRIME BISHOP BRENT HW	86,062.74
14	ALAWAS, SHIRLEY	2,654.00
15	ALGONA, PADI MYRNA	2,500.00
16	ALGONA, PADI FREDDIE	1,660.53
17	AMBUCA, PADI JOHNNY D.	500.00
18	ANANAYO, JAFFA & VICTOR	10,000.00
19	ANNIBAN, PADI EDUARDO	1,000.00
20	ANOSAN, PADI EDUARDO MEMORIAL	32,500.00
21	ANOSAN, RACHEL ANGELA P	47,500.00
22	ATEO-AN, GERALDINE	10,000.00
23	AYABO, PADI DELIA	2,000.00

24	BAATEN, ELNORA	1,500.00
25	BACWADEN, MARY D	25,000.00
26	BAGUIWEN, LACMIE	2,255.21
27	BAGUIWET, ABRAHAM & JANET MEMORIAL	15,000.00
28	BAGUIWET, LOURDES	500.00
29	BALAG-EY, CONSTANCIO	500.00
30	BALLOGUING, PADI JESSEL MAE	1,316.35
31	BANGUILIG, ROMAR	2,000.00
32	BARROGA, ANTONIO	2,000.00
33	BATAWIG, JANE	6,547.24
34	BAUTISTA, ROMELYN	800.00
35	BAWALAN, JOCELYN I.	500.00
36	BAWING, CASPER CARL	2,916.35
37	BAYANOS, PADI EUGENE	500.00
38	BAYBAY, LENNON	1,000.00
39	BELEO, PADI JOAN	500.00
40	BILOG, PADI CLARENCE	316.35
41	BOD & OFFICERS OF RURAL BANK OF BONTOC	10,000.00
42	BOLIGET, PADI JAMES	2,000.00
43	BUGNOSEN, PADI JACQUELINE	1,000.00
44	BUSTAMANTE, GIDEON	1,900.00
45	BUTING, ALBERT	1,764.00
46	CAB-AD, PADI MALAWIN	1,829.04
47	CABULONG, RACHEL B	14,000.00
48	CABULURAN 1	2,000.00
49	CADIOGAN, PADI ADONIZEDEK	414.53
50	CALABIS, MAYO AGNAWA	2,000.00
51	CALITONG, PADI EZRA	500.00
52	CAMFILI, CHARLOTTE	1,000.00
53	CAMITOG, RONALD	3,500.00
54	CATNAS, PADI EL CID	1,390.53
55	CAWATIG, FARIDA	9,350.00
56	CAWATIG, LAGMAY	2,000.00
57	CAYTAP, PADI PENELOPE	1,414.53
58	CAYTAP, ZENA	1,900.00
59	CHAOKAS, PADI BARNABAS	1,000.00
60	CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, EDNCP	3,700.00
61	COFULAN, CAROLINE	1,000.00
62	COPANUT, CHARLES	7,500.00
63	CRUZ, RITCHEL	521.80
64	CURIANO, PADI DANILO	997.43
65	DAL-IS, PADI ASTERIO	500.00
66	DAMAGUEN, FE	2,843.60
67	DAPIG, PADI JOSEFA	910.53
68	DAWEG, QUISKY	1,000.00
69	DEGAWAN, PADI FENJI	1,910.53

70	DIOCESAN EMPLOYEES MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE - EDNL	2,502.00
71	DIASEN, PADI JOSELITO	1,160.53
72	DICDICAN, PADI MARDEVIC	1,000.00
73	DOMINGUEZ, PADI JAIME JR.	829.04
74	DULNUAN, SUNSHINE	2,500.00
75	EASTER COLLEGE 117 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OFFERING	10,000.00
76	E-CARE STAFF (Honorarium from DA Training)	24,000.00
77	EPISCOPAL DEV FOUNDATION OF ST MARK AND LENDING OF ST MARK	22,500.00
78	EDNCP CREDIT COOPERATIVE	2,877.00
	EDNCP-ST AGUSTINE CHURCH, PEGUEYNA	445.00
79	EDNCP - GOLDFIELD DEANERY	1,800.00
80	EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN LUZON - CLERICUS	5,905.00
81	EDNL - HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL	8,550.00
82	EDNP BANQUET FUND	6,025.00
83	EDNP-E-CARE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE	50,000.00
84	EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SANTIAGO	26,652.00
85	EDS 23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention	5,000.00
86	EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SANTIAGO COOP	7,000.00
87	EGMALIS, PADI RICHARD	3,000.00
88	ENEM, PADI MARIQUIT	626.29
89	EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF DAVAO	50,000.00
90	EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN PHIL	105,000.00
91	EPISCOPAL MISSION CENTER EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION	11,000.00
92	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFERING	15,880.00
93	FAWAYAN, PADI BENEDICT	1,162.43
94	GALAS, PADI DAVID ALLAN	1,660.53
95	GAWEC, PADI RAUL	500.00
96	GOLOCAN, PADI JULES	1,497.43
97	GOMOWAD, PADI ANTONIO	3,500.00
98	GUIAMAS, PADI NORMA	500.00
99	GURON, PADI MARITESS	500.00
100	KAWI, MARJORIE L	20,000.00
101	KAWI, ROSALIND L & FAMILY	55,000.00
102	KITKITOY, PADI HILDA	1,497.43
103	KOLLIN, DR. ESTEFANIA	2,000.00
104	LABUTEN, PADI DOUGLAS	4,500.00
105	LACDAO, BRIDGET B	5,000.00
106	LACDAO, PADI GO	1,500.00
106	LACDAO, SONAYAN	1,500.00
107	LALWET, ATHALIA SHALLUM D	5,000.00
108	LALWET, FLOYD P	194,000.00
109	LALWET, JOE ANTHONY P	15,000.00



110	LALWET, JULIET P (MEMORIAL)	1,000.00
111	LALWET, MARCY ANN CLAIRE D	8,000.00
112	LALWET, NURLAN FLOYD D	5,000.00
113	LAMADRID, APRIL ROSE	500.00
114	LANGBAO, PADI GENESIS MARK	3,047.24
115	LARDIZABAL, PADI CLIFFORD	1,421.80
116	LAS-IGAN, PADI GORIO	1,497.43
117	LIANO, PADI JOSE	340.42
118	LIKIGAN, JULIENNE	1,000.00
119	LIZARDO, PADI AGUSTIN III	1,321.00
120	LONGATAN, PADI DANIEL	1,500.00
121	LUMAWIG, PADI JHAMEE	1,316.35
122	MACAGNE, JANE	1,500.00
123	MACLI-ING, BRYAN	500.00
124	MAGALGALIT, PADI LINA	1,660.53
125	MALAGGAY, PADI NOEL	500.00
126	MANAOAS, PADI JOSE	3,165.19
127	MANI, PADI WILLIAM	1,414.53
128	MANODON, DEACON GAY	2,000.00
129	MAPANGDOL, PADI DR GLORIA	3,200.00
130	MAPANGDOL, PADI NED TIM	2,400.00
131	MAPANGDOL, XARIS JOY	1,000.00
132	MASADO, PADI JAIME	1,197.43
133	MEDE, PADI ANGEL	816.35
134	MEDINA, PADI JOE	1,160.53
135	MENDOZA, PADI KENDALL	1,260.53
136	MENDOZA, PADI ALVIN	1,150.00
137	MENIS, PADI LEANDRO	800.00
138	2022 MISSION CONFERENCE OFFERING	21,000.00
139	MORAL, BP ERNIE M	5,000.00
140	NARVAEZ, LIEZZEL ANN	843.60
141	NAWEN, PADI DOMINGO	1,000.00
142	OBAR, PADI JONATHAN	660.53
143	OLAT, PADI CLARENCE	7,000.00
144	ONG, JENNIFER	2,000.00
145	PADANG, LAI-YAN	1,000.00
146	PANTHER, JOHN SAMUEL & MARJORIE	109,285.00
147	PASIKAN, BP HILARY JR	3,000.00
148	PAWE, FRANCE PADI	500.00
149	PEIL, LUMINA	500.00
150	PEGUEYNA FAMILY BEGINNERS ASSOCIATION	2,000.00
151	PELENIA, PATRICK W.	5,000.00
152	PELINGEN, RUTH AND LAURENCE	5,000.00
153	PILALA, PADI NIDA	1,016.35
154	PILUDEN, BP FRENZEL	3,500.00
155	PILUDEN-DAOEY, ELENA	1,000.00

156	PINGE, PADI JENNY	1,360.53
157	PMMA'ERS & FAMILIES	10,000.00
158	POGONGAN, PADI ADORA	1,497.43
159	POLTIC, BP NESTOR D	6,000.00
160	POOTEN RESORT	10,000.00
161	REYES, BP. REX JR. B	2,500.00
162	ROLDAN, PADI RAYDEAN SEAN	1,000.00
163	SACKI, IZHAR	500.00
164	SACKI, SHIBUMI	500.00
165	SAKURAI, AKIRA	21,642.80
166	SULUEN, ATTY. MARK	5,000.00
167	SAPAEN, PAUL	1,000.00
168	SIBAEN, PADI ALICIA	200.00
169	SION, PADI ALVIN	1,900.00
170	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH	250.00
171	SUPANGA, PADI ED	1,297.43
172	SUSON, JULIUS	1,900.00
173	TAD-AWAN, PADI DEXTER	500.00
174	TAGUIBAO, PADI CLEOFE	997.43
175	TALLOCOY, SANTIAGO	2,000.00
176	TANJAY, MARCIAL	3,000.00
177	TAPI, PADI DINA	700.00
178	TARAPEN, SALVADOR	10,000.00
179	TEGUI-ING, AURA FAY B.	500.00
180	TEGUI-ING, JOCEL	1,000.00
181	TICOBAY, BP NARCISO MEMORIAL	5,000.00
182	TUA PROFESSOR (Name withheld upon request)	3,500.00
183	TULINGAN, PADI ELVIE	500.00
184	VISAYA , ALDWIN	1,000.00
185	VMA CLERGY AND STAFF	5,300.00
186	WACNAG, PADI AIDA	910.53
187	WACNAG, PADI BENJAMIN	750.00
188	WACNAGAN, PADI LEE	1,497.43
189	WALLANG, PADI BRANDO	500.00
190	WANGDALI, OLTISA L.	500.00
191	YANGYANG, PADI TERENCE	421.85

**TOTAL**

**PHP 1,441,445.42**

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