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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I am happy to say that I just celebrated my 85th Birthday. While you won't find me jumping out of an airplane like Bush, Sr. did on his 85th earlier this year, you would find me on the golf course with my sons -and ready for the challenge. I am even happier to say that I was able to enjoy my Birthday in good health, with family, friends and the Blessings of God who has kept me around.

The Good Lord must render some things I have to say as valuable. Recently, I was invited to be the keynote speaker at an important conference at the US. Southern Command in Miami, FL. Shortly after that, I was invited to attend a Dedication Ceremony of the DOD Humanitarian Relief Corridor at the Pentagon. It was an honor for us to be one

of the few nonprofit organizations invited.

Also, I have been invited by the Secretary of Defense to be the keynote speaker at the 2009 National Celebration of POW/MIA Day at the Pentagon on 11 September this year.

Reportedly, the book I have been working on is at its completion. The contract has been signed and we will keep you updated on what I feel is an important piece of work regarding an accurate account of the Vietnam War. According to my publisher, it is scheduled to be released November 11, 2009.

I recently wrote a book review of [Ride the Thunder](#), by Richard Botkin (another great work on the Vietnam War). The review was published in [The Washington Times](#) (July 13th).

The foundation has many great new projects

and developments this year. From housing projects in the Philippines to educational development projects in Iraq, we have many great things to report which you will read in this newsletter and ones to follow.

I thank all of you who have been tremendous sponsors of my Foundation over the years. I kindly, and humbly, ask for your continued support as we expand and develop important projects. Every dollar donated directly impacts children and families in vulnerable conditions. It is critical to carry the important work forward. Thank you for your consideration - and your prayers.

Many Blessings,
Jeremiah Denton



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BAYANIHAN PROJECT-PHILIPPINES BY SALLY BACHRAN, STAFF

Bayanihan is a Filipino term, and it means the local people volunteer to help a family move a small hut to a new location. But with AJDF version, we help the family move to a new house by helping them with building materials and assemble local volunteers to help with the construction. I grew up in a remote area of Northern Mindanao

and lived in a small house with my siblings. My father was a farmer and a fisherman but his



More photos are available online

income was not enough to support his seven children. He could not afford to buy the materials to repair the roof of our house so we had to move to a dry area when it rained. I almost forgot that experience until one of our volunteers in the Philippines sent me some photos of a house that needs repair and hoped AJDF would be able to help. After I viewed the pictures, I forwarded it immediately to

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BAYANIHAN PROJECT CONT'D...



Front of the house—BEFORE



AFTER



Inside of the house - BEFORE

This is the living area, no floor and no windows at all, the bedroom on the right is very small.



AFTER

This is the new living area, hardwood floors, nice window with front porch. The bedroom is located on the right and has enough room that they can actually sleep straight now and not curled up in a small place.

Admiral Denton and asked permission to start a housing project in Mindanao area where many people either could not afford to buy building materials to repair their house or need a new house. I understand their situation because I myself experienced it when I was a child. My parents were busy working labor jobs just to buy food for their children and of course send them to school. I even remember getting a new dress only once a year if I was an honor student. For us that was our reward at the end of the school year.

Admiral Denton knew that I grew up in a poor family and I am thankful that he did not hesitate to approve my request to start the Bayanihan Project. He told me the pictures of the old house broke his heart and he wanted to help and TRANSFORM a family's old house to a more comfortable home. Materials for the house were found on the property, such as bamboos and trees for wood. Our budget for the first house was very low so Admiral Denton donated his money to make sure a new house will be finished quickly so the family can move in right away where they can sleep good at night.

As you can see in the photos above, the new house is very simple but has more room than the old one. The house was built according to the recipients' lifestyle. The weather is hot there so we used Nipa leaves for the roof, bamboo mat for the wall, plywood for the bedroom and we were able to find trees at the property to use for flooring. The recipient does not have electricity so we tried to build a much cooler house for them where they do not need an electric fan. Their daily income is only \$1 to \$2 a day so they are very happy and very thankful for the new house they received from AJDF. The recipients, Mr. And Mrs. Viano Cuajotor, are now living comfortably at their new house and that became possible because of your continued support to AJDF. This will be an ongoing project and we are hoping that we can count on you when we start the second house. There are a lot of people there that need help but we can only help one at a time. We are now raising funds for the second house. 100% of your contribution will be used for the project. Please make a note /memo that it is for Bayanihan Project-Philippines. THANK YOU very much.



AJDF's first recipient of Bayanihan Project

NEXT BAYANIHAN PROJECT

Imagine living here with three children....



The owner of this home works hard every day to feed his three children and send them to school. On less than \$5 a day (typical labor wages in many of the villages), there is nothing left to buy materials to repair his house. The worst part is that his wife left him. She probably could not bear their situation anymore.

Your support today can dramatically improve this family's situation!

The total cost to build a home for this family is \$1500. Any amount, whether it is \$25, \$50, \$100, or \$500 will significantly impact the life of this family by helping to provide shelter for them.

To maximize the impact of every dollar donated (since so many need help right away), we are using items like bamboo and wood that come from the surrounding property to keep the costs low.

NOTEBOOK GIVING IN JUNE 2009

June 2009, Philippines– Most parents get so stressed out when June comes because the school year starts and it is time to buy school supplies, backpacks, uniforms, save money for daily allowances, and buy food for their children. AJDF wanted to ease their burden by distributing notebooks, pens and pencils to more than 200 Elementary School students and Day Care Centers. By doing this, the parents were able to use some of their money for other things, such as food and school projects, shoes or slippers. Many kids there still go to school with no shoes

or slippers. We are now preparing a shipment to send children's shoes for kids who walk to school barefoot. There are some clothes for them as well.

On June 15, we successfully distributed school supplies to the kids in Casusan Aloran Misamis Occidental. The parents were so happy that they did not have to worry about buying the basic school supplies for their children.



PARTNERSHIP WITH LOVING HUGS, INC.



Toys like this will be distributed to poor kids in Cebu and Mindanao area.

We continue helping other organizations ship to the Asia Pacific Region through our partnership with FedEx. Many organizations have contacted us regarding their shipping needs but, as we explained in our previous newsletter, as some things have changed, we are re-designing some of our international programs. We are work-

ing toward the development collaborative partnerships and targeted projects. Loving Hugs is one such partnership. When Loving Hugs, Inc. contacted us, they said they would like to send Hugs to poor kids/terrorist victims in the Philippines. Through our partnership with FedEx, we agreed to partner with them and started shipping Hugs to the

Philippines a few boxes at a time. Soon, we will have more Hugs to be distributed in public hospitals in Cebu and Mindanao area where there are kids who have never owned a toy since they were born. Our first distribution will be made the first week of August. Photos will be posted on our Fall newsletter.

HELPING IRAQI SCHOOL CHILDREN

BY AUDRA MURRAY RUSSELL

U.S. Army CAPTAIN Drew Maney, who is stationed in Iraq, asked his family in Ft. Walton Beach, FL for school supplies for two new schools that were about to open in the Diyala Province of Iraq.

Children were using sandbags to carry their books to school. CPT Maney also reported that they would see children on their patrols using bags made out of the plastic wrappings of MREs (Meals Ready to Eat, the meals provided to the U.S. military) sewn together.

When Allie, his 11 year old sister, learned about the condition of life of the local children where he was serving, she was compelled to help. As a result,

Operation Schoolhouse was born and over 1300 pounds of school supplies have been collected from the local community. She believes the project will help promote goodwill between the U.S. and children in Iraq.

After weeks of coordination with the military, businesses, and individuals, we have finally made significant advances to help complete the project. The school supplies are scheduled to be on their way shortly. They will be distributed to the local children by CPT Maney and the team he is stationed with.

We received the following email from CPT Maney

recently:

"Thanks to everyone for helping this through. Now is the perfect time for humanitarian aid here in Diyala. The security situation is good, and local governments are really starting to pull their weight. But, the governmental focus is on essential services and security, so education remains lacking. Helping jump start the education system like this will certainly help out".

When local schools, churches, businesses, individuals, and organizations unite for the sheer goodwill to help those less fortunate, a true humanitarian spirit is born and the American Spirit of generosity and goodwill is reflected in the collective efforts.



Diyala Province, Iraq - local child using a sandbag to carry his supplies to school. (photo sent by CPT Drew Maney)

We will keep you posted in the important developments of this - and future - projects for Iraqi school children.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our fall newsletter will be sent electronically except subscribers who do not have email addresses or do not have access to the internet. We are doing this to lower the cost of printing, folding, stuffing envelopes and postage. Please return the enclosed form to let us know how you want your newsletter to be delivered. We kindly thank you for your understanding. We would like to spend the money on projects, not on overhead costs.
- While Admiral Denton has moved to Virginia, the Foundation continues to expand and we now have affiliates not only in Virginia, but in Mobile, Atlanta, and now California (who brings over 18 years field experience in Missionary / humanitarian work around the world as well as U.S. military experience).
- Admiral Denton's book is scheduled to be printed in September and will be officially released for sale on Veteran's Day. Please support Admiral Denton's book because a portion of the proceeds will be donated to AJDF. Please support his book. We will be posting info about this on our website.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Miami, FL- The U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) held an important conference this past April in Miami, FL that brought together USAID, the Dept. of Defense, U.S. military and NGOs. Admiral Denton was the keynote speaker at this event. It was standing room only as members from the Command filled the room to hear him speak.

The conference was intended to facilitate the more effective collaboration among the diverse agencies for the use and distribution of humanitarian aid through the U.S. Government Excess Property Program.

Audra was also asked to give a presentation regarding the important work that has been done in partnership with US SOUTHCOM over the years in building effective bridges between the U.S. military and humanitarian organizations. Notably, we've partnered hundreds of individuals and organizations to help complete schools, clinics, community centers constructed throughout Latin America & the Caribbean in support of SOUTHCOM. Thousands of children have benefited - and will continue to benefit as a result.

Washington, D.C.- In May, the Denton Foundation was invited to the Pentagon for the Dedication Ceremony of the Department of Defense Humanitarian Relief Corridor. The Denton Foundation was one of the few non-governmental organizations to be invited and it was an honor for us to attend.

Held by the Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, in attendance were: former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld; Secretary of the Air Force, General Schwartz; General Honore; guest speaker Retired Air Force Col. Halvorsen, and many other distinguished guests.

The Corridor holds 27 displays, that commemorate historical joint humanitarian efforts over the years in which DOD has been involved in from the late '40s to present day. The Denton Program has representation in some of the displays, especially during Hurricane Mitch (Honduras 1998). Former Secretary Rumsfeld had the idea of the Corridor back in November 2005.