

## **MANGYAN TRIBE CHILDREN** **(Indigenous People's Group)**

### **Background:**

The plains of Occidental Mindoro are inhabited by the Tagalogs and the remote forested interior by the Mangyans. Extensive tribal settlements of Mangyans in the province belong to such sub-groups as the Iraya, Alangan, Tadyawan, Buhid, Hanunuo, and Bangon. The Mangyans are simple people. They were once coastal dwellers driven into the mountains to avoid religious conversion by the Spaniards, raids by Moro pirates, and the influx of recent migrants. They now lead a semi-nomadic existence. Mangyans live in loose clusters of up to 20 bamboo huts with thatched roofs and raised floors. They sometimes are away from their families for many weeks in search of food. Men wear a loincloth of pounded bark while the women have a coil of woven nito, a sturdy black vine, and rattan around their hips. Mangyans practice animism and are superstitious.

All over the world, tribal peoples are persecuted, marginalized, thrown off their land and denied their rights.

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

### **PROFILE**

**Name:** EMILY I. ADLUM

**Birthday:** JUNE 24, 1994   **Age:** 14

**Father :** RADION ADLUM

**Mother:** ADING IGDAY

**No. of brothers:** 2   **No. of sisters:** 1

**Last School Attended:** San Jose Pilot School

**Year:** 1st year

**Occupation: Father:** Farmer   **Mother:** Just plain housewife



Emily was taken in by her father's landlady, Delerita dela Cruz and was sent to elementary school. She is a smart student, consistently listed on the Top Ten students.

She loves Social studies and English. She loves Reading, specially magazines with many informative articles and illustrations.

She enjoys doing household chores and enjoys studying her lessons

## PROFILE

Name: **Jessiel L. Paulino**

Birthday: June 02, 2003 Age : 05

No. of brothers/sisters : boys: 1 girls: 3

Mother: Elsa Lipacio (Desease)

Father : Jessie Paulino

Last School Attended: none

Grade/Year: Preschool

Occupation: Father: Kaingin (upland farming)



Jessiel is the youngest of the children left by Elsa due to sickness. Jessa is her eldest sister who is now studying in Bethany.

She is a happy girl and acts very smart. We will start her young so we hope she will get better education than all the high schoolers which we have taken.

## PROFILE

Name: **Decem L. Paulino**

Birthday: December 30, 2000 Age: 8

No. of brothers /sisters: boys: none girls: 3

Mother: Elsa Lipacio (Deceased)

Father: Jessie Paulino\_

Last School Attended: none

Grade/Year: Preschool non-formal, school year 2007

Last school attended: Naibuan Minority School

Occupation: Father: Kaingin (upland farming)

Mother: (deceased)



Decem is quite reserve. He seems to grieve the loss of her mother in a silent way but sometimes he smiles. He has gone to non-formal education but not as a steady student so he did not get very much.

We will start him on preschool. We decided to take him though he is quite old for his level but we believe it is a better option than him tagging along his father when he work helping farmers getting paid for only \$40 a month.

## PROFILE

Name: **EFREN C. KUSANGLOOB**  
Birthday: August 01, 1990 Age: 18  
No. of brothers /sisters: boys: 6 girls: 2  
Mother: Para Carias  
Father : Rimon Kusangloob\_  
Last School Attended: None  
Grade/Year: Preschool  
Last school attended: None  
Occupation: Father: Kaingin (upland farming)  
Mother: same



Efren is an uneducated teen-ager but he is smart when he started to enroll in the Community-based rehabilitation program of CORD Foundation. CORD Foundation is a school for special children. We saw the need of teaching Reading Writing and Arithmetic (the three R's) to the older youth who wanted to learn.

A Mangyan girl asked him to marry her but he refused saying life is too difficult to get married.

He plants bananas, rice, corn and other root crops to earn a living for himself and his family. He dreams of providing enough food and money for his mother, so that his mother do not have to work and earn a living. When that happens then he is ready to get married.

## PROFILE

Name: **AGDAY A. KUSANGLOOB**  
Birthday: May 12, 1999 Age: 19  
No. of brothers /sisters: boys: 2 girls: 3  
Mother: Anglad A. Kusangloob  
Father : Benlising S. Kusangloob\_  
Last School Attended: None  
Grade/Year Preschool  
Last school attended: None  
Occupation: Father: Kaingin (upland farming)  
Mother: same



Agday is a cousin of Efren. He doesn't know exactly when he was born. May 12, 1999 was proposed to him considering the season and with some description of the time when he was born.

He is very industrious. After working on charcoal, he would plant bananas and root crops so that there is enough food for the whole year.

He also helps in the farms of the neighbors as a form of "help" to others expecting to receive favors also when he needs it on his farm.

He is a son from the 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage of his father. The first wife is still alive but is also married to another man. However, they are all living in the same community and are good friends. They helped one another whenever needed.

## PROFILE

Name: **RODEL M MAGBANUA**  
Birthday: UNKNOWN Age: HE DOESN'T KNOW  
No. of brothers /sisters: boys 2 girls: 3  
Mother: Ganaw Miranda  
Father : \_\_Logeni Magbanua  
Last School Attended: None  
Last school attended: None  
Presently enrolled: Community-based Rehabilitation of CORD Foundation  
Occupation: Father: Kaingin (upland farming)  
Mother same



Rodel is a teenager probably 16 to 18 years old. His mother had three husbands. His first husband died and the second husband got another wife so she left him. Presently she is a wife of a faithful man and she is happy.

Rodel loves his mother inspite of this story because he has proven her love and dedication for all her children.

## PROFILE

Name: **LUIS KUSANGLOOB**  
Birthday: UNKNOWN Age: HE DOESN'T KNOW  
No. of brothers /sisters: boys: 5 girls: 1  
Mother: Handa Kusangloob  
Father : Virgilio Kusangloob  
Presently enrolled: Community-based Rehabilitation of CORD Foundation  
Occupation: Father: Kaingin(upland farming)  
Mother: same



Luis is probably 10 years old. He is a grade one student in the public school but his mother transferred him in the Community based Program of CORD Foundation because there is always no teacher in the government school where he is enrolled.

His mother really wanted him to get education so they crossed rivers to get to school for this purpose. When I interviewed him at that time the river was flooded but they made it to school.

Luis dream is to “live and not get hungry at all.”