

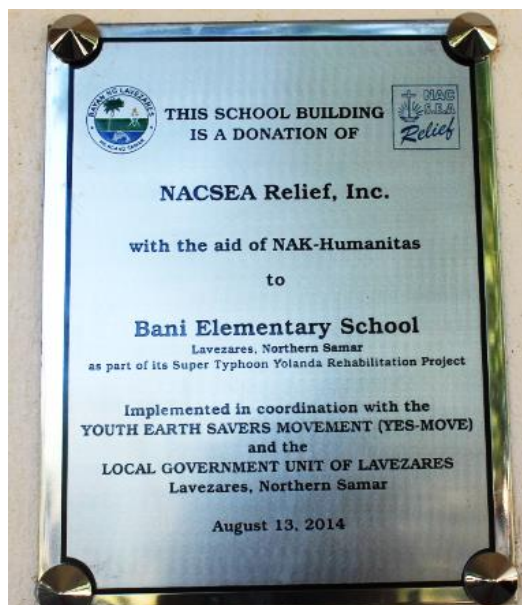
Two new school buildings for BANI and URDANETA Elementary School.

13 August 2014 a sunny day for everyone in Lavezares, Northern Samar and an extra special day for NACSEA Relief, a non-profit and humanitarian aid organization of the New Apostolic in Switzerland.

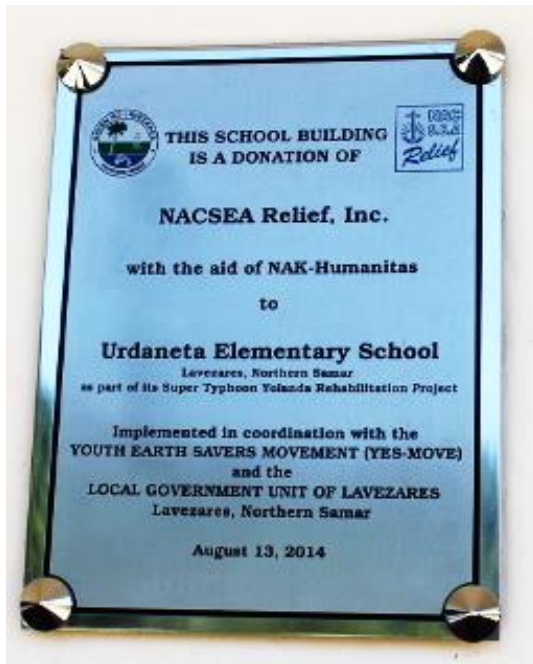
This is the day the two (2) new school building are turned over to local school representatives of both schools of Bani Elementary School and Urdaneta Elementary School. The school was devastated by Typhoon Haiyan that cost the country its biggest lost in terms of infrastructures and most importantly lives. Farther up north from the center of devastation Tacloban, Leyte lies the town of Lavezares (Northern Samar). The town is accessible from Manila via Catarman airport or via land travel of fourteen to fifteen hours of bus ride with Roll-on/roll-off vessels from Matnog, Sorsogon.

NACSEA Relief with the aid from NAK Humanitas Switzerland in cooperation with Mr. Juerg Cassirini, a former Consul General of Swiss Embassy in Manila took the task of rebuilding the damaged schools of BANI and URDANETA Elementary School. Local organization, Youth Earth Savers Movement headed by Mr. Rodel Cuyco, along with municipal government Mayor Quintin Saludaga and the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) of both school completes the whole team who endeavored the task of rebuilding the schools. From clearing to concrete works, no small stone is not lifted with the consolidated effort of all the stakeholders. A true bayanihan effort was seen and accomplished. Even the students helped out with the beautification of the surroundings.

Bani Elementary School is located in the largest barangay of the municipality. One has to take a boat ride from the main island of approximately 30 minutes to reach Barangay Bani. The school has high enrollment of 173 students. Unfortunately, the barangay's 80% population belongs to household living below the poverty threshold. Mostly elementary level is acquired by the students. Few students continue to secondary education and some opt to go to nearby city to be laborer or housemaids. This is according to Bani School principal, Mrs. Racquel A. Martires. Thus, elementary school is important to them. Here, students are equipped with most basic skills such as reading and calculations. Skills students can use in everyday life.



Urdaneta Elementary School is located along the national highway, 3 kilometers from the town center. The school principal Mrs. Erma Parina along with all the teachers handles the total enrolled students of 476 students. With barangay total population of 1960 people, 24% of these are out of school children. Mostly due to poverty.



Turnover ceremony was graced by all the stakeholders represented by NACSEA Relief, Marlene Datario and Mabelle Bagtas, YES Move, Rodel Cuyco, Municipal Council, Vice Mayor Manuel M. Turla Sr., Bani Elem School principal and teachers, Urdaneta Elementary School principal and teachers, PTA representative and DepEd Northern Samar representative Mrs. Judella R. Lumpas (OIC-ASDS) and importantly the students. The teachers sang **“The Impossible Dream”** to show their appreciation. *“It was an impossible dream for us to rebuild our school, but you made it happen”* according to the principal.

1 fully concrete school building with 2 classrooms, complete with furnitures of tables and chairs for students and teachers, wash area and 2 seater comfort room with water supply was given to each school. This will equipped the school for the students today and the each to come.





It was a successful day for everyone. We give thanks to NAK Humanitas, to Juerg Cassirini and everyone who helped and worked to realized this project. One job accomplished. More work are needed as more schools are damaged by the typhoon. NACSEA Relief is doing community rehabilitation work in the area of Samar, Iloilo, Compostella Valley, Negros Oriental, Cebu, Bohol, Bicol and Leyte. *With love at work!*