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“REACHING OUT: SHARE, CARE, SOCIALIZE” AN OUTREACH PROGRAM



Christmas is the season of sharing love, joy and everything we have not only to our loved ones but most especially to those who are in need. Through sharing, people will be able to give smile to others and give more meaning to their Christmas. The joy that was brought to their hearts cannot be compared to anything else.

The National Federation of Junior Philippine institute of Accountants – Region 2 Council organized an Outreach Program held at Peñablanca, Cagayan last December 4 – 5, 2011 with the theme “Reaching Out: Share, Care, Socialize”. Three delegates from Aldersgate College (Devy Z. Dupitas, Mercedes B. Pumihic, and Rupert) attended the said activity together with SBA Dean, Mrs. Cecilia B. Valdez.

The main objective of this activity is to have a pre – Christmas celebration with the Aetas of Brgy. Aggugaddan, Peñablanca, Cagayan. From Tuguegarao City proper, the NFJPIANs from the different colleges and universities of the region, trooped to the Aeta community aboard two dump trucks. It was an hour-long trip but was



tremendously enjoyed by the JPIANs. The trip served as a tool in forging the spirit of unity and cooperativism among themselves as well as in getting to know better one another.

Upon reaching our destination, we were warmly welcomed by the Barangay Chairman, other local officials and more or less a hundred



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of our Aeta brothers and sisters. It was drizzling, but the show must go on, come rain or shine. The short program started by a simple lecture regarding health awareness for children as well as for adults. After which, the delegates ate lunch together with the Aetas. Later, the JPIAns, headed by the members of the Regional Council Outreach Committee, played different parlor

games together with the Aeta children. Everyone enjoyed doing the parlor games. Before ending the program, the JPIAns distributed their gifts to the Aetas. These were clothes, toys and some goods. It was indeed a great feeling to see the smile on their faces. This is worth all the sacrifices we had put into this endeavor. Despite the bad weather, we all went home with joy in our hearts, more aware of the good things that we are blessed with and should be grateful for. Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year to all!

The next day, a tree planting movement was held at San Roque, Peñablanca, Cagayan. It aims to help in preserving the nature. The students again boarded the two dump trucks that brought them to the planting site. They hiked another 30 minutes before reaching the watershed area where the tree planting ensued after a short briefing by the officer in charge. The delegates were able to plant at least 5 seedlings each.