

## PROJECT REPORT # 5

### NATURALLY WEALTHY & MUSICALLY HEALTHY

#### Know more about TALIM ISLAND

Talim Island is extremely rich in resources that can sustain the natives of Talim Island for a lifetime. But can it be utilized properly without the technical know-how? Aquaculture in Laguna Lake attributes the largest resources in terms of income, employment and livelihood. To attain its full potential, every person who is engaged in this business must know the economic analysis and severity of problems that will be encountered during the process, like water pollutants, occurrence of storms, and numerous environmental aspects. This industry is the most profitable business and economically important to the community.



#### Bamboo Crafting

Several opportunities may adhere to the natives of Talim Island. If only everybody had the motivation to cultivate their talents and skills. Information and training must be infused and it is of great help. There were Non-Government Organizations who attempted to invest, but for a very short term only, maybe because of the factors affecting the business. One cause of failure is the fluctuation of electricity wherein the power supply automatically shuts down whenever the wind blows at maximum. The other is the availability of transport services and the possibility of the unforeseen event that will happen during the course of crossing the lake to the mainland.

#### Tourist Destination

If you happen to explore Talim Island, you can go hiking and climb the peak of Mt. Tagapo, also known as the “susong dalaga” or the “maiden’s breast” mountain because of its conical shape. It is approximately a two-hour trail walking through the island’s bamboo forest. When you reach the peak after trekking, you will be rewarded with the panoramic view of Laguna de Bay and the cities that surround it.



### **Long term support**

The Orchestra of the Talim Island Youth is now heading towards two years of existence, with the continuous support of Ang Misyon and Global Giving. Each member assimilates new music knowledge with the help of teachers provided by Ang Misyon. They also experienced how to perform in front of huge crowds when they joined the annual Satellite Showdown, showcasing the performance of 12 satellites of Ang Misyon last November 30, held at the Metrotent Metrowalk in Pasig City.

The same month, Ang Misyon distributed jackets and blankets to all the members of the Ang Misyon Talim Island satellite as Christmas gifts, in anticipation of the weather condition of Talim Island during Christmas season.



Many admire the advocacy of Ang Misyon that they volunteered to share their knowledge to the members of the orchestra, by joining our weekly lessons starting last January.

### **Extension of support**

Recently, Ms. Tinky Cruz, managing director of Ang Misyon, donated hundreds of her old books for the community, beneficial as research material for the students in elementary and secondary levels. There is very limited access to the Internet in Talim Island compared to the mainland.



### **Spotlight on Ezekiel: A Musician at Heart**



Ezekiel is the third among the four siblings of her parents. Her father is a family driver in Manila, supporting two college students in the mainland and two elementary students in the island, including Ezekiel. She graduated from 6th grade last March 31, 2016 and considered as the most improved member of the Orchestra of the Talim Island Youth. She is very good in sight-reading notes, excels in every lesson, and attentive on every piece assigned to her. In December 2014, she was eager to experience her first Satellite Showdown. The night before the performance, Ezekiel volunteered to remind the members of their departure time from the island. Unfortunately, the boat left without anyone noticing her presence until they arrived at the wharf. She was left behind and spent the entire day in tears. I was informed that she was scolded by her mother and was even slapped because she came home late for dinner that night, having forgotten the time due to her despair. She was thereafter prohibited to go with her co-members. But later, I talked to her mother about it to instead be proud because Ezekiel could have a very good future in music, and eventually she conceded to allow her to continue participating in the program. Currently, she plays in the 2nd Violins section and after school she teaches her co-members as well. She was a recipient of a brand new violin from Ang Misyon.