



Quick Facts:

## With\* the Philippines

- The Ministry With the Poor project in the Philippines focuses on assisting the Dumagat people, an indigenous people who live in the Sierra Madre mountains in the Philippines.
- Global Ministries is partnering with Harris Memorial College in the Philippines to provide holistic programs with the Dumagat people.
- The Laiban Dam Project, which has been in development for 30 years, threatens to put many Dumagat communities under water. Part of the Ministry With the Poor project includes advocacy on behalf of these communities.
- Access to schools is difficult for Dumagat children, because they live in remote areas with few financial resources. Through Harris Memorial College, an Alternative Learning System is being established to provide ways for children and adults to earn an education without attending traditional schools.
- Access to healthcare is also difficult for Dumagat communities. Community-health training, along with medicinal herb gardens, will provide communities with increased knowledge about health, and supplement their traditional health practices.
- Establishing community farms and livestock will help provide Dumagat people with livelihoods outside of the mining industry, which destroys their land and has minimal pay.
- UMCOR Philippines, located outside of Manila, provides disaster-response training and assistance throughout this disaster-prone archipelago.
- Training in Disaster Risk Reduction is a new focus for UMCOR Philippines, in which communities map out their local hazards and resources, and form plans to mitigate any future disasters.

