

AGFI TRUSTEES UPDATE
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Dear AGFI Trustees,

Much of the work done in July involved forging new connections and exploring possible partnerships with similar minded organizations.

Last summer, our president Lyn Almario, finance consultant Ellen de Guzman, and I met with Camille Buenaventura, executive director of San Miguel Foundation (SMF). We presented our programs and experiences in our Unang Aklat municipalities as well as our partnerships with other foundations. Ms. Buenaventura, a mother herself, expressed her appreciation of our programs and discussed partnership opportunities between AGFI and SMF.

We are happy to report that in July, the first fruits of that meeting materialized. AGFI participated in San Miguel Foundation's launch of "Malusog si Mommy, Happy si Baby" in San Fernando, Pampanga on July 10 and Bacolod City on July 25. The program, which focuses on maternal health and nutrition education in support of a child's first 1,000 days, was also launched in Davao City. AGFI will be taking charge of the program's early literacy component through our Barangay Early Literacy and Read sa RHU programs.



AGFI with SMF at the San Fernando launch.

On July 5, we also had a meeting with Lemia Linguaton-Simbulan, executive director of Andres Soriano Foundation, Inc.(ASF) ASF is keen to bring our training on early literacy to rural health unit workers in the islands of Cuyo so they can implement sustainable early literacy programs on their own.

Lastly, I would like to thank you for attending our annual board meeting on July 27, despite a spell of rainy weather. Truly, there is no more important connection and partnership for us than yours.

Para sa batang Filipino,


Ruth Martin-De Guzman

