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## ***Adopt a School Program "Phase 2" by 5ID***

***Camp Melchor F dela Cruz, Upi, Gamu, Isabela*** – Phase 2 of "adopt a school program" between 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Philippine Army and Cabaritan Elementary School in Naguillan, La Union was successfully accomplished in the rainy morning of July 17, 2008.

In the middle of heavy rains during the "Bagyong Helen" the Dental and Medical teams of this Command have moved out going to Naguillan, La Union to conduct a Dental and Medical Mission as part of the adopt a school project "phase 2" of this Command led by Maj Gen Melchor J Dilodilo, the 5ID, Commander.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division once again proved its commitment and sincerity whatever weather conditions in extending services to the students, teachers and parents through the implementation of adopt a school program.

If we can recall, last Jan 24, 2008 the Command successfully launched the phase 1 of the said program.

The program works by connecting students, teachers and other government agencies. By working together, these groups find out more about each other and about how they can help each other in the future.

The activity benefited/registered a total of 1,774 beneficiaries as follows: 610 toothbrush were distributed to students, teachers and parents, 75 Medical consultation/check-up, 95 students availed the tooth extraction, 450 children availed the feeding, 200 books were distributed, 116 vitamins were given to the children and 226 for the adults, 2 electric fans were donated to the Kinder Students class room.

Mrs Evelyn C Cudanes the Principal of the said school was very grateful for the untiring services extended by no less than our Division Commander, Maj Gen Melchor J Dilodilo and the rest of the Medical & Dental Teams, Col Pompeo Limbo, the 503 Bde Commander and 50IB, Bn Commander Ltc Roy T De Vesa. The principal also thank the support of Mayor Abraham Rimando of Naguillan, Teofilo Dumaguang the Municipal Doctor and his Medical Staffs who were also instrumental during the conduct of said activity.

Maj Gen Dilodilo was delighted to see again the students and teachers of Cabaritan Elementary School with all out smile and full of excitement on their faces. The 5ID's utmost dedication to serve the Filipino people is not limited in implementing peace and order in the country, in preventing the human rights violations committed by terrorists and the enemies of the state, but most especially, covers continuous assistance, service and support for the people and their children, he said.