

# Donation to Baler, Aurora Bacong Elementary School March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017



Bad weather kept us from flying in from Clark for nearly a week, so when Marine 7's carburetor finally blew out and had to be sent back to the US for overhaul, we decided to make the arduous, 4 hour drive through the mountains to effect the donation before the last week of school on the Philippine schedule.



Unlike Pampanga, Aurora is a seemingly never-ending, sparsely-populated expanse of coconut palms, tidy villages, waterfalls and high mountain jungles.



We arrived just before noon; most of the kids had already left under the half-time Friday schedule, but a few of the 68 total pupils were on hand to welcome us. This was the smallest school on the list, thus far.



OK, I was cornered on this one. Don't ask....:)



The “Peace” sign is still very much in vogue in the Philippines ☺



The teachers receive their laptop/tablets, projectors, solar lights and accessories: 5 WITS systems.



Figuring out the packaging can be a bit challenging at times, for some of us old veterans....



Forget the heat, the kids insist on hamming it up.



Ma'am Carmela, the proverbial "Happy Camper".



Literally, the "last view" – Future of the Philippines.