

Exposure Reports and Reflections

Synthesis:

1. To bring together the varied, diverse and even the different experiences from the exposure experience
2. To see the commonalities of our experiences
3. To highlight the unique, the different from the experience
4. To see our own located-ness as individuals, a congregation and as AMOR participants viz-a-viz the location of the exposure areas and its people

Group 1	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Anthony's Boys Village</p> <p>A place with 130 boys run by the Rogationist Fathers. The boys are scholars, who come from the poor and orphans... welcoming boys... encouraged to bond with the parents with regular home visits... Make the boys village a home and church for indigent children that will form them into integrated persons, and responsible adults through education, skills training and talent development.</p>
Group 2	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Mary's Home for Abused women</p> <p>A home for women surviving abuse. The reality of women and their situation of abuse is universal (video clip of 1Billion rising) What we saw, what we heard and what touched us... Touched by the stories of the women... women healing themselves, where transformation took place Because they are learning skills, they are tapping into their own inner resources of strength Challenges – search for corrective aspects, what can be done to help victims, what can be done with the perpetrators?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The women gaining insights into the dynamics of abuse • The discovery of inner resources among victims toward their own healing
Group 3	<p style="text-align: center;">Tahanang Vedruna</p> <p>Run by the CCV- founded by Joaquina de Vedruna A home to abandoned and neglected children... who need affection... experience of the compassionate Father who allows touch even from</p>

	<p>the untouchables (with video) Fiesta sa Nayon – a celebration with exposurists with food and games Children forced to experience the rawest of the human condition too soon What we learned? What we found touching? Going back to our own experience of family - need to see, to hear the reality around us</p>
Group 4	<p>St. Michael Community- Barangay Sungay Creative presentation - Encountered a dialogue of life – adults, youth and children, listened to their hopes and dreams. Despite the poverty we encountered a hopeful community... rain or shine, earthquake or fine weather... At the day care center, at a funeral</p>
Group 5	<p>Immaculate Conception, Barangay Dapdap East 3 purok – 300 families School children 225, 9 women teachers Accessible to jeeps and tricycles Eking incomes in farming, sewing, candle making and other odd jobs Sharing of faith and life – Sense of faith... needs formation and information More need to be done Peaceful, welcoming, friendly Faith of the people obscured Disappointment with the BEC organization and structure Call and challenge on the religious – when we go to the poor not from our purpose/perspective... but from a larger perspective see it as a call of God... religious congregations especially in Tagaytay to work together to respond to the needs of the poor... for the love of the Lord not for our own congregational consideration We saw something, we heard something but for lack of time, we could not do anything... pay it forward</p>
Group 6	<p>WEWF Women and Ecology Wholeness Farm and Yuki farm... Mary John as founder of the farm Difference and beauty of the group we will not reveal everything</p>

	<p>because everyone will go there on another date What we heard, saw, touched and smell ORDER and BEAUTY, integration of nature (tree) into the house Reuse of old materials Mother Tree – Dita tree LIFE in the plants – herbs that heal, vegetables that nourish FRUITFULNESS COLOR OF THE FLOWERS But also brokenness, conflict, disconnection, destruction, death Ylang-ylang... season when it flowers and when it shed its leaves and seem dead Climate change that now has affected the seasons of planting and harvesting, the varieties</p>
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Common issues

Poverty and marginalization

The women and the young as its most vulnerable

The rawest of the human condition hitting on the very young

Yet the hope and the resilience of the people

Nature's cooperation with the human condition – the cycles and seasons are in disarray because of the human intervention

Nature as teacher to the Way... go back into the embrace of Mother Earth...
connections between the Creator and Creation

