



JoAnn Gorrez de Larrazabal with Francis Gorrez and Amy Saxton.

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So proud to share our 84 yr. old dad, Dr. Frank D. Gorrez, with the Shalom Science Institute (SSI) in faraway Balabagan, Lanao Del Sur in Mindanao. He has set up a Rice Garden & Gulayan sa Paaralan (Vegetable growing in School). A Rice expert for 50+ years, he is sharing his expertise in SSI, a Christian school, within a predominantly Muslim population.

His program integrates sustainable agriculture into the curriculum of Grades 11 & 12, with participation of their farmer parents. The school is growing rice & will be providing palay (rice grains) for the farmers in the community to plant. They have also started planting corn, radish, pechay, kalabasa, string & winged beans, tomatoes, green chili, ampalaya. SSI and the surrounding communities are very excited!



Comments



Bonville Bowen Tina Price Your Dad is such an inspiration.... Age has no barriers and Age brings wisdom and knowledge.. Proud to know him..



JoAnn Gorrez de Larrazabal Thanks Tina, he has no plans of retiring at all!



Esther Tellie Amante Am so happy for you, Frank ... still on the go! Hope to see you in Silliman this Founders Day.



Esther Tellie Amante I remembered Eppie's birthday this week.



Beatriz Mete Wow !!! Dad you are one in a million !!! So proud of you. Wish to see you in Jan.



Lot Ortiz-Luis Sounds great- way to go! We had a similar project in organic vegetable farming in Leyte to put food on the table of farmers whose crops were completely destroyed by Yolanda.



Jules Dela Fuente Im proud of you Tito Frank.May the Lord always protect you and keep you in the best of health.

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Carol Barlow Such an inspirational and dignified gentleman.



Mariles Ebro Matias That's wonderful! More power to your Dad and all his efforts! 🙌



Betsy de la Fuente I am so incredibly proud of my Tito! My prayers are with you always! Love you!



Marilen Peralejo Esteban Such an admirable man. So honored to have met him.



Marissa Jarmin Hartwig We had a short but productive discussion about a similar project that I did in Iloilo for a school devastated by Yolanda. I learned a few tips from him. I'm so touched by his generous work. May he be blessed with many more years of fruitful endeavors.



Mona Medina Gallego How wonderful JoAnn. Perhaps one day when he has the energy, he can come to our school and share his knowledge? More power to your father at 84!



Maureen Faustino Hats off to your dad, jo. He is such a good man.

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Rosa Maria M. Chua Oh JoAnn, as importantly, your Dad must wake up everyday with renewed energy, excitement and purpose. I wish we can be like him too when we get much older.



Cynthia Servida-Mejia Way to go Frank! Happy birthday to tita Eppie in heaven, Jong!



Liza Caleda Wow! You must all be so proud of him!!



Melissa Ylanan Moran What an inspiration and blessing your dad is!



Carolina Dominica Davide So great! He's sharing his talents with the youth!



Denise M. Weldon What a beautiful human being is your father JoAnn.



Ellery Atienza Thank you for sharing this lifetime achievement of your father, JoAnn. These are good things to share !



Jon Jena Wow! Thanks for sharing your expertise Uncle Frank. I've started my own vegetable and herbal garden here in the desert.



Carmelino P. Alvendia Jr. He sounds so healthy, energetic and fulfilled! May God continue to bless him, who does so much good to so many people.



Lorna Rodriguez Hurrah! Go go ho uncle Frank! Truly a blessing not only to the family but to those who are in need!! 🍷🍷🍷🍷,praying for his health and strength 🙏🙏🙏🙏



Marietta Gorrez You have an outstanding dad Jong! Congratulations! May his tribe increase 😊



Olive Hafenstein Sowing seeds of love! May God give the increase!



Maribel Z. Consing Congratulations!!



Matias Garcia Jugo Terrific!!! More power to him.



Becc Tetangco Wow!



Maryssa Mapanao Camaddo Great work my operatic farmer uncle Frank and thank you for sharing your passion for the soil and and being a good example of what beauty and bounty we may have if we work put our heart in it, and in balabagan pa!



Agripina Rasco Go manong Frank. I salute you.



Yek Noel I am so proud for you [JoAnn Gorrez de Larrazabal](#) 😊 Congratulations and thank you to your Dad for serving our countrymen.



[Katherine Zavala Wong](#) GO, TITO FRANK! Continue to make a difference with the youths of our nation... for a better tomorrow.