



Besides conducting health and dental screening and treatment, volunteers also entertained the children with animal balloons while talking about ways to maintain health and hygiene in the village including the importance of staying in school.

Some 216 villagers registered for treatment during this project, which included 35 boys and 39 girls, below the age of 13 years and 60 men and 82 women at the age of 13 years and above. The villagers started arriving at the Chapel cum makeshift clinic at about 8.30 am with the last patient arriving at 4.30 pm. By lunchtime, the bulk of the villagers had completed their medical and dental treatment and was returning

FSSA Academic volunteers in UMW-MERCY MALAYSIA Community Health Project at Kg Sonsogun Magandai

home. Besides medical and dental treatments, 7 women at the village underwent Pap smear test while the dispensing of Thelban tablet medication for deworming purposes was carried out for most of the children there.

On the 4th of July 2014, MERCY Malaysia conducted a community health project in Kg. Sonsogun Magandai in collaboration with UMW. The duration of this project was from the 4th till the 6th of July 2014, saw 27 volunteers, including a volunteer from the Faculty of Science and Natural Resources, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Dr. Collin G. Joseph, carrying out various health programs at the village. With the encouragement of the Dean, Associate Professor Dr. Baba Musta and in line with the call of UMS's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah for academics to shed the elitist image and contribute to society, volunteerism is a good opportunity to bridge the gap between the university and the surrounding community while helping the rural folks.



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