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Kiwanis Club Moraga Valley sends books to the Philippines

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Brother Kenneth Martinez, FSC, of the Philippines, and Kiwanis Club members Cherie Grant, President Gloria Eive, and Peggy Brown-Salazar with boxes of books ready for shipment to the Philippines. Photo provided

The Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley helps the Friends of the Moraga Library with its twice-yearly sale of donated books to the public.

The club helps with set-up, and take-down of the books at the completion of the sale, and manages distribution of many unsold books to local nonprofit organizations. The club also selects books for the Bahay Pagasa Center in Bacolod, Philippines. About 800 books per year are shipped to the Bahay Pagasa Center, a center for juveniles in conflict with the law, sponsored by the University of Saint La Salle, located outside of Bacolod. While some of the books are added to the small library at the center, most are redistributed to needy schools in very remote rural areas outside of the city of Bacolod.

Recently a few Kiwanis members lunched with Brother Kenneth Martinez, president of the University of Saint La Salle to discuss his vision for expanding access to the library at Bahay Pagasa to the local public school teachers.

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