

WORKING TO REVERSE CLIMATE CHANGE IN OUR LIFETIME



Welcome!

We are thrilled that you are interested in helping us save this precious planet. Thank you for all that you have done and offered to do. It really does help. Below you can see all the ways that your help is making a difference in our goal to help save this planet. Thanks again!

Co-founder, Rebecca Truman

'2040' to be released in the United States

If you are located in the US, you can join up for a truly special Virtual Theatrical Premiere of “2040” on Friday 5 June (6 pm ET) to celebrate World Environment Day.



The Premiere event kicks off a week of virtual theatrical screenings and live, in-depth panel discussions. Each Q&A discussion will focus on a different theme and will explore how we can collectively implement solutions to address climate change and regenerate our planet. The screenings will be followed by a live Q&A

with different guests. [Click here to explore all sessions and guest speakers.](#) To watch 2040 and participate in the follow-up discussions, you will need to purchase a ticket. [Tickets purchased here result in a donation to the Climate Foundation.](#)

On Monday, June 8th, 6 PM Eastern Time, 3 PM Pacific Time, the Q&A speakers will be Director Damon Gameau, **Dr Brian von Herzen (The Climate Foundation)**, Brad Ack (The Ocean Climate Trust) and CEO Jo Kelly (Australian Seaweed Institute).

The Philippines

The Climate Foundation (CF) has been working in the Philippines all year round, with a very resourceful team.



For example, it is particularly problematic to locate parts in the Philippines. Most businesses are not on the internet, and those that are, rarely list parts. It is also difficult to have things shipped and cleared through the challenging customs process. So the team works around these and other issues.

They've created moorings from leftover parts of an abandoned mining operation, they've made their own boats and rafts from scratch, and are doing what they need to do in order to upwell water and grow seaweed. These guys are our heroes.

Then, just to make things more challenging, COVID-19 showed up. It has been a very tough lock-down in the Philippines. But that didn't stop our team from securing a permit as an essential agriculture/Marine Permaculture service, resulting in being able to continue their important work. (Smart!)

As the lock-down progressed, the Jeepneys (public transportation) came to a halt. Okay, it was for a good reason, but the team needed to secure transport, so they made a great deal to secure a tiny orange truck.





As you can guess, the lock-down has severely decreased our ability to get supplies, but our guys are creative and are using what they can get their hands on to create what we need.



Using creativity and the materials at hand, our team fabricated two troughs, for three lines of kelp seed in each trough, and two pumps. One uses upwelled water, which comes via a team-built, unconventional, but

successful, upwelling raft and the other, for surface water. With the two systems, results can be verified. The official results are not in yet, but behind the scenes, the seaweed growth in the regular water is negative - that's right, it's dying because the ocean water is too warm to support seaweed. (currently, the ocean water in the Philippines is 30-31 C or 86 to 87.7 F) The good news is that the seaweed in the cooler nutrient-rich water is exceeding 5% growth **per day!** *The significance is that this proves that Marine Permaculture will enable the locals to continue growing seaweed for income and food.* Fish and dolphins are swimming around our seaweed troughs - AND a plankton-eating whale shark showed up around our upwelling. So it looks like they know food-filled waters when they see it!



Rosie, (our volunteer newsletter coordinator) spoke with Sam, who filled us in on what's going on at our worksite in the Philippines. Sam who worked as an ex-mining breakdown maintenance engineer, is delighted with the opportunity to help us repair the planet.

Because all of this takes money and time, we are grateful to our team and to you. Because of your help, CF is able to continue their work, pay their people all around the world and continue to bring hope to the hopeless. Which is a pretty big deal. And you helped make it happen!



Seaweed growth

Our fabulous seaweed guru, Pepe, taught our fishermen how to farm seaweeds; covering the range from preparation to farming. We improved the growth of one of our deep water seaweed farms by pruning, and the tambalang (seaweed) *Cottonii* grew from 1.6 kgs to 4-6 kgs in just 21 days. Great results!



Fundraising

We received this letter (!!!)



EPIPHANY SCHOOL March 13, 2020

Dear Climate Foundation, We are fifth-graders at Epiphany School in Seattle. Every year, the 5th grade leads our school-wide coin drive. This is both a Service Project and a chance for us to practice our leadership skills. It begins when we all put ideas about organizations we would like to support onto a list. We vote for the top six groups that we'd like to support. At that point, we divide up and do research about these groups. We present our projects to the whole 5" grade and have our final vote. This year, we voted to support the Climate Foundation. Your work is important to us. Not only did we collect \$1267.45 for your foundation, but we also learned more about what we can do as a school and with our families to protect our planet and all of the species that live on it. We hope our contribution helps you with your projects. Sincerely, The Fifth Grade Epiphany School Seattle, WA.



reddit

Join us on Reddit!

you are invited to join our new Reddit group
at www.reddit.com/r/ClimateFoundation/

The Australian release of "2040" flooded the Climate Foundation with volunteer inquiries. Now the film is being released in other parts of the world and the volunteer ranks will grow. We need to organize! At Climate Foundation, we are aware of the enormous responsibility that being recipients of volunteerism represents.

At Reddit, we've established a social media presence for volunteers—a place where we can share our knowledge and experience, and start to organize our efforts.

(You should know that Reddit has some peculiarities that can make it a little off-putting at first; few people use their real name there, new users are treated with distrust because of spam, and it is an immense information space with little guidance.)

At our Reddit group, we will start to identify the ideas, gifts and individual volunteer needs. If you want to volunteer, please sign up and join us - there we can begin working out what everyone can do to help us reverse climate change in our lifetime. We look forward to you joining this party!

(Keep scrolling!)

Update on our puppy

It seems that our puppy has fallen in with the wild boy crowd. We tried our best. What could we do? 😊



Photo credits: Sam Donohue (ocean vessels, orange truck) Pepe Tubal (seaweed) Rebecca Truman (workers, jeepney, Brian Von Herzen) Eric Smith, (dogs)