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FILIPINO MUSIC STAR GARY V TO HOST BENEFIT CONCERT IN ORLANDO THIS SUNDAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR TYPHOON VICTIMS

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (October 30, 2009) – Filipino music star Gary V will perform a benefit concert this Sunday at the Florida Hospital Church (2800 N Orange Ave, Orlando) to raise money for the many victims of the recent typhoons in the Philippines. This announcement was made today by Bill Horan, president of Operation Blessing International (OBI), the beneficiary of the "Gary V: A Wave Of Hope" event.

Tickets for "Gary V: A Wave Of Hope" are \$25, with 100% of the money raised going directly to disaster relief in the Philippines. The concert is sponsored by Grace Fellowship Church, Orlando Fl.

Gary V, who is currently touring the USA, has dominated the music scene in the Philippines for more than twenty-five years. To date, he has released 26 albums, earned multi-platinum status, and won the Best Male Performer in the prestigious Awit Awards eleven times.

Operation Blessing International has worked extensively in the Philippines for over a decade, with regional headquarters in Manila. Under the direction of Dr. Kim April C. Pascual, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Operation Blessing International Philippines, the charity has earned the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) of the Year by the Philippines government for 4 out of the last 6 years. Most recently, OBI has launched a major response to three typhoons that have struck the country, having helped over 168,000 people in October. OBI is currently preparing for a fourth typhoon, Mirinae, which is expected to hit Manila this weekend.

"The devastation we've seen with two typhoons that occurred only seven days apart is inconceivable," said Bill Horan, president of Operation Blessing International. "Every penny raised by this concert as well as money donated through our website (www.ob.org) will be wire transferred to our Manila office where it will be spent on medicines and emergency food packages."

SPECIAL SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT:

"Gary V: A Wave Of Hope"

A concert to benefit typhoon victims in the Philippines

Sunday, Nov.1, 2009

5:00pm

Florida Hospital Church (2800 N Orange Ave, Orlando, FL)

For more information on the concert please contact (407) 403-1650 or email PiaVP18@aol.com.

ABOUT OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL:

Operation Blessing International (OBI) is one of the largest charities in America, providing strategic disaster relief, medical aid, hunger relief, clean water and community development in 22 countries around the world on a daily basis. In 2009, OBI was awarded Charity

Navigator's coveted 4 star rating for sound fiscal management for the fifth year in a row, a feat that only 4% of rated charities have ever achieved. Forbes, which currently ranks OBI as one of "America's 200 Largest Charities" as well as one of "America's Most Efficient Charities," awarded OBI a perfect 100% rating in fundraising efficiency and 99% efficiency in charitable commitment. Additionally, the Chronicle of Philanthropy currently ranks OBI as the 39th largest non-governmental organization and 7th largest international charity.

In 2008, OBI responded to 33 disasters in 16 foreign countries as well as 7 major domestic disasters. Most recently, OBI mobilized teams and funded major relief and recovery efforts in Italy, Myanmar, the Sichuan Province of China, Rift Valley in Kenya, Bangladesh, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, the Darfur region of Sudan, Pakistan, Somalia, India, Indonesia, Mozambique and the Philippines. OBI has also made headlines as a first responder to U.S. hurricanes, floods and tornadoes as well as the tsunami disaster in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand.

Founded in 1978, Operation Blessing International has touched the lives of more than 215 million people in more than 105 countries and 50 states, providing goods and services valued at over \$2.1 billion to date.

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