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CCF Employee Released Unharmed Following Kidnapping

Richmond, Va. – Sept. 15, 2008 – A Christian Children's Fund employee who was kidnapped Monday in the Philippines has been released.

Ludy Borja Dekit, 37, was kidnapped along with three other aid workers on the island of Basilan about noon Monday (Philippine time). According to a report received, two others managed to escape from their captors. The report indicated the individuals were in two vehicles when they were intercepted near the Kabangalan village in Tipo-Tipo town.

“This is great news and all of us at CCF are relieved to hear of her release,” said CCF President and CEO Anne Lynam Goddard. “Ludy has been involved in extensive field work and community relations in the Philippines positively impacting the lives of many. I am sure that those who have benefited from her work are as pleased as we are to know of her release.”

Dekit was released along with one other person. “We hope that the others will soon be released safely,” Goddard added.

Dekit has worked directly for CCF for the past three years as a project officer conducting field work and community relations. She works closely with children and families.

“Our focus can return to our efforts to help children and their families, not only in the Philippines, but in the 31 countries we serve worldwide,” Goddard said.

CCF has worked in the Philippines since 1954, assisting more than 453,000 children and their families. CCF has contributed more than \$7.8 million for community programs benefiting children and families in the Philippines.

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