

# HISTORY OF BARANGAY MAUNGIB

Barangay Maungib is one of the 16 barangays in the Municipality of Pura, Tarlac. Brgy. Maungib gets its name from a Pangasinan words "Maung" meaning beautiful and "Ungib" meaninga Cave. In short Maungib means beautiful cave. According a reliable information,a native of Pangasinan who was then a visitor in the place spotted a beautiful cave. He was attracted of what he saw and instantly uttered the Maungib expression. The people who have heard of the expression liked the sound and so they agreed to adopt it as the name of the place

It was the first settled in the year 1850. As a settlement area Maungib belongs to then barangay "Villa" now the municipality of Pura and former barangay of the municipality of Gerona,Tarlac. No relocation was over made thereafter and its original is maintain.

As per topography, the barangay form of land is generally plain, black and sandy loam soil and good farming purposes. No big bodies of water is found in the place except during rainy season where low form of body of water which later become a source of fish supply by the people.

The principle product of the people are rice, sugar canes, camote. Minor products are corn, peanuts, monggo and others.

As to distance of the place to the town, it is approximately 3 3/3 kilometers away and one could reach the town in a matter of five(5) minutes. Before , no roads was available for the people to market their products to town except a cart wide trailers. When the American took over the government from the hands of the Spaniards, little by little the place was improving , constructions of roads started.Education also has started which has compulsory on the part of the parents to send their children to school.

From the original settlers numbering around fifty person, the place has now 1002 living inhabitants, 99 percent of the people are engage in farming. From the nipa huts , houses now have improved a lot. Atleast 50% are made of wood and galvanized iron roofing's. And the oil

lamp, the people are now enjoying an electric lighting and of course for those who could afford , now living luxuriously with T.V sets, refrigerator, electric fan, components, stereo,etc. As to religious membership, people of maungib are 85% Catholics, 5% Iglesia ni Cristo, 10% other religious sects.

As the political facilities, the barangay officials have constructed a barangay hall through the assistance of the local government under the administration of the Mayor Nestor S. Gamit. From time to time, the officials meet here to talk on matters affecting the community. As to political affiliation, there are only two strong parties involved during elections; the administration party is the losing party during the past election .

Accordingly, the following prominent people of the barangay have once the head of the community since its establishment either as “Cabisa de Barangay”, Teniente del Baryo or Kapitan de Barangay; Benedicto Javier (first), Martin Javier, Alejandro Javier, Serigano Cayapan , Dionisio Cortes, Zoilo Javier, Pedro Domingo, Bonifacio Banag, Frisco Simon, Efipanio Diaz, Gerardo Millo, Mariano Rebuyaco.

The livelihood of the residents comes mostly from farming and fishing, only few are professionals, while others are laborers and OFW’s. The main products of the inhabitants are rice, corn, mangoes and vegetables.

The most important is that although Barangay Maungib is just a small barangay, they are consistent recipients of awards through programs, sports, and talent awards under the auspices of the incumbent Barangay Captain Norberto D. Simon.