

## BARANGAY HISTORY

Barangay Bacal II is located in the center of the Hacienda Cojuanco, and considered the center of development for the government being initiated by "Hacienderos" and barangay officials. Barangay Bacal II also in the most fortunate among the four barangays composing the wide Hacienda. This is in terms of development and support, which is not given to the other barrios.

The first owner of the hacienda is a woman named Senora vda. De Alferez, a widow of a rich Spaniard. It was later sold to siblings, Don Ramon and Don Antonio Soriano. The latter however, supervised in the tilling and cleaning the place and became the virtual owner of the land. Don Antonio built a house and a warehouse, all made of wood for him to reside permanently. Behind this wooden edifice is a deep well which he constructed. This well is 12 meters deep, and it is the only living landmark which reminds the ownership of Don Antonio Soriano.

Ilocanos were the first dwellers of the place which is still like a forest, when they first came to reside, wherein big trees and wild grasses is green is seen elsewhere. The first dwellers clear the area. Among them were Francisco dela Cruz, Placido Marquez, Agustin Coronel, Damaso Ramirez, Antonio Ramirez, Apolonio Lazaro, Feliciano Salazar, Isabelo dela Cruz, Marcelo Damian, Matias dela Cruz, Crisanto Galvan, Simfros Villacorta, Sixto Manlapaz, Victoria Pangan, Marcelo Pagaduan, Pablo Agapito, Feliciano de Guzman, and Simeon Mangulabnan. They paid necessary taxes to Don Antonio Soriano for every parcel of land, which they clean.

Don Antonio Soriano was still remembered by the barrio folks. He was known to them as strong and powerful man, aside from being boastful and merciless. His words are laws to be followed, either bad or good, and even it is against their will. He don't even follow ordinance of the government. He is so fearless that he is not afraid to anybody.

Don Antonio Soriano always considered himself as hard as a steel or "bakal" in tagalog. He was recognized as the most powerful in the place like steel (Bakal) which is very difficult to destroy. The Hacienda was later named by Don Antonio Soriano as "Bakal" meaning strong. It is the only barrio situated inside the hacienda.

Hacienda Bacal is formerly a part of the town of Muñoz. Don Antonio decided to separate it from the town of Muñoz, when he got a rift in the use of irrigation with Percy Gil an American owner of Hacienda Bustos of the nearby Bantug Muñoz town. However, the then Mayor of Muñoz, Deogracias delos Santos made a legal move to recover the area, but to no avail. A plebiscite was conducted and the residents voted that the Bacal area composed of Bacal I, II and III be a part of Talavera.

## DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Total Population	- 3,103		
• Male	- 1,607		
• Female	- 1,496		
Household	- 698		
No. of Families	- 705		
Dialect			
Tagalog	- 2,395	Tagalog/ Ilokano	- 606
Ilocano	- 13	Tagalog/ Bisaya	- 22
Kapampangan	- 1	Tagalog/ Kapampangan	- 8
Bisaya	- 7	Tagalog/ Pangasinense	- 0
Others	- 51		

## AGRICULTURE

Palay	Area (Has)	Ave. Production (Cav.)	Farm Income (Php)
<b>Main Crop</b>	128.17	12,492	3,181,000
<b>Second Crop</b>	128.17	11,824	3,119,000
<b>Third Crop</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	256.34	24,316	5,300,000

## INFRASTRUCTURES/UTILITIES

- School

Schools (Public)	Name of School
Elementary	Bacal II Elementary School
Day Care Center	St. Mary's Day Care Center

- Health Center

Health Center	Name of Center

- Facilities/ Utilities

<b>Barangay Hall</b>	√	<b>Barangay Nursery</b>	-
<b>Barangay Stage</b>	√	<b>Barangay Bridge</b>	√
<b>Barangay Plaza</b>	√	<b>Barangay Market</b>	-
<b>Barangay Gymnasium</b>	√	<b>Barangay Cemetery</b>	√
<b>Barangay Solar Dryer</b>	√	<b>Irrigation Facilities/Dams</b>	√
<b>Barangay Basketball Court</b>	√	<b>Barangay Chapel/ Church</b>	√

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

Oscar Balmeo  
**Brgy. Captain**

Ronald Lazaro  
**SK Chairperson**

## **Brgy Councilors**

Rodelio Perez  
Felix Santos  
Alejandro Dunale  
Dario Espiritu  
Anita Rendon  
Roland Bacolores  
Priscilla Balmeo

## **SK Councilors**

Jasmin De Guzman  
Apple Joy Sabado  
Arlene Perez  
Elvin Selispara  
Pepito Pacis Jr.  
John Rubert de Leon  
Randy Hisuler

**Brgy. Secretary** - Julieta Tadeo  
**Brgy. Treasurer** - Pedro Ibea Jr.

Joselito Elming  
**Chief of Brgy Tanod**

## **Brgy Tanods**

Orlando Lazaro  
Zandro Manlapaz  
Mario Padre Sr.  
Christopher David  
Mateo Jacob

Edizza Doronio  
Rolando Jacinto  
Daniel Isidro  
Saturnino Delos Santos

Angelito Cabanilla  
Jimmy Domingo  
Jerry Santos  
Hernando Valdez



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AWIGAN NG NUEVA ECIJIA