

## CEF® NEWS PHILIPPINES

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#### **CEF PH HOSTS CPC SEMINAR LAUNCH**

Last September 28, representatives from Child Evangelism Fellowship® Asia Pacific countries and several from the Philippines gathered at the Belmont Hotel Manila to attend the Christmas Party Club (CPC) Seminar Launch led by Rev. Jeremiah Cho (CEF Inc. President) and Mr. Tony Villanueva Associate Director (Senior International Ministries). Thirtysix delegates were encouraged and challenged to reach the most number of kids through Christmas Party Clubs this year.



Rev. Jeremiah Cho

Rev. Cho shared his vision about CPC and how "there could be so much potential to extend the number of children reached... if launched in a more strategic way."

We praise God for the fellowship with our Asia Pacific co-workers from Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Samoa, Cambodia, Palau, Marshall Islands, Tonga, and a guest country. What a blessing to meet again after the pandemic. Praise the Lord for His faithful provisions!



### Here are testimonies from two of our representatives:

"It was a wonderful and refreshing time with the CEF AP family on the launching of CPC in Asia Pacific! Rev. Cho's passion on reaching the children whatever the cost, his emphasis on our mandate, plus his testimony of

struggles and victories were great encouragement for me... I will keep on reaching the children and pray for more partners to share the Good News with them especially this Christmas time!" Aileen Quilojano

"Hearing the vision of our president that CPC can reach millions motivated me a lot... truly it is not our work but through the Lord's power and enabling that we can reach children for Him. I am indeed challenged to do my very best for the Lord knowing that boys and girls in my area need Jesus and this Christmas season is a perfect time to challenge others to proclaim His salvation to the little ones." Mae Endencia



# Local Area

#### YEC REGAINS MOMENTUM

A child of five, if properly instructed, can, as truly believe, and be regenerated, as an adult." — Charles H. Spurgeon

This is why CEF continues to reach the boys and girls with the Gospel and train them young as they are, how to share about Jesus to other children. In CEF Philippines, a ladderized training

program for saved children called Christian Children Training Program (CCTP) was

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designed to ready them to be used by God at their young age. Young Evangelist of Christ (YEC) is the first level of this training. Praise God for the three batches of YEC held in different parts of Luzon in cooperation with our Children's Ministry department headed by Sis. Lhey Carolino.

Last June 27-29, the first batch was realized as Mary Jane Mejila (CEF Antipolo's volunteer) shared her burden about training her own children and their cousins how to share the message of salvation. She opened her home to be the venue for three days. Jayjay, one of the nine attendees shared that it was his dream to one day learn how to share God's Word. During the training, his dream came true, thankful that he was given the chance to be

used by the Lord to reach out to fellow children!

On the other hand, our worker from Pangasinan 3 helped conduct another batch in

> Bonuan, Dagupan City last July 4-7 with 12 kids trained. This was in partnership with the International Heritage Baptist Church the home church of Percy and Naomi Tomboc who assisted in the training.

Angeline, a camper shared, "I learned how to use the wordless book and how to teach it to other children. I better understood that we all sinned and that we will be saved only if we received Jesus as Savior. I also made new friends."

The third YEC facilitated by Full

Life Christian Ministries was held at Philippine Bethel Church in Agoo, La Union, July 19-21. Mae Endencia, La Union's area director, guided the team as they prepared for the training camp. What joy it was to see 19 campers learn to use the Wordless Book, go out and evangelize 33 children! Lailanie Celi, detailed some of the challenges they encountered and how they saw God's hand move. "We lacked manpower and budget, but God gave us strength and wisdom as we did our tasks. He also made a way to supply the funds for the event. Great is God's faithfulness."

These children are excited to attend the next level of training next year. Pray for the Lord's favor on the plans for this.

All glory to our God who is able to grow our Young Evangelists of Christ!



# Spotlight



#### BACK TO SCHOOL BASH FOR CEF PALAWAN

"Back to School" Bash was
Palawan's initiative to hold a
party club for school children
to celebrate the opening of
classes. Two groups of children
were taught, one in El Rancho
Sta. Monica last August 27
and another in UECP Manalo
Extension held August 29.

The team headed by Gypsy Ann Babanto, joined by Thelma Peña (committee chairperson), Candie Magbanua (committee treasurer) and other student leaders reached a total of 59 boys and girls!



Faced with challenges in health, the weather, even the venue, the children who heard about the hope Jesus brings proves that God is unstoppable. His mission continues no matter what!

Let us continue to uphold the children and the Palawan team in our prayers.



## MOM'S MINISTRY: AN OFFSHOOT OF GNC

The clothes we gave to the moms of our *GNC* kids may not be new, but the great thing was God gave them new hearts!

What a blessed opportunity for our team in Mandaue City, Cebu to extend the ministry to the mothers of their *GNC* kids in Canumay.

Cristina Alabata, area director recounted that it has been one of their long-standing prayers to share something to the parents of their *GNC* kids. God led her and her husband to the women of Glory Christian Ministry Church to share this desire. Praise God for His prodding, they agreed to give used clothes,

together with some of the area's local committee members!

With much prayers, they scheduled to meet the children with their mothers last August 31, and took the opportunity to share the Gospel with them. All 17 mothers accepted Jesus as their Savior. They also had the chance to fellowship and thank the moms for allowing their children to attend *GNC*. It was a joyful day as everyone went home wearing their new identity in Christ.

Please pray for these mothers as they start their journey in their new found faith.

Thank you Lord!



#### TRAINING: OUR MULTIPLICATION STRATEGY

"Reaching boys and girls is a huge task we can't do on our own. We need to multiply ourselves through training!" said Pastor Jonathan Endencia in his concluding remark after the week-long *Teaching Children Effectively*<sup>TM</sup> (*TCE*<sup>TM</sup>) 1. Held last August 8-12 in La Union 1 area,

this in-person setup was hosted by Messenger of the Cross Bible School. Mae Endencia, Alexis Jugo and Fernando Sayan were part of the training team.

Despite most of the students finding it difficult due to its

intensive set up, 15 Christian workers and teachers finished.

Please continue to uphold these teachers of children in prayers, that they will stay zealous in reaching boys and girls for the Lord Jesus Christ!



## Here are the takeaways of some of the students:

"This training gave me the courage and meaning of becoming a true teacher. I saw the need to reach the children – our future generation!"

Quina Rivera

"Aside from the concepts of teaching children, I also learned more about the attributes of God. Before, I was not confident in sharing the Gospel especially to children. But now, a better understanding of who God is will help me share about Jesus with more confidence and passion. I was so blessed to do it first during our Open-Air Ministry practicum."

Angellie Picar

"I learned many things that I did not learn during my Bible school days. I will bring the Wordless Book wherever I go so in any opportunity, I can share the Gospel to children and adults alike!"

Grenalyn Bautista

"Thankful, grateful and blessed to be able to attend this

training. It was so packed with information, inspiration and practical helps to children. One of the many things I learned is the importance of leading children to Chirst even in their young age!" Carla Ninalga

"I would like to thank the Lord for allowing me to attend this effective training. He answered my prayer when I asked Him how I will lead and teach the children. The training was so fun but interesting and heartwarming at the same time!"

Henesse Castellon

--- Glory to God ---

## CEF TACLOBAN OPENS A SATELLITE LENDING LIBRARY

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On the last week of July, Regie Tacata (area director) and her team officially opened a new satellite lending library in Baybay City. This is being managed by Sally Quilla, a *TCE 1* graduate who is now the volunteer librarian. Thank God for her life!

The opening of the satellite library came about as a request of the two batches of Teacher Training Seminar in Southern Leyte with 119 children's workers. As they are actively conducting their own *GNCs*, there is a great need for Bible lessons and other teaching materials. With the

lending library, our volunteer teachers have the tools to effectively teach the children with the Gospel.

"CEF materials equip us with ideas — what Bible lesson or memory verse to teach and even fun ways how kids can participate in the teaching. When you read the Teacher's Manual or lesson text, you will see how every part of the program connects to the lesson's main teaching, aiming not only to be informative but also to be transformative!". This was a testimony given by Jelwyn Luke

Madriza, one of the volunteer teachers and lending library members.

Lynel Someri a *GNC* student of one our volunteers shared how the materials made an impact in his life. "I learned a lot from my teacher using the colorful and beautiful materials. I also get to know more about Jesus who is my great Lord and Savior!"

Praise the Lord for His provisions so every material can be used to reach "Every Child, Every Barangay, Every Day!"





By Pastora Cherry Saldo-Jefferson

"I praise God for how He used CEF to realize the vision He gave me several years ago.

July 26, 2005 – God gave me a vision, His plan of making our abandoned ancestral house, a house church. I was out of the country then and I didn't know how the Lord will use me in the ministry. One thing for sure – I knew God will do it! And He made me say, Yes Lord, I will!

February 3, 2009 – I received the Lord's clear direction for La Opinion, my birthplace. I believe that a church/ministry will rise up... a group of Joshua generation... comprised mostly of a new generation of believers... – this was my declaration.

May 20, 2012 – For the longest time... my eldest brother was having dreams about our ancestral house, hence the

decision to renovate it. To bring back the life and laughter into the newly renovated house, we regularly held a feeding program. From once a month to every Sunday, the feeding continued. Many children came and God opened my eyes to see their greatest need – Jesus. I had no idea how to handle the children and was referred to a CEF worker, after asking for help. Praise the Lord for sending Teacher Ems. She started a GNC intending to stay for only two months. But God had a different plan and extended her stay for one year!

Summer 2013 – We had our first ever 5-Day Club® and many boys and girls came to faith! This the year of revival for La Opinion, and God is fulfilling the vision He gave me years ago! The children are growing physically and spiritually.

2014-2022 – The ministry progressed until a church was built and most of our workers were the *GNC* and 5-DC kids transformed with the Gospel years ago! He is still transforming lives today – children and adults alike. The group of believers called "Storehouse for All Nations Ministries Inc." congregates in the middle of a rice field in our community.

This year marks the first decade of the Lord's mighty work in La Opinion. As we look back, we say God is indeed faithful. He used CEF for our many firsts – first GNC, first 5-DC, first Junior Youth Challenge Camp and many more! Fifteen had been trained in both TCE 1 and JYC from our former GNC and JYC kids. They are now leading their own GNCs and JYCs! All glory to our living Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!"



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