



Calvary Bible Fellowship

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FRIENDS FROM A FAR

There is something special about having family come and visit. It is especially sweet when you have not seen them for a number of years!

It began with Pastor Clark Van Wick [Calvary Chapel Bible Fellowship] coming over to visit for a few days. He was able to attend the Pastor's Conference in Dumaguete [he was the guest speaker]. It was a huge blessing to then have him come to Simbahan sa Bukid in Himamaylan to do an ordination service for two Pastors in the church there. I can remember Pastor Clark telling me many years ago that a church does not ordain a pastor. A piece of paper does not suddenly make someone capable of loving and feeding God's people. What a church does is recognize the work Jesus has already done in someone's life. Congratulations to Pastor Jun and Pastor Edwin. There is no question that God has called you both to minister to His people!

Pastor Clark then was able to teach the Midweek service before heading back to California. No sooner had he left, then a Missions team arrived to help with our Summer Outreaches. The plan was for four days of Vacation Bible School and five days of Kids and Youth Summer Camp. The purpose of the VBS was outreach, to reach out to kids do not normally come to church. Our desire for the camp was in reach - to spend a week with kids and youth who regularly do come to church in an effort to help build them up and strengthen them in their walk with Jesus!



MEET THE TEAM

The majority of the team that came over this year was from Cavalry Chapel Dickinson, North Dakota. Pastor Ron and his wife Stephanie have led MANY trips to the Philippines over the years. Along with them came their son Corban, the McWhorter family [Bri, Greycye, Bella, Eden, and Tatum], Angela, Sarah, Jenna, and Sis. Lydia came along from Arizona [this was her second trip]. Rick and Elsie came from Calvary Chapel Bible Fellowship. And for the first time we had a family come from Australia [Nick, Phoebe, Julian, and Harriet].



VBS



Fellowship Baptist Church



Mambato Elementary



Trinity Christian Church

Vacation Bible School is a three hour outreach designed to encourage children who might not otherwise attend church. We were able to hold SEVEN outreaches over the course of four days. The total attendance was over 700 kids!

Using crafts, games, skits, and most importantly the Word of God - we shared the Good News with them that Jesus loves them and died for their sins. The vast majority of the kids chose to accept Jesus into their hearts! Working with sister churches we then connected the kids to local ministries so they can continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord!



Network Fellowship



Calasa Elementary School



Bacolod House of Prayer



Glow Night Games



Summer camp has always been a highlight for the youth in the church. A week set part to pour into them in order to help strengthen their faith in Jesus. This year a great location all set for them at a beach in Hinoba-an [south side of the Island]. The theme of the camp was Jesus is our Lighthouse we can look to in the storms of life.

What we could not have anticipated was the super typhoon [storm] that would try its best to disrupt all of our plans. But since when did wind and waves every stop Jesus from reaching out to those who needed to hear His Word - Mark 4:39.

We added a new aspect to the camp this year. We had activities designed to help teach the kids to depend on Jesus. They could join either: Art, Drama, Music, Swimming, or Archery. Each day they would practice building to a presentation on the last night of the camp. Those who chose Music performed a special worship song [My Lighthouse]. Those who chose Drama did a

special skit about being a Light in the storms of life. Those who did Art painted Lighthouses depicting how Jesus guides us in the storm. The swimmers did a choreographed presentation emphasizing our dependence on the Lord. The Archers shot fire arrows to light the bonfire [light in the darkness].

It was a week full of laughter and learning as the kids and youth bonded over games, crafts, activities, and Bible Studies. But more importantly it was a week where the kids got to chose to make a stand for Jesus. We had a baptism on the last day of the camp. It was open to anyone who wanted to make a public declaration for Jesus. Along with over thirty of the campers, there were several of the mothers [came to help cook], and even three from the Mission Team who went into the water! Even in the midst of the storm Jesus did something amazing!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 8:30am & 10am - Book of Revelation
- Tuesday 6pm - Book of Psalms @ Elisha Center
- Wednesday 6:30pm - Book of Psalms @ Upper Room
- First Wednesday 6pm - Worship & Communion
- Second Thursday 6pm - Book of Daniel @Network Silay
- Friday Study 5:30pm - Men's - Women's - Youth Bible Study
- Last Friday 6pm - Fellowship Night

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