



Calvary Bible Fellowship



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BULIG SA BUKID

Jesus commanded us to go out into all the world and make disciples of all nations [Matthew 28:19-20], yet so many of the people we are called to go and love have a hard time hearing the message of salvation. The daily burden and struggle to get the basic necessities of life



School Supplies



Livelihood Training

consumes all their time and energy. This is why James tells us that we are not to look at someone in need and do nothing [James 2:16]. Instead we are to help meet their practical needs in an effort to open their hearts to the message of the Gospel!

A few years back, the church created an NGO [non government organization] called

Bulig sa Bukid [help for the poor]. The purpose of BSB is to provide school supplies, medical outreaches, and livelihood training to underprivileged communities. Those outreaches are always done together with solid Bible teaching church. The goal is to minister to the physical needs as we make disciples of Jesus!

This past month was particularly busy as we had three outreaches. First, we set up a program called "Proverbs 31" to teach the ladies at the church in Himamaylan how to debone fish, make salted eggs, and smoked fish. The hope is to train them so that they are able to turn these skills into a profitable business.

As school is about to start again, we also distributed all the necessary educational supplies for around a hundred children.

The largest outreach was medical mission. Five doctors and over eighty volunteers spent a day ministering to over a hundred patients. We partnered with another NGO called Mountain Movers to provide free medication as well as basic hygiene kits. We had so many volunteers that we also did a one day Vacation Bible School for more than fifty kids who came along with parents for a check up!

THE POWER OF PRAYER

My favorite part of the Medical outreach was the opportunity to pray with people after their check up. They would walk over with a hand full of medication, a hygiene kit, and often a worried look on their faces. They were not there by accident, they were coming to see a doctor because something was wrong, and chances are what they were told was not the best of news [one guy had a BP of 220/130].

This is when I would ask them what the doctors said. Once I heard the diagnosis I would ask if I could pray for them. The medication they were given would eventually run out, the hygiene kit would last a couple of days at best, but we know

someone who is more than able to heal and provide!

The best doctor does not wear a white coat and carry a stethoscope, He wore a crown of thorns and carries a cross. The good news is that He is not just able to take care of our needs today, He opened up the way for us to have eternal life!

Every single person wanted to pray and all of them had a smile before they went home!





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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me!"

- Matthew 18:5

Vacation Bible School - Vacation Bible schools are a staple of churches during the hot summer months. Kids are off from school with an excess of time on their hands, and rather than leave them glued to a screen, how much better to take a week and teach them more about Jesus!

This year provided a new opportunity for the church. In the past, we have gone out into various communities around the Island to put on one day VBS outreaches, but as we now have our own building, for the first time we were able to host the VBS.

We had around forty kids ages five to eleven from the church who came out for the three day event. Every afternoon from 2-5pm we opened up with worship, then had the kids go through a rotation of crafts, followed by some fun games, and finally a Bible story as we taught them about the importance of Sowing to the Spirit. The kids and parents alike loved it. It left them asking if next year we could do it for a whole week!



VBS Worship



VBS Crafts



VBS Games



VBS Bible Study

Friday Bible Study - I love church on Sunday mornings. There is just something special about the saints coming together to worship and get into the Word. Yet I have

noticed that it is far too easy on a Sunday to walk in the doors [fashionably late], enjoy the service, but then sneak out the door the moment the final song is sung.



Women's Bible Study



Youth Bible Study



Mens Bible Study

What is missing from that equation is fellowship. The problem with trying to face the trials of life alone is that if we are having a hard day, if we are struggling, there is no one there to help pick us up. Every Friday night we have the

Men's, Women's, and Youth fellowship at the church. It is more than just another Bible Study. It is the opportunity to build friendships because two people are better than one [Ecclesiastes 4:9].



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am - Book of Matthew @CBF
- Second Tuesday 6pm - Pastoral Epistles @Elisha Center
- Wednesday 6pm - Book of Proverbs @CBF
- First Wednesday 6pm - Worship & Devotion Night
- Second Thursday 6pm - Book of Revelation @Network Silay
- Friday Study 6pm - Men's - Women's - Youth Bible Study

