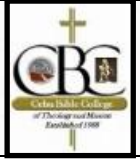




Cebu Bible College

Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines
2021 Year End Update



January 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We want to thank you for your continued partnership in the ministry work of Cebu Bible College, especially during these difficult pandemic times. Like the Macedonian churches, you demonstrate a rich generosity during this severe trial, and you excel in this grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:1-7). Your partnership is what makes our ministry work possible! Thank you!

Because of the 2020 Covid restrictions, we had to postpone our 2020 graduation ceremony, but we were able to have a large May graduating class this year. Many of our 2021 graduates are now working in ministry after graduating from CBC. These include Charlemagne Fabillar who is ministering in Carcar, Darwin Magallanes who is ministering in Bogo, Edison R. Corpuz who is ministering in Mindanao, Jeffry Demayo who is teaching part time at CBC, Marvin Catinza who is ministering in Minglanilla, Jimson Barraquias who will be ministering in the Lahug church plant, Ramonito Nano who is working at the Jasen Center, and Jenino Rizaba who ministers in Carcar. In spite of the sometimes severe quarantine restrictions our brethren face in Cebu, our graduates continue to actively evangelize and work to grow and strengthen the church. This pandemic has taught our students and alumni the need to be flexible and persevere in ministry, and their passion to be godly young servants and to preach the Gospel clearly shines through wherever they are serving. "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard said in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

And even with the Covid travel restrictions and the overall health and economic struggles that the Philippines is going through, we were able to start our fall semester on schedule with many new students.



As you see from the picture, we have a large group of female students now attending CBC. We are in the process of putting together a new Associate Degree program designed specifically for women that will better prepare these ladies for ministry. We will begin this new curriculum this semester. We are also recruiting female teachers for this new program.

College students often go through a period of adjustment during their first few months at school. CBC's newest freshmen class went through a major transition together when they all decided to be baptized (or rebaptized) in the middle of the semester! Eleven people were redeemed that day and joined God's Kingdom. College transitions are not easy, but we are so thankful that God used us at CBC to add more brothers and sisters to the Church and is using CBC to prepare them to be "workers going out into His harvest."



Since October, God has blessed CBC with ministry opportunities in several new places. While we are still sending students to assist local churches with evangelism and outreach in their respective areas, our school has begun a jail ministry in 3 detention centers around the city. Our brother in Christ, Erich, has been a key part of this ministry; he has his own rough past and an incredible story of transformation that makes him perfectly suited to spearhead our studies with inmates. A group of three went each Sunday afternoon to have a devotional and prayer with the inmates. We are very thankful that God has opened this new door of ministry for us at CBC and are excited to see what other plans He has for us. Even during this pandemic our students have shown an amazing dedication to sharing the Gospel, bringing the lost back to Christ, and being ministers of reconciliation.



But challenges beyond the Covid pandemic are impacting our students, faculty, and the community. As we approached the end of the new semester, a Category 4 typhoon hit the island of Cebu in December causing widespread damage to homes and buildings. Many of our student's family homes were severely damaged. We also experienced damage to our facilities on campus.



Much of the area is still without power including our campus, so we have postponed the start of our semester until at least January 31. Many students are also still at home helping their families with cleanup and repair.

We are committed to helping our students and their church families rebuild; and through the generosity of churches and friends of CBC, we have begun this work. We will be sending students out each weekend to help with the recovery, working with churches in the communities that have been impacted by the typhoon. If you would like to participate in this disaster recovery work, you can send your donations to: Southside Church of Christ, 1533 Nicholasville Road, Lexington, KY 40503. Note on your donation that it is for Philippine Ministry Typhoon Relief.

God has blessed the work of CBC since its establishment in 1988, and His provision continues. To all of our supporters, we want to thank you for your dedicated partnership with Cebu Bible College in preparing young men and women to spread the Gospel. May God continue to bless all of us as we serve in His Kingdom and spread the Good News of Jesus.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Mark S. VanDyke' and the signature on the right is 'Deborah Ann VanDyke'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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