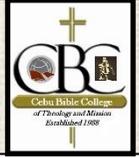


# Philippine Ministry

## 2022 Mid-Year Update



July 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We want to thank you for your continued partnership in the ministry work of Cebu Bible College. It is because of your generosity even during difficult times that you are making a wise investment in the lives of CBC students preparing for ministry. Our students will be able to make a difference in the lives of future generations for God in the Philippines. Thank you again for your generosity!

In our Year-End 2021 update, we described the Category 4 typhoon that hit the island of Cebu in December causing widespread damage to homes and buildings. Many of our CBC student's family homes were severely damaged, and many church member homes in the churches where CBC graduates minister were also badly damaged. We also experienced damage to the CBC and Talamban Church facilities on campus. Through the generosity of friends of CBC, Healing Hands (Nashville, TN), and partnering churches including Southside church of Christ (Lexington, KY), Netherland church of Christ (Rickman, TN), and Rural Hill Church of Christ (Nashville, TN), we began a rebuilding effort in January. During the first 3 months of the year, **more than 40 homes** of students and church members which had been destroyed or badly damaged were rebuilt or restored. We were also able to help to repair the CBC and Talamban buildings, and to repair or rebuild the church buildings in Naga, Minglanilla, Danao, Carcar, and Balamban that had been damaged by the storm. Our sincere thanks to all who provided the financial support for this relief work in the Philippines. And special thanks to Gepher Lopina (our son-in-law) for going to Cebu to coordinate much of the disaster recovery efforts in Naga, Danao, and Minglanilla

Even with all the relief work efforts, students were also able to focus on their studies, and we finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester strong with eight graduates in the May graduating class. Four graduates attained BA degrees (4-year degrees) and four attained AA degrees (2-year degrees). All these graduates will be completing a 6-month Field Work internship assignment with a local church. This is part of our degree program, and it gives students the opportunity to begin working with a local church after graduation in evangelism, outreach, and youth development.



In the last 12 years, at least nine new churches have been planted on the island of Cebu by CBC staff and graduates. These include churches in Bogo, Danao, Minglanilla, Balamban, Toledo, Pinamungajan, Naga, Carcar, and most recently in Lahug, Cebu. We pray that this church planting ministry work of CBC graduates will continue to grow!

While studying at CBC, our students prepare for this church planting ministry work by assisting local ministers with evangelism and outreach during weekend evangelism, summer field work and field work internships. Even during the recent pandemic our students, staff and graduates have continued to show an amazing dedication to sharing the Gospel of Christ with the lost, working tirelessly to help church members grow through bible studies, and being ministers of reconciliation to those who might have drifted away during the pandemic. And the results from their work during the first half of 2022 have been outstanding.

We have recently had more than **50 baptisms** in the Cebu area resulting from the evangelism efforts of CBC students, CBC staff, and CBC graduates who serve as local ministers in many of these churches. Praise God for each of these souls that have been added to the Kingdom through this ministry work!



God has blessed the ministry work of CBC since its establishment in 1988, and His provision continues. To all 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. If you know of others who would like to join with us in this work, please let us know. May God continue to bless all of us as we serve in His Kingdom and spread the Good News of Jesus.

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