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"for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;" - Ephesians 4:12-13 NKJV

Let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ for what He has done in 2020. He has always been faithful. He carried us through disasters, illness, and other personal challenges. He is our fortress and strength. His grace, mercy, and love sustains His children. Praise the Lord for His provisions, through the people He uses to bless others. Let us pray that He will continue to draw us closer to Him, as we serve Him and the people whom He loves. Let us pray that He will continue to lead us and empower us, through the Holy Spirit, to do His will. Let us pray that we will bring glory to His name and faithfully fulfill His great commission to make disciples. Please continue to pray for our co-laboring ministries. Here are some excerpts from their praise reports, and prayer requests.

# **CAMPFIRES FOR CHRIST ASIA - PHILIPPINES**

"One can really say that 2020 was indeed a very challenging year. However, it was also a year in which we once again witnessed the goodness of the God that we are serving.

-At the beginning of 2020. Taal Volcano erupted and affected many families in the provinces of Batangas and some parts of Cavite. As a lot of people have been displaced, God opened doors for us to share the Good News to the displaced people by utilizing some of our tents to give better shelters for some families, sharing to them the gospel and handing out some Bibles.

-The financial assistance (for food, other necessities) given to different Outposts really helped all the staff and families, especially those who lost their jobs, or whose parents lost their jobs due to the pandemic lockdowns or quarantine protocols. Other staff with jobs shared what the could.

-During the lockdowns, house churches were established; virtual prayer gatherings and bible studies were conducted. From Zamboanga Del Sur: '...the pandemic made our family closer, since we would pray together, encourage one another, and our faith stronger than ever. I think my motto during the pandemic has been, O, death where is your power? O, death where is your sting?...God is the only one who shuts us in, just like he did at the time of Noah.'

-Though camps were cancelled, the staff continued to serve the Lord, some went on missions to tribal areas, had small bible studies in the rural areas, or ministered to their families and neighborhoods. -The annual CFCA - Philippines Conference was done virtually in December. 'The best part is that a lot of the staff were able to join and even our brothers and sisters from USA; for two days, we shared all our testimonies, plans, and prayer requests'."

## Prayer Requests: please pray for

-the 3 "provisional" outposts that are being developed in Pangasinan, Tarlac and Ilocos Sur -open doors in other parts of the Philippine and other Asian countries, as the Lord guides and provides -the on-going training of the all-volunteer staff, for wisdom for the leaders, as they continue to serve in their respective churches, neighborhoods and beyond, wherever the Lord will lead them

-for land to build campsites on and for other provisions so they can reach more people with the gospel FB Pages:

Zamboanga Del Sur Outpost - https://www.facebook.com/CampfiresForChristAsiaZdsOutpost

Palawan Outpost - https://www.facebook.com/cfcapalawanoutpost/

Cavite Outpost - https://www.facebook.com/caviteoutpostofficial2019

Cebu Outpost - https://www.facebook.com/cfcashots

Agusan Del Norte Outpost - https://www.facebook.com/Agusancamping

Zamboanga Del Norte Outpost - https://www.facebook.com/Campfires-For-Christ-Asia-100962010044922 Cagayan De Oro Outpost - https://www.facebook.com/campfiresforchristasia.official.page





Bugkalots worshipping together. Temporary shelters along the roadside.

\*Love in Action: Zamboanga Del Sur (2 pics above). Go to page 3, more about the Displaced Bugkalot Village

**CHRISTIANHOOD LEARNING CENTER (CLC)** - Christian Education in the "New Normal." "We started the school year on September 1, 2020, using blended learning: remote (online and modular) and face to face (still waiting to be allowed), in compliance with the Philippine government requirements. This unprecedented modification in the field of education caught everyone by surprise, not only locally, but globally. The challenges were and are real, but we, the CLC family, learned to place our trust in our never changing God. He gave us wisdom, strength, and resources to face the giants along the way. As a result, we want to praise God for the following: 1. We are reaching more homes with the Gospel. Parents and guardians are hearing the Word

of God through our virtual classrooms and the modules their kids are working on.

2. Our students are excelling in their work and mastering their subjects. They just finished their second quarter.

3. More and more parents are grasping the new system and partnerships are strengthened.

4. The staff are in good spirits and working together with joy.

5. Tuition fees are not enough for the overhead, but donations are coming in at the right time. Every payday, we witness God's faithfulness.

Prayer Requests: Continue to remember to pray:

1. For these new modalities to be used by the Lord to reach more souls for Him.

2. For God's provision for the families involved to be able to keep up with what are needed for online classes and be able to meet their obligations.

3. For God's grace and mercy for all the staff to continue spreading God's love, in spite of the challenges of the new normal."

FB Page: Clc Christianhood



\*Pray for these educators (screen shots of "zoom" meeting). Pray for the students and parents. STREET CHILDREN MINISTRY with Jesus Intercessor's Baptist Church.

Praise the Lord for the last several years of this labor of love for the indigent children. Please continue to pray for the precious children who were supported, mentored and discipled, as they transition into young adulthood, to continue in their walk with the Lord.

## FORTIFY PASTORS'/WORKERS' CONFERENCES, PALAWAN, PHILIPPINES

Praise the Lord for Fortify # 13 and #14, between Feb 16 - Mar 6, 2020. The 21-member team was composed of 2 CFCUSA board members, the Pastors from Southern California (Reliance Church, Cross Culture Missions, Calvary Chapel Vista), worship team leaders, and other volunteers. They partnered with Campfires for Christ - Palawan Outpost staff, and other local Pastors, and a Medical Doctor. They conducted 2-days seminars at 2 locations (Coron and Narra), to help equip/"fortify" the pastors and their spouses, church workers, youth leaders, and worship team leaders. They also held 2 free Christian Concerts. The doctor addressed women's issues over 2 days. A smaller team took an overnight trip to one of the tribal villages (Tagbanuas).

Praise the Lord, approximately 600 participants came. The attendance per day varied, both registered and non-registered. Some participants came from very remote areas, isolated islands. Several were given solar lights (76), Solar-powered Audio Bibles in Palawan dialects (14), and "malongs", a traditional garment (220). Team members travelled several hours by van, ferry boat, while others travelled by plane to get to the locations.

# **Prayer Requests:**

Please pray for the next Fortify Conference, as the Lord opens the doors and provides for the next team to travel.

Please pray for the pastors and their spouse, and other workers, and participant **Website:** www.crossculturemissions.com

# BUGKALOT TRIBE, NUEVA VISCAYA, NORTHERN PHILIPPINES

We had the opportunity to help provide some basic needs for the brethren. The entire village of San Pugo was displaced due to major landslide caused by the typhoons; their crops and houses are inaccessible, the location was deemed not safe to return to. They are currently staying in makeshift shelters/tents made of tarps and plastic sheeting along the side on the road. The mountain temperature is cold. People have been getting sick. Despite all this, they continue to worship the Lord together (see picture, page 2). Several other brethren from other places have helped, but they will still need help as they rebuild. They remain near and dear to our hearts. \*CFCUSA and CFCA, several years ago, worked with one of the original missionaries (New Tribes Missions) who helped translate the Bible into their language, to record their printed New Testament, which was loaded on audio players called Talking Bibles (\*also check out Talking Bibles International) to make the Word of God accessible in the audio format.

## **Prayer Requests:**

-Pray that the government experts will find a suitable safe place where they can be relocated them and rebuild their village, replant their crops.

-Pray for their health and safety, and additional provisions of their basic needs

-Pray that more people will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ , and make Him known

-Pray for our contacts who continue support these dear brethren

Please consider participating in the Messenger group chat: "2021 CFCA & CFCUSA", for updates, various training topics, praise reports, encouragement, news and prayer requests. Contact us to share praises and prayer requests, e-mail: <u>ijamargo@gmail.com</u>

We thank God for your encouragement, prayers and support. May the Lord bless you abundantly. "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" - Ephesians 6:18

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." - Hebrews 12:2