

NEWSLETTER

MACTAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, CEBU, PHILIPPINES

SERVING THE LORD TOGETHER - MACTAN PREACHING TEAM



Standing on my right is Bro. Vivencio Sumalpong. Having successfully completed his studies and graduated from PIBS (Philippines Institute of Biblical Studies), he did not stop pursuing deeper spiritual growth. Instead, he faithfully advanced his education and is now continuing his studies at Bear Valley Philippines. When asked about his journey, he shared with a humble and earnest heart that learning is truly a continuous lifelong process. He expressed his deep desire to be thoroughly equipped and nourished with God's Word, knowing full well that Scripture itself is the living power behind every message preached — the very foundation that strengthens, guides, and transforms both the messenger and the hearers. His commitment reminds us that we never outgrow our need to draw closer to God through His truth.



To my left stands Bro. Jundel Diama, who has now embarked on this meaningful path as a first-year student at PIBS. In a beautiful act of faith and wholehearted devotion, he chose to prioritize the study of God's above all else — setting aside his secular work so he could focus fully and undistractedly on growing in knowledge, wisdom, and spiritual maturity. He is proving himself to be a truly dedicated, faithful servant of the Lord, and even in these early days of training, he is already serving faithfully by delivering sermons and sharing God's Word during our worship services. His willingness to surrender his time and work for the sake of the Gospel is an inspiration to us all.



We humbly ask, dear brothers and sisters, that you keep each of us — Bro. Vivencio, Bro. Jundel, and all who labor here — in your constant and earnest prayers. As we continue to plant the seeds of God's Word into the hearts of everyone we meet, may we be wisdom, boldness, and strength to serve faithfully. May every seed sown take deep root, grow strong, and bear lasting fruit to the glory of God. To Him alone be all honor, praise, and power, now and forevermore!



"Stronger together in faith! Ladies Intercongregational Fellowship & Bible Studies — where they encourage one another, dive deep into Scripture, and lift each other up in Christ."

The 71st Cebu-Wide Ladies Intercongregational Fellowship was held on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at the Talamban Christian Activity Center, hosted warmly by the Talamban Church of Christ. Sisters from across the congregations gathered from 8:00 in the morning until 3:00 in the afternoon under the beautiful theme "Strength for Today, Legacy for Tomorrow," guided by Proverbs 31:25. It was a blessed day of unity as we journeyed together in faith, built godly character, and encouraged one another to leave a meaningful influence for generations to come. Every heart was uplifted through praise and worship, prayer, shared stories, and meaningful connections that reminded us we are stronger together in Christ.

The program was filled with rich moments that nourished both spirit and fellowship — from opening prayers and welcome addresses to panel discussions, small group sharing, and heartfelt legacy messages that touched every soul. We enjoyed delicious lunch together, joined in joyful games, and lifted our voices in united prayer as we closed the gathering. This gathering did not just mark a wonderful event; it strengthened their walk with the Lord and inspired them to live faithfully now, so we they leave a godly legacy that blesses their families, churches, and communities long into the future. To God alone belongs all the glory!



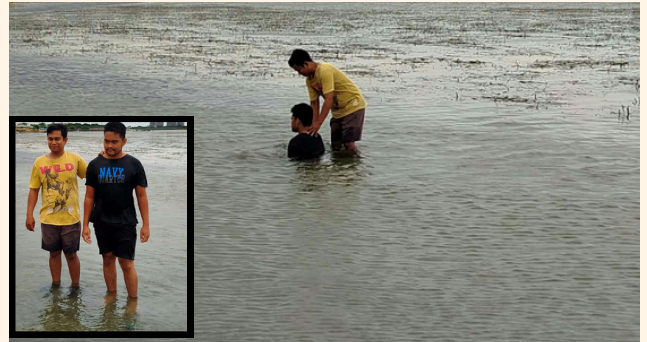
Ladies of Mactan faithfully continued their monthly Bible study, gathering consistently to deepen their understanding of God's Word and strengthen their bond as sisters in Christ. They met each month with open hearts to study Scripture, share experiences, and pray together, finding renewed strength, encouragement, and spiritual growth in every session. This ongoing fellowship became a steady source of grace and unity, equipping the women to walk faithfully in faith and carry God's light into their homes and community. To God be all the glory for this beautiful work that continues to flourish among them!

"One faith, one Lord, one baptism. Glory to God!"

We rejoice greatly in the baptism of RJ Petiluna, who, together with his companion Gave Heart, is a precious fruit of the faithful labors of our brothers in Datag, Maribago. Both shared that they once walked lost and without direction, but God in His mercy led them to the truth, and now they have found Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Their lives stand as a beautiful testimony that no one is beyond His reach, and through consistent, loving service, souls are truly won for Christ. To God be all the glory for this wonderful work He has begun and brought to fulfillment in their lives!



Kyle Perez has an inspiring testimony of God's restoring grace — for six long years he walked through deep depression, feeling lost and alone, but now he has begun a new and hopeful journey following Jesus. It was his loving Aunt who encouraged him, reach out to us, and from there, we slowly built a genuine friendship with him, walking alongside him with patience and care. Little by little, gentle changes became visible in his heart, he opened his life to us, and faithfully studied God's Word until he surrendered to Christ. Please continue to pray earnestly for Jake, that he may be firmly rooted in faith, filled with peace, and strengthened each day as he walks this new path.



Angelica Diana, sister of our beloved brother Jundel Dima, has made the beautiful decision to accept Christ as her personal Savior through baptism. As a dedicated college student with a full and busy schedule, she still faithfully made time to gather with us and study God's Word, showing that nothing — not even her studies — would keep her from seeking the truth. Her heart was open and eager to learn, and she found in Jesus the hope and purpose she had been searching for. May God richly bless her as she continues to grow in grace, shine brightly in her school and home, and walk faithfully with the Lord all her days.



Joe Venson Caacbay, husband of Sister Sarah Postadan, has been baptized into Christ — a special joy for me, as I had the honor of solemnizing their wedding when I first received my license. In the beginning, he attended worship alongside his wife, but one day he reached out to me to study God's Word at the church building whenever he was off from work, showing a sincere and eager heart to learn. Through a series of Bible studies, the truth became clear to him, and with full understanding, he openly confessed his faith and received Jesus through water baptism. We praise God for this answered prayer and for the grace that has now united this precious couple fully in the family of God!



Generica first came to know our church through Brother Jake, attending our midweek services alongside him, and as she listened, her heart grew truly interested in learning more about God's Word. What began as simple attendance slowly turned into a deep desire to know the truth, and she sought to study Scripture with us to understand the Gospel fully. Her spiritual journey is unfolding beautifully, and we are so blessed to witness her growing faith and hunger for the Lord. Let us pray for Generica as she continues to seek Jesus, that her heart may be fully open to His love and that she may soon take this precious step of baptism, too.



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"Every home is a mission field, every study a seed of faith." This beautiful truth reminds us that no household is beyond the reach of God's love, and no heart is too far to receive His Word. When we step through a doorway, we do not merely enter a building — we step into a sacred space where lives are shaped, decisions are made, and eternal destinies are touched. Every home holds stories, struggles, and hopes, and in each one, we plant a seed of faith through Scripture, prayer, and genuine care. Just as a small seed holds the promise of a full-grown tree, so too does every Bible study carry the potential to transform hearts, renew minds, and guide families into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



"We go, we listen, we teach — because no one should walk alone." Our ministry is built on three simple but powerful acts: we go where people are, choosing to meet them in their own familiar surroundings; we listen deeply to understand their joys, burdens, and questions, valuing every person as God's beloved creation; and we teach the unchanging truth of His Word with clarity, gentleness, and love. We do this because the Gospel is never meant to be experienced in isolation — no one should carry their doubts, fears, or journey of faith by themselves. Through our presence, we remind every soul that they are seen, they are loved, and they belong to a larger family of faith that walks alongside them every step of the way.



"Evangelism through Bible studies & visitation: bringing heaven closer, one family at a time." This is the heart of our work — to bridge the gap between God's eternal truth and the daily lives of people, making His nearness tangible and real. We do not rush or seek quick results; instead, we walk patiently with each household, nurturing the seeds we have sown with consistent care, prayer, and continued teaching. One family, one home, one heart at a time, we reveal the light of heaven right here on earth. May every visit strengthen, every study inspire, and every home become a dwelling place for God's presence, as we faithfully serve until all know the hope found in Christ. To God be all the glory!

