



# ***Project Philippines***



## **Leyte Christian College and Mission in the Republic of the Philippines**

### **May and June 2025 – Summer Months...**

All the staff & students at both LCC campuses have been enjoying the summer months, although it is a short summer. Due to changes in the education calendar of the Philippines, this new school year will be starting up much earlier – in July – of this year. Enrollment begins July 24, and I'm very excited about the classes that I will be teaching. They are Church History (Master's level); Christian Apologetics; the book of Isaiah; and Joshua-Judges-Ruth. Please pray for us all that we will have another successful school year. At the end of this month (July) we will begin our 18<sup>th</sup> school year at LCC since our great beginning in 2007. Thus far, we have graduated a total of 202 students over the years, with either a Bachelor's or a Master's degree in Bible, and we are proud of them all for their hard work. Most of them come to us hungry for God's Word, and I hope & pray that we give them what it takes to become fruitful laborers in His vineyard!

In spite of the fact that we have been enjoying the summer break at both of our LCC campuses, that does NOT mean no work has been taking place. Our team has been very busy with evangelism efforts, as well as VBS programs held in so many different places. Lots of little ones have learned about Jesus! I'm also greatly blessed to be able to report another 15 baptisms by our team in the past few weeks!!! Through their hard work, and through YOUR generous support, dear supporters, 15 more souls have been added to the kingdom! So exciting to report, and I'm very proud of the work this team continues to do. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being behind us, and helping to make it all possible. See the pictures below in this report of the recent baptisms and the VBS activities.

Finally, many of you may remember little Ioannes Miracle Blen, the little daughter of Mernie Blen, who was one of our top graduates and a valued staff member for several years at LCC. Little Ioannes was born with a heart defect that put her life in severe danger. I mentioned this to you 2 years ago this month and that she needed a life-saving operation, and so many of you responded with such generous help. Two years ago, little Ioannes was able to have this operation, thanks to your generosity. It has now been two years since that dangerous surgery, which was a success, and little Ioannes, who is now four years old, received a very good report in her latest heart checkup this past month. She is doing fine! Thank you again, dear supporters! You truly are ALL difference-makers in so many ways!

Thank you to all of our dear supporters for your continued good support.



Here is our little Ioannes Miracle Blen, heart surgery survivor all thanks to YOU, our dear supporters. May God bless you all.



Seven new converts recently baptized by bro. Bobby Maur and assisted by LCC staff members at the LCC-Tacloban campus in early June. Welcome all of these to God's faithful family!

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Johnny Lcc**



## *Memorials/Honors*

Why not honor/remember your loved one  
with a special gift ?

### **In Memory Of:**

**Ronnie Tomlinson** (gift by Melissa Stout)  
**Charles Sheppard** (gift by Johnny & Robin Eastep)  
**Jason Martin** (gift by Dewayne & Tricia Trimble)  
**Mac Schardein** (gift by Dewayne & Tricia Trimble)  
**Blaine Bennett** (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)  
**Kay Roberts** (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)  
**Ralph Cote** (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)  
**John & Wanda Rowland** (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)  
**Jerry Nichols** (gift by Fred & Sharon Selby)  
**Mike Cardwell** (gift by Johnny & Robin Eastep)  
**Cris Grounds** (gift by Hillcrest Church of Christ)  
**Cris Grounds** (gift by Tevyan Condra)  
**Cris Grounds** (gift by Johnny & Robin Eastep)  
**Cris Grounds** (gift by Carol Walker)  
**Cris Grounds** (gift by anonymous)  
**W. C. Moore** (gift by Johnny & Robin Eastep)  
**Lynn Brantley** (gift by anonymous)  
**Karen Blake** (gift by Dewayne & Tricia Trimble)  
**Bill Mashburn** (gift by Dewayne & Tricia Trimble)

### **In Honor Of:**

## *OTHER NEWS*

I mentioned, above, the fact that our new school year will be starting up earlier this year. This is due to the education dept. in the Philippines now going back to the "old-style" calendar for schools which was changed way back in 2015. Before that time, the summer break months were April & May because it is the hottest time of the year in the Philippines. In 2015, wanting to be similar to the U.S. school calendars, that was changed to June & July (like we have here in the States). However, lots of school children sitting in buildings which had no air-conditioning convinced most people this was not a good idea. So... starting last year, most schools began making the migration back to the "old-style" calendar, meaning classes to begin in June, and the school year ending at the last of March. We at LCC, however, are making the shift back to the old calendar in a slower transition. Our new school year will begin on July 24, with open enrollment, and we will end the school year in the second week of April. Next year, however, we will likely be starting back in June. It is all a bit exasperating, but we need to match the official school year - for a lot of important reasons. And we're praying that this new school year will be another good one!

Our newest project now is building new dormitory space at the LCC-Cebu campus. Our boys' dorm is maxed out, and it seems all but one of our fine young men who graduated at LCC-Cebu plan to return as students in the Master's program in Bible. This means only one young man will not be returning after graduation; meanwhile we will have several newbies. We have to do something! Nice problem to have, but it is a problem. We've already finished a new (but small) boy's dorm. You can see pictures of it below. We are also looking to build a covered pavilion, in the middle of the campus at LCC-Cebu. We have already outgrown our auditorium there. I believe we can do this for only about \$6,000 if someone (or a generous congregation) could help us build this. Please consider us... it is a huge need.

Could you possibly help us to "Change the World" for Christ by supporting just one (1) preaching student? It costs us only about \$40 per month to support just one (1) of them, which is a bargain. This amount covers ALL of their food & housing needs for one month, plus even a small allowance as well (food is inexpensive here). You could truly help us to "turn the world upside down" for Christ (see Acts 17:6) with your support.

## Photo Gallery



Our brother & LCC staff member Remheart Quenanola, about to immerse seven young people into Christ during a campaign in Cebu at Talamban.



Seven young people near our Tacloban campus here, about to obey the Gospel and be baptized in the Pacific Ocean.



The line begins for these seven young new converts for their baptisms.



"Risen to walk in a new life" after obeying Christ in baptism.



Bro. Bobby and Jayson Tayco baptizing a lady into Christ in the ocean.



VBS activities for teens at Pigdaulon on the island of Mindanao. And we're hoping many of these will become future students at LCC.



Many of our current students spend their summers interning at various churches of Christ, doing such things as hosting VBS, etc.



VBS is very big in the Philippines. Filipino children don't have near the distractions that we have in America.



Even if the venue is sometimes outdoors in the VBS, it's usually fine for all Filipino kids.



More than a hundred children attended at this VBS event at the Pigdaulon church where Bobby serves.

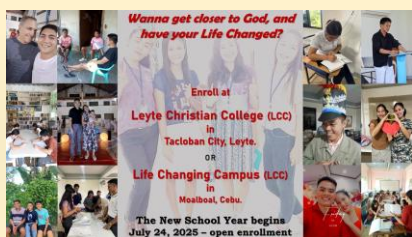


These children attended the VBS activities held during the last week of June, at our campus in Cebu.



Many of the materials used (handwork, supplies, etc.) were donated by YOU, our generous supporters.

# Photo Gallery



Advertising going all over the web for our new school year, at both LCC campuses.



One of our faculty members at LCC-Cebu - Jessa Sobiono - has just received official notice of her licensure as a Professional Teacher. We're proud of her!



The beautiful stage which was built for the VBS in Pigdaulon Church of Christ - theme: "Heroes of the Bible: God's Training Camp for Courage."



One of the most successful of all the VBS weeks was held at LCC- Tacloban campus, the last week of May. More than 65 kids attended



"A Journey Through The Promised Land" was the theme for the week-long VBS at the LCC-Cebu campus.



Timoteo (Timothy) Domingo, he is the son of one of our long-time Bible instructors, Nino Domingo, at LCC-Cebu. Here he is attending VBS. Just finished the second grade.



Left to right: These six pictures are all of various times & activities in our many VBS weeks held, both at the two campuses and the nearby churches. VBS activities are always a highlight in the communities, as children love these fun weeks. It is amazing what a lack of distractions can do toward making a VBS week a successful time!! We thank you for your generous support in this work.



Inside "nearly-completed" new boy's dorm at the LCC-Cebu campus. We should be able to put about eight to ten boys in this dorm.



A view from outside of the new dorm, with Maricris standing beside to give it context.



More than 200 graduates of the Bible college now, with (God willing) many more to come over the next few years & decades!!! Thank you, dear supporters, for making it happen!!