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Westside Baptist College of Ministry in Dipolog City began a new school year in July with thirty-four full-time students. Three students are from our new church in Cagayan de Oro City. The one male student just graduated this year from a local university. He surprised everyone when he decided to go to Bible college. One of the girls was newly saved earlier this year. Her estranged father is Muslim, and he opposed her decision to go to Bible college, but she went anyway.



Three other students are from Salug Valley Baptist Church in Molave, Zamboanga del Sur, the third church we started. One of the girls from SVBC asked her parents' permission to go to Bible college when she graduated from high school. But her father refused permission, wanting her to go to secular college instead. She obeyed his wishes but continued serving the Lord. She graduated in elementary education and then passed the teacher's licensure board examination. Afterwards she worked for one year and is now happily where she wanted to be six years ago.



Every student at Westside Baptist College of Ministry has a unique story to tell of God's grace in their lives. The common factor for all of them is that the Lord guided them to this school for training. Many lives have been impacted here for the work of Christ. In fact, the current president of WBCM, and the pastor of Westside Baptist Church, is himself a fruit of this ministry. Pastor Loper Asenda was saved at Westside Baptist Church in April of 2005, then two months later he enrolled at WBCM. His wife, Ellen, graduated from the first Bible college we started in Cagayan de Oro City.

At West CDO Baptist Church in Cagayan de Oro City, during July and August, we averaged 252 persons in attendance on Sunday mornings, and 187 persons in the afternoon service. This is our most recent group of baptisms. We used the outdoor baptistry of another Baptist church in a different area of the city. God is good!



Bruce, Jeanne, and Emily Rice

West CDO Baptist Church
Cagayan de Oro City