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# CORNERSTONE BAPTIST TEMPLE

Ministries @ Batangas City, PHILIPPINES





## CBT THRIVING TOGETHER AT TWENTY

In the past 2 decades, we continue to witness the wonderful works of the Lord in this ministry.

#### Thriving Together in Prayer

Once we thought impossible, God made it possible through the power of prayer and faith in Him.Last September 19, we hosted the prayer and fasting fellowship of the Batangas

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Website: www.ibmaforasians.org City churches. This fellowship tend to unified the relationship of our brethren in Christ and shares their burden in the Lord through praying together.

#### **CBT Thriving Together**

As of October 20-22, we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Cornerstone Baptist Temple for 3 consecutive days. It is such a blessing to be with our senior pastor's beloved pastor, Ptr. Buddy Ambrocio together with his wife Ma'am Elvie Ambrocio. Their testimonies in the ministry, and messages of the Word preached were truly challenging and an encouragement. We praise the Lord for the 62 souls who had proffessed their faith in the Lord.

Thriving Together in Missions We were able sent



Church Anniversary: 62 professions of faith

out another Pastor from our church, Bro. Carlos Dionson with his wife to start a mission church in Masico Pila, Laguna. We pray that this new ministry we are about to start will grow and reach more people for Christ. Whilst, on the 6th Mission Anniversary of one of our mission churches in Dumantay, God blessed us with a new church building and they were officially organized as Cornerstone Baptist Church.

The amazing deeds of God reminded us that the greatest companion in mission is none other than Him. Please always include us in your prayers as we stride across the path of dedication to win more people for him. Let's thrive together and exalt the magnificent work of our Lord with praises and zealousness.



**Prayer and Fasting** 

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New Church Building for our Church at Dumantay, Batangas City



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## **EVANGELISM UPDATE** JAN-DEC 2023 PROFFESIONS OF FAITH TRACTS DISTRIBUTED = 65327500 6000 4500 3000 1500

As we continue to thrive for missions, we as church were able to share the gospel to 850 people and distribute tracts to 6532 people for the entire year of 2023 by the grace of God. All praises be unto God.

We are grateful for the ministers the Lord had been using in the field. By planting the seed and continuously watering them with the Word though it took us a long time, we were still able to harvest again. We have 11 persons



who follow the Lord in water baptism this last quarter of the year. These were product of our home bible studies, children ministry and mission outreaches.

We also praise the Lord for a new home bible studies that were opened in Barangay Cuta and Wawa through the leadership of one our house church leaders, Bro. Resty Garcia. Visiting a workmate lead them to start a home bible study there that led to open another house

church in the area. Eventually, we were also able to open another 2 children centers that able to gather 20 kids approximately. Therefore, last 3rd week of November, the church join together to saturate the area by door knocking and evangelize to the people we were able to encounter. We glorify again the Lord for the 66 persons who professed their faith in the Lord, and 70 kids that we were able to minister to in the area. Please include them in your prayers, that these people will be able to continue and also truly follow God.



## BIBLE STUDIES, SOULWINING AND TRACTS DIS









in leadearship of Pastor Edwin Retiro











## WATER BAPTISM

We praise the Lord for 11 persons who followed the Lord in water baptism and added to the church. We had 6 from our mission churches and 5 from the main church. Please inlcude them in your prayers, they are Bro. Danny, Bro. Cyrus, Bro. Nathan, Bro. Paulo, Bro. Patrick, Bro. Kenneth, Sis. Dely, Sis Mary, Sis Claudette, Sis Precious and Sis Andrea.



## **COLLEGE AND CAREER RETREAT**

We had a 3-day retreat for College and Careers at Serenity Christian Camp and Recreation Center, Pagsanjan Laguna, last December 27-29 with a theme "Glow Up" 2023. Our CCG was delighted to be able to join again in the camp after 3 years. By the grace of God, this event

was successfu and participated with more than 200 delegates from different churches in Luzon. It was indeed a blessing, as they discovered how to make an impact on our schools, workplaces, and communities with the transforming and transcending light of Christ in us.





## SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS

Ladies and Men Fellowship

Last  $\Omega_{C-}$ tober 15, men ladies held their fellowships and these served as bridal shower and bachelor's fellowships for our couples who were off to their next journey as husband and wife. Through the Word of God, they were admonished and given pieces of advice from our elders as they embarked on a new journey.

#### **Teacher's Sunday**

As a celebration for Teacher's Month last October, the church appreciates the commendable effort and labor of our professional teachers, Sparks teachers, and volunteers who adhere to God's call in the field of teaching.

Despite the busyness, they give and spend time going to their children's centers, teaching and ministering for the furtherance of the Gospel.

### Pastor's Appreciation

During month of October, we had an appreciation Sunday for our beloved Pastors. It is to recognize theirfaithfulness, hard work, and love for God and the church. The said program is composed of giving gifts and sharing heartfelt messages for our dearest Pastors.

#### **Choir Fest**

Last September 3, the church also held a choir festival participated by our mission churches and house churces. We had 10 choir groups that all sang praises to the Lord in our native language. We were delighted with the singing and messages of the songs.

#### **Granparent's Sunday**

We had also celebrated Grandparent's Day last September. After our morning service, we recognized every grandparents in our church and









gave them simple gifts as token of our appreciation of their love and support in the mininstry and their own families.

#### National Missionary Elders Induction Ceremony

Independent Baptist Mission for Asians (IBMA) directors visited our church and also held Induction Ceremony for our Pastor, Joe Prudentino, in the office of the Supreme Council of Elders.

We are blessed with the t estimony of our Pastor regarding his journey in the mission field. It was admiring and also encouraging for every young missionaries present in this event. Even the admonishment of John Quizon, National Executive Director, had great impact as he shares his visions for the missions. It was truly amazing how God works in His people and ministry.

Also, the IBMA Rose ministries had inducted our Pastor's wife, Ma'am Ella Prudentino, as a one of the Advisors in the said organization.

#### Christmas Fellowship and Thanksgiving Sunday

By December, the church celebrated the Christmas together through worshipping God with singing, feeding of the Word, giving testimonies, giving our thanksgiving offerings for the Lord, and giving of gifts. We also had some fun activities in the afternoon and had eating fellowship after.







## BIBLE INSTITUTE

Institute for Baptist Leaders Education (B.I.B.L.E.) held its 13th commencement exercises last September 10,2023. We had two graduate of Theology and six graduates of Basic Bible Course. We are very grateful unto the Lord for new leaders that were able to produce by our institute. We pray that more students of the Word will desire to learn more and be trained in His Word.







## Sparks for Jesus Kids Ministry

## HIGHTLIGHTS

Praise The Lord for all He has done and been doing in this ministry He has entrusted to us as we reach the next generation for Him!

Truly it is no easy task but God's promises kept shining through amidst the trials and challenges we've faced. We are ministering to 250-300 Sparks, every week, all by His grace. Some of the kids' centers are closing, but praise the Lord for the new As of today we have, 33

| September to December 2023 |         |      |
|----------------------------|---------|------|
| Month                      | Centers | Kids |
| September                  | 33      | 363  |
| October                    | 23      | 267  |
| November                   | 27      | 282  |
| December                   | 28      | 321  |

the Lord for His continuous guidance and provision in this ministry.

ones He is opening. Praise Sparks for Jesus Kids

Centers in different areas in Batangas City. May God continually use us in molding and preparing the next generation all for His glory.



## Sparks for Jesus Gift Giving and Feeding Program

It's again the season our sparks are looking forward to within the year. We praise The Lord for this opportunity to be a blessing and to spread God's love to them in a tangible way.

We also look forward to it as a Sparks Kids Ministry Team, for this Christmas season is also the season where we can again remind the Sparks what CHRISTMAS is all about and that is be-

cause of our Savior Lord Jesus Christ who came down 2000 years ago, to seek and to save such sinners like us. What an opportunity to intentionally share the Gospel!

This year during our Christmas Gift Giving and feeding, we can minister to 322 Sparks and to 22 Sparks for Jesus Kids Centers. We praise The Lord for our Sparks Kids Ministry Team who are continuous-

ly laboring in the lives of these Sparks for His Cause. May we be a generation of Christians that looks out for the next generation, and point them to Christ.

We are praying and desiring that God will raise a generation of Christians from this group of sparks we are ministering to. Ones who will also know Jesus in their lives, and will follow and serve Him.

Glory to His Name!









## New Sparks For Jesus Kids Centers

Truly when it's God's work, it will prevail. We praise The Lord that even though there are Sparks Kids Centers that closed, He opens another. For this quarter 4 new centers were opened, which are in Wawa, Cuta and Sta, Rita Batangas city and another one in our new mission church at Pila, Laguna. We thank The Lord for the seed of desire He is planting







in our church brethren. Desire to lead the next generation to the Lord. Couples and even men of our church are stepping up and engaging in the kids' ministry. Indeed, Kids ministry is for everyone, even for Dads/fathers, God can certainly use you and will enable you - with your surrendered heart and desire to be His vessel. All by His grace.





Sparks Sunday School

While taking your kids to church is important, Sunday school has the extra benefit of providing in-person interaction for children. We encouraged parents and sparks teachers to bring their sparks every Sunday as it is showing them the importance of being in the House of The Lord and worshipping Him with other believers. Attending Sunday School is also encouraged, as it is where they feel, witness, and experience what life with God is like alongside their brothers and sisters in Christ from an early age. Sunday school helps make the reality of the Gospel and a personal relationship with Jesus feel tangible to them in a relatable, age-appropriate way.