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HIGHLIGHTS



Seminar



Baptisms

Love Seminar

Last Feb 17, in consonance with the spirit of the season, Utap Church held a love seminar for the youths which was also joined by the ladies and men. The whole day affair started in the morning with youth activities and lectures led by the youth leaders - (Evangel, Clefford and Ricky). After lunch fellowship the ladies and men joined in the Q&A portion with regards to love, dating and courtship.

The Utap youth including some from Carigara enjoyed the fellowship and the exchange of ideas regarding relationships with opposite sex. The church hopes to equip the youth in making good decisions with regards to love, courtship and marriage so they can build godly families to glorify God.



Discovery Bible Study

Reuel Belo introduced to the 3rd year students in one of his class at LCC the Discovery Bible Study

Method which aims to study the pure unadulterated word of God as it is revealed.

The study just focuses on the treasures revealed in the reading without going out of context. The students appreciated the simplicity and easy flow of the Bible study which does not require them much preparation. With this method, they excitedly gained confidence to lead group Bible studies.



Dominador "Jack" Belo celebrated his 86th Birthday last Feb 6. He is forever thankful to the Lord as he often repeats to read Psalm 90:10 "Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away." The Lord has granted him more bonus years and has given him good health and sound mind despite of the immobility of his left arms and left leg. His travel now is limited since he has to be moved around in a wheelchair. Weekly meetings of church workers are held in his home to keep him abreast of events happening in the church and to share his wisdom from his experiences which he recalls clearly. He longs to see more grandchildren coming soon and hopes to see them grow in the Lord.



Baptism of 3 souls at Sacme, Tolosa

In a farming village at Sacme, Tanauan, Daniel Advincula, the preacher in Tolosa, introduced us to do Bible sessions with the parents and relatives of Sis Emalyn Advincula, one of the active new members of Tolosa church. Last Jan 19, in one of our regular sessions we were happy to hear the decisions of the parents and sister of Emalyn to accept the Lord and we were privileged to witness their baptism that same day. The 3 souls were baptized in a swimming pool at a nearby farm resort. It is a great joy to see the new members giving their effort to bring also their love ones to the Lord. God's love thru the gospel compels us to share it to all people especially our loved ones. May the Lord be praised.



Outreach Program

The outreach program efforts of Utap continues to the different house churches in Carigara, Sta Rita, Pastrana, Tanauan including Tolosa church. The regular visits of the Utap evangelistic team to these house churches has contributed greatly to their robust growth not only in quantity but in spiritual maturity.

The constant number of attendance and especially their joy in contributing to the work signifies their great understanding of their spirituality. May this ministry continue until local spiritual leaders emanate from them.

The biggest house church is at Ecoville2, Carigara with around 25 adults worshipping and also 25 children attending Bible class. The current borrowed place they are meeting could not comfortably accomodate all adults and children in worship. We are hoping for a bigger place in the future for them to worship.

The evangelistic efforts within the city also continues inspite of the bigger challenges it presents. At Youngfield, Bible studies are still ongoing despite the busy schedules of the working city people . A few efforts are made to connect to schools thru character and values education.



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RANDOM GALLERY



JAN 29- WEEKLY MEETING W/ JACK BELO



FEB 23- TANAUAN HOUSE BIBLE STUDY

JAN 14- SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ECOVILLE W/REUEL BELO



FEB 10- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ECOVILLE

FEB 17- LOVE SEMINAR



FEB 9- DOORKNOCKING AT PASTRANA



FEB 16- BISLIG BIBLE SESSIONS



JAN 26- DOORKNOCKING AT TANAUAN