



Camp Good News 2026:

“Be Strong in the Lord”

From May 20–22, Camp Good News was held at Vergara Resort in Calawis, Antipolo City hosted by the National Office. It was themed, “Be Strong in the Lord”, inspired by Ephesians 6:10. The camp was filled with joy, fellowship and learning as children gathered to deepen their faith and strengthen their relationship with God.

Twenty-two campers attended representing two partner churches together with our own CEF children. It did not take long for friendships to blossom and a spirit of unity to develop among the participants. Through the lively songs and fun icebreaker activities, campers quickly felt welcomed and connected.

More importantly, it provided a meaningful opportunity for each child to learn more about the Lord and discover how to be strong in the Lord amid life's challenges.

The campers also enjoyed a variety of activities that not only showcased their talents and creativity but also strengthened teamwork and fostered new friendships.

Emotions filled the air as campers shared their reflections and personal testimonies of how God touched their hearts that left a lasting impact on every participant that indeed, true strength is found in the Lord.

Featuring: Children Reaching Children

Children Reaching Children (CRC) is a great ministry for saved children to share the Gospel with their peers. It is a powerful reminder that God can use young lives to make an eternal impact.

During this quarter, several of our areas conducted Children Reaching Children training which is one of our ministry highways.

In **La Union**, four CRC trainings were held. The first was on April 16–17 at Pagdalagan Wesleyan Church in San Fernando City, La Union which gathered 78 juniors from 14 churches. One inspiring testimony came from Akeelah, age 8, who eagerly shared the Gospel during the open-air evangelism practicum.



CRC Training in Rizal

In **Pangasinan 3**, a Children Reaching Children Training Camp was held on May 25–27. Venue was the Gospel of Christ Fellowship Inc. in Sta. Barbara, Pangasinan.

A highlight of the camp was the evangelism practicum in Brgy. Ventinilla, where the children boldly shared the Good News with other children in the community. Their faith, enthusiasm, and willingness to serve were a powerful testimony of God's work in their lives.

Additional trainings were conducted in San Jose, Sudipen, La Union; Pudoc, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur; and during the Northern Luzon District Summer Camp of the Wesleyan Church in Calangigan, Quezon, Isabela. Altogether, 327 children and youth were trained and challenged to share the Good News with others. May God continue to use them to bring many children and families to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.



CRC Training in La Union

Meanwhile, two other CRC trainings were conducted by **CEF Rizal** on April 18 at God's Joy Church in Baras and on May 16 at Amazing Church in Pililia both in Rizal province. Praise God for a total of 45 children who participated.

What a joy to see young lives being equipped to fulfill the Great Commission. May the Lord continue to use **CEF Rizal** to equip more children to share the message of salvation to their peers.



CRC Training Camp in Pangasinan 3

To God be all the glory for nurturing a generation of young missionaries. Seeing children equipped for God's work at such a young age is both inspiring and encouraging. May they walk boldly in faith, serve with compassion, and bring hope wherever God leads them.

5-Day Club® Highlights

5-Day Club is an exciting, fun-filled one and a half hour class held each day for five consecutive days. It includes: dynamic Bible lessons, creative learning activities, inspiring missionary stories, meaningful songs, and life-changing Scripture memorization.

In **Pangasinan 1**, a 5-Day Club was conducted in Brgy. Bisocol, Alaminos City, ministering to 25 children through Bible lessons, songs, memory verses, games, and Christ-centered activities.

Themed Jesus my Savior and Friend, this outreach was made possible through the support of Alaminos City Gospel Church in Pocalpocal, Alaminos City. Also, the dedicated efforts of the teaching team composed of Sis. Gene Perez, Sis. Gloria (Sponsor and Cell Group House Ministry Leader), Sis. Virgie, and Bro. Dario (Chaplain).



Throughout the five days, the children enthusiastically participated in the program and learned valuable biblical truths about the love of God and the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. We praise God for the opportunity to reach these young lives and plant seeds of faith in their hearts.

A Young Heart Touched by God's Word

Renzo R. Felix, is a 10-year-old 4Ps beneficiary from Brgy. Pototan, Binmaley, Pangasinan. He attended the 5-Day Club held on May 25–27 by **Pangasinan 2**. Like many children his age, Renzo has big dreams. He hopes to become a policeman someday so he can help catch people who do wrong and protect others.

Through the 5-Day Club, Renzo learned valuable truths from God's Word. He shared, "I learned that Jesus is the One who forgives the sins of people. Jesus is the One who gives us peace."

Renzo's enthusiasm and dedication were evident throughout the club. He received awards for Best in Memory Verse and Most Active Participant. He confidently and accurately recited Luke 5:24 from memory. Renzo expressed his appreciation to the teachers who faithfully shared God's Word with him.

Renzo's testimony is a reminder of how God is working in the hearts of children, helping them understand His love, forgiveness, and peace through the ministry of the 5-Day Club.

From Student to Teacher

Chariss Padua of Jesus Blessed Church in Pallas, Binmaley, Pangasinan, is a former 5-Day Club student who now serves as a 5-Day Club teacher also in **Pangasinan 2**. Reflecting on her journey, she shared how the Bible lessons she learned as a child helped deepen her faith and understanding of God.



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Inspired by Proverbs 22:6, Chariss believes that every Bible lesson and memory verse leaves a lasting impact on children's lives. She recalls eagerly attending DVBS as a child, not only for the snacks but especially for the Bible lessons taught by her teacher, Pastor Regina Dizon.

Today, Chariss is amazed to see God at

work through the lessons she teaches. She encourages fellow teachers to continue reaching children with the Gospel, remembering that the ministry is for God's glory. She expressed her gratitude to Child Evangelism Fellowship and Sis. Gina Dizon for helping shape her faith and inspiring her to serve the next generation as a volunteer of CEF.

Equipping Others for Ministry

A Testament to God's Faithfulness: Eleven Complete CMI Training

On June 26, 11 students graduated from the Children's Ministries Institute (CMI) after successfully completing its two-month training program. Representing 10 CEF areas, the graduating class included four Area Coordinators and seven staff members, all of whom received biblical and practical training to better equip them for children's ministry.

While most of the graduates will return to their current ministry assignments, they do so better prepared to carry out their responsibilities. The training has also equipped them to assume greater responsibilities and leadership roles as God opens opportunities for future service.

The training was likewise a testimony of God's faithfulness. Despite financial challenges, every student's registration fee was fully paid before the program concluded—another reminder of God's faithful provision. More importantly, beyond developing ministry skills, the Lord deepened the students' faith, strengthened their dependence on Him, and affirmed that He faithfully equips those He calls.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our International Headquarters for their financial support, our Asia Pacific leadership, and our national and local instructors, who sacrificially and lovingly invested in the lives of the students throughout the two-month training. Above all, to God we give all the glory!

Meet the CMI Graduates



▶ Sitting from L to R
Apple, Leah, Paul, Daniel, Angelene,

▶ Standing L to R
Esther, Gypsy, Ailyn, Arlene, Angel, Alheny

ANGELITA L. SANTOCILDES

After trusting Christ as her Savior at age 24, Angel experienced a transformed life and was led into *CEF* ministry in 2010. She has faithfully served for 16 years and remains grateful for every opportunity to minister to children in Surigao.

DANIEL TIMOTHY A. TACATA

Raised in a Christian home, Daniel initially hesitated to enter ministry but eventually embraced God's call through his volunteer experiences and *CEF* training. He now serves full-time with *CEF* in Tacloban City where his mother is the Local Director.

ALHENY ROSS M. ONOZA

Saved at age 15, Alheny developed a love for children through church outreach and later received further training through *CEF*. After graduating from college, she answered God's call to serve as Area Coordinator for Pangasinan 1.

GYPSY ANN D. BABANTO

Saved at age 15, Gypsy experienced God's transforming grace and developed a burden for children's ministry through *TCE* training. She joined *CEF* Palawan as a full-time worker in 2022 and joyfully shares the Gospel with children.

ARLENE DELA PACION

Arlene came to know Christ at age 13 and faithfully pursued God's call to children's ministry despite opposition from her family. She joined *CEF* in 2018 and is now serving her fourth year as a full-time staff member with *CEF* La Union.

PAUL S. CUBOS

Paul joined *CEF* Camiguin after prayerfully accepting an invitation to minister to children instead of pursuing a teaching career. Following the passing of his mentor in 2022, he faithfully continues the ministry, relying on God's strength and guidance.

APPLE O. ARUTA

Apple has faithfully served the Lord since coming to Christ at age 12, ministering in various church leadership roles before joining *CEF* Tacloban in 2018. Today, she oversees children's ministries and serves as a volunteer Values Education teacher in local schools.

LEAH C. BISMONTE

Leah accepted Christ through a Vacation Bible School at age 10 and later answered God's call to full-time ministry with *CEF* Koronadal in 2013. She now serves as Training In-Charge, equipping teachers and volunteers to reach children with the Gospel.

ESTHER A. MELIS

Esther began teaching Sunday School despite having no experience, trusting God to equip her for the task. Through *CEF* training beginning in 2015, she gained confidence in teaching God's Word and continues to minister through Good News Clubs and public school outreach.

ANGELENE FAITH P. GAVILO

After trusting Christ as her Savior at age 14, Angelene began serving through music ministry before God called her to children's ministry through *TCE* training. She joined *CEF* Sarangani as a full-time worker in September 2025 and is committed to sharing the Gospel with children.

AILYN D. BACARRO

As a teenager, Ailyn was introduced to *CEF* through the *Good News Club®* on the Air radio program, never imagining she would one day serve in the ministry herself. Since joining *CEF* Misamis Oriental in 2019, she has faithfully conducted neighborhood *Good News Clubs* and continues to advance Mr. O's vision.



Beating the Heat to Teach:

Equipping Workers for Children's Ministry

Despite the summer heat, the work of reaching children with the Gospel continued across Tarlac and Nueva Ecija. Through the combined efforts of Tarlac 1 and 2, a Summer Outreach Training (SOT) and *Teaching Children Effectively™* (TCE™) Level 1 were successfully conducted in Sto. Domingo II, Capas; Sapang Tagalog, Tarlac City; and Aliaga, Nueva Ecija.

On April 11, 42 participants from various churches across Tarlac attended the SOT at Dream Plaza, Capas Junction, Sto. Domingo, Capas. The training was led by North Luzon Director Nancy Jimenez, Ptr. Francisco T. Gabinera Jr., and Bataan Coordinator Luz Dela Cruz. Participants were equipped and encouraged to conduct 5-Day Clubs in their respective communities.

A week later, on April 18, the training team traveled to Anchored in Christ Church in Aliaga, Nueva Ecija, where 49 delegates attended the SOT. Hosted by Ptr. Ben Devillena, the event opened new opportunities for expanding CEF ministry in the province. An immediate result was the evangelization of 61 children during the host church's 5-Day Club.

The training also rekindled connections with former CEF volunteers who expressed interest in reopening children's ministries in Nueva Ecija. One participant has already committed to attending TCE 1 training to help spearhead future ministry efforts in the area.

Another ministry opportunity came through Jesus Lord of Glory Born Again Church in Sapang Tagalog, Tarlac City, which requested a TCE 1 course.



Conducted on April 20–24, the training was facilitated by our National Office trainer, Jimly Mark Olubalang and Pastors Janperson Suellen, and Francisco T. Gabinera Jr. Of the 15 trainees enrolled, 13 successfully completed the course.

Through this ongoing investment in people, God continues to raise up workers for His harvest and extend the reach among the children. Praise the Lord!

Summer Learning Sessions!

In **La Union** another TCE 1 was held on April 24-28. Nine of the 14 participants completed the training, representing Apaleng Wesleyan Church, Good News Community Wesleyan Church, and All Gospel Church-Tagudin.

Through lessons, demonstrations, and neighborhood practicum, the participants were equipped in teaching evangelistic memory verses, and presenting Bible lessons effectively to children.

While fulfilling the Great Commission is not always easy, God's conviction empowers His people to respond in faith and actively participate in the work He has entrusted to them.

A week before this, a *Christian Youth in Action*® (CYIA™) Training was hosted by Apaleng Wesleyan Church in Sudipen, La Union. Twenty-nine young people were equipped to conduct 5-Day Clubs and share the Gospel using the Wordless Book. During their practicum, they reached out to children in nearby communities, resulting in many attending the first day of the 5-Day Club.



Strengthened for Service Through Training

Testimonial

"TCE 1 and 2 have been a tremendous help to me as I serve the Lord through children's ministry. More than the technical skills I gained, these trainings had a profound spiritual impact on my life. They opened my heart to the true needs of children—to know Jesus personally and accept Him as their Savior.

God used these trainings to affirm my passion and calling in ministry. I came to realize how crucial the role of a teacher is before, during, and after every class. I learned that teaching methods and lesson strategies should be carefully planned and tailored to the needs of the children so they can understand biblical truths in the simplest and most meaningful way.

Since applying these principles, teaching God's Word has become an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. It has been a blessing to learn and grow alongside the children as we deepen our understanding of God together."

Danna Grace Bayaban, Volunteer, CEF Antipolo

God's Plan Beyond His Dream

Robert William R. Soriano, 21, from Brgy. San Gabriel, San Pablo City, Laguna, serves as an Elementary and High School Values Education Class (EHSVEC) volunteer teacher of **CEF San Pablo** through the Community of Biblical Faith-San Gabriel.

As a student, Robert dreamed of becoming a teacher. Although he was unable to pursue an education degree, God opened another path for him through ministry. In 2024, he was given the opportunity to lead his church's EHSVEC team and began attending CEF trainings.

Through training and mentorship, Robert became better equipped to share the Gospel with students, teachers, parents, and school leaders. Recently, he completed TCE 1 which strengthened his

skills in evangelism and children's ministry.

Inspired by what he learned, Robert started a *Good News Club*® outreach in his community together with youth volunteers from his church. Through this, he has seen God deepen his understanding of the Gospel and grow his passion for reaching children.

Reflecting on his journey, Robert shares, "While I was unable to pursue my dream of becoming a teacher, God placed me where He could use me for His glory. Through CEF, I have discovered that my greatest desire is expressed in Philippians 3:10: 'That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.'"

IMPACT STORY

From Seed to Service



"At six years old, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord through my Sunday School teacher at Basa Gospel Church, who faithfully taught God's Word using CEF materials. A seed of faith was planted in my heart, and by God's grace, it continued to grow.

At fourteen, I attended TCE 1 through CYIA at the CEF Center in Antipolo in 1998. That experience deepened my love for children's ministry and ignited a passion to fulfill the Great Commission. Since then, God has given me opportunities to serve through Good News Club and open-air evangelism, sharing the Gospel with children and families.

Today, I serve as a professor at the University of the Philippines and Pampanga State University, where I continue to disciple and mentor young people. Together with my wife, Hazel Grace, I am also blessed to nurture our son, Jeshuel Vic, using CEF songs, lessons, and biblical truths in our home.

Looking back, I am grateful for how God used CEF to shape my life and ministry. The seeds planted during my childhood and youth have borne fruit through years of service and discipleship. To God be all the glory!"

Bro. Julius Miano Velasco
CEF Pampanga Committee Member



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