



Remembering Our Founder

At 60, Pastor Jesse Irvin Overholtzer founded *Child Evangelism Fellowship*[®] (CEF[®]), driven by a deep burden over the “spiritual neglect of the world’s children.” His desire to reach boys and girls with the Gospel continues to inspire us. Each year, we remember his birthday, July 20, through an Open Air Ministry outreach.

This year, our National Office team held the outreach on July 16 in Simona, Taytay, Rizal. Ten National Office staff members joined the outreach, reaching 113 children with the Gospel, with 93 children professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Working in pairs, our team went throughout the community, engaging children with the Gospel. One team was especially encouraged when they approached a group of boys who were on their way to play basketball. Asked if they would be willing to listen first to the Gospel before playing, the boys willingly agreed and took time to listen.



What began as a simple invitation before a basketball game became an opportunity for eight boys to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Praise God for they all responded in faith and prayed to receive the Lord Jesus as Savior.

We are grateful for every opportunity to bring the Gospel to children and pray that the Lord will continue the work He has begun in their lives.



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Every child deserves the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and grow in an environment shaped by biblical values. Through the faithful service of teachers, volunteers, and ministry partners, doors continue to open for reaching children in communities, schools, and churches.

Reaching Children Where They Are: *Open-Air Ministry*



This year's celebration of Mr. "O" Day included 253 Open-Air Ministry classes in the National Capital Region, reaching 1,512 children with the Gospel, with children making decisions to trust Christ as Savior.

The impact, however, continues beyond the initial Gospel presentation. In Parañaque, children reached through Open-Air Ministry are now attending regular Good News Clubs®. What began as an opportunity to share the Gospel in an open space has become a pathway to continued discipleship.

This is the heart of Open-Air Ministry -- going where children are, sharing the Good News, and helping connect them to opportunities for continued growth in Christ.

Bringing Biblical Values into Schools: *Elementary/High School Values Education Class (EHSVEC)*



The ministry's impact can extend well beyond the classroom. JC Terencio, once an EHSVEC student, now serves as an EHSVEC teacher alongside his father Jose, mother Annabelle, and sister Hannah. His story reflects how seeds planted in a child's life can bear fruit in the next generation.



Another student, Mat, invited her EHSVEC teacher and children in her neighborhood to a Good News Club in her home. The opportunity also opened the door for her parents to participate in Bible study.

Elementary/High School Values Education Class continues to provide opportunities to reach children and young people in schools.

As concerns about student behavior and school violence grow, the need to teach character, love for others, and fear of God remains vital.

Despite changes in school schedules and terms, God continued to open doors for ministry. Across the National Capital Region, 709 volunteers conducted 1,764 EHSVEC classes in 87 schools, reaching 84,987 children with God's Word.

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These stories show how reaching children in the classroom can create an impact far beyond the school. We are grateful to every teacher, volunteer, donor, and prayer partner

who makes this ministry possible. Together, we continue to go where the children are, share the Good News, and trust God to bring lasting fruit.

EHSVEC Teachers *Making a Difference* in Our Schools

EHSVEC teachers continue to bring meaningful Biblical lessons to students and teachers in different schools, touching lives and encouraging positive change.



At F. Serrano Elementary School, Sis. Ellen Begasa shared how her lesson on anger and self-control may have ministered to the teacher of the class. During the lesson, the teacher became frustrated with a student who was not listening and wanted to throw an eraser at him. After the lesson, she shared with Sis. Ellen, *"It's still early, but these children are already making my blood pressure rise because they are so unruly and noisy."* The teaching became a meaningful reminder to the teacher as well of the importance of self-control, patience, and responding positively to difficult situations.

Meanwhile, Ma'am Joan Lapira, Values Head and Master Teacher at Sun Valley National High School, shared that the EHSVEC curriculum is now integrated into their Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (ESP) subject, with the approval of the Curriculum Development Supervisor.

During the EHSVEC teachers' meeting after the midweek service on July 29, teachers reported that the children and students have been cooperative and receptive. The teachers are also excited to continue teaching. One senior teacher shared a heartfelt testimony that becoming a teacher had always been her dream—and now, that dream has been fulfilled.



Community support is also growing with the barangay captain expressing his commitment to supporting EHSVEC teachers serving at Masville Elementary School and Fourth Estate Elementary School, dela Rama.

Praise the Lord for what He is doing through these partnerships.

Lives Transformed *Through* Good News Club

Good News Club provide children ages 4–14 with a welcoming place to hear God's Word, grow in faith, and build meaningful relationships. Through Bible lessons, songs, Scripture memory, mission stories, and games, trained volunteers disciple children weekly in homes, churches, parks, and communities.

The impact of this ministry can be seen in the life of a child like Rusty. Reached through Open-Air Ministry and later disciplined through a Good News Club, Rusty has experienced significant changes in his life. Having faced difficult circumstances at a young age, he was once known for being unruly and becoming involved in harmful activities.

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Today, Rusty is among the brightest students in the club, demonstrating a strong understanding of the Bible. He has also taken the initiative to invite other children to attend the club. His story is a powerful reminder of how God's Word can transform a child's life and use that child to reach others.

Another encouraging story is Michelle, a teenager who continues to attend the CEF Manila Office Good News Club. Through the club, she was given opportunities to fellowship with other children where she enjoys connecting with others.

These stories remind us that every child reached with the Gospel has the potential to be transformed and become a blessing to others. We give all glory and praise to God for the lives He is changing through Good News Clubs.

Good News for Cebu's Children

GNC Labogon: *Growing Future Leaders*

By the grace of God, a GNC in Labogon, Mandaue by Pastor Lito and wife Cristina Alabata (our worker) in Mandaue continues to grow—not only in reaching children but also in developing young leaders who desire to serve the Lord.

On April 15, they organized its first group of officers, together with several assistants. The officers are now actively helping during GNC and praying for opportunities to receive further training and reach more children in the community.

On June 20, the GNC officers had their first fellowship over lunch at Jollibee. It was a simple yet meaningful time of bonding, sharing, and building friendships. Moments like these help strengthen relationships—not only as co-workers in ministry, but also as brothers and sisters who encourage and support one another.

We pray that their relationships and commitment to the Lord will continue to grow as they serve together. And may they grow up to become faithful Christians who will serve Him and reach the next generation.

To God be all the glory!



GNC Guizo: *Sharing the Love of Christ*

The Almighty God is good!

On August 27, GNC in Guizo, Mandaue was started as outreach for children. This was led by Pastor Ryan Carreon Jr., a GNC teacher with Cristal as his assistant. Sister Hilda and her fiancé, Paul from Florida, USA, also assisted.

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The GNC featured the Bible lesson “God the Deliverer,” along with a Bible verse and action songs. Prizes were given to children who participated and answered questions, while lunch packs were provided for the children, parents, and Barangay officers and staff by a birthday celebrator. Tokens were also given as a simple expression of appreciation and a way to share the love of Christ.

We are thankful that some parents and children are showing interest in helping the ministry in the future. By God’s grace, GNC is also reaching additional areas in Pasil and Liloan, Cebu.

We pray that these children will grow to love and serve the Lord with all their heart, soul, and mind, and become part of fulfilling the Great Commission.



God is Moving in Leyte

God continues to open doors to reach children and communities with His love and the Gospel in Leyte. Every Saturday, children eagerly gather for Good News Club, often beneath mango trees or in simple shelters, where they experience joy, friendship, and the life-changing truth of God’s Word.



sign language, visual lessons, and interactive activities that teach integrity, respect, and faith. Meanwhile, volunteers are taking the Gospel beyond church walls through open-air ministry in parks and plazas, reaching families, youth, and children where they are.

From schools and classrooms to open spaces and simple gathering places, God is faithfully using CEF Leyte to bring hope and His Word to young lives. We praise Him for every opportunity to share the Good News and pray that many more children and families will come to know His love.

Following a tragic shooting at San Jose National High School, God opened an opportunity for EHSVEC to minister to students and teachers who were deeply shaken. Through messages of love and hope from the Bible, the ministry brought encouragement and comfort during a difficult time.

EHSVEC led by Brother Allan Joel, is also reaching deaf elementary students through



Renewed Through Prayer

After nearly 20 years of inactivity, the CEF ministry in Bacolod City/Negros Occidental is once again taking root. Restarting the work has felt like beginning from the foundation, with only a few faithful volunteers initially available. The Lord impressed upon us to “get back to basics”—and that meant starting with prayer. What began as a small gathering for encouragement and fellowship has grown into regular quarterly prayer and fellowship among volunteers.



The Local Committee also meets regularly for prayer. As we prayed, God began opening doors. We have received favor from school heads and are now ministering in eight public elementary schools in Bacolod City, and four outside the city but here in Negros Occidental. Additional requests are still awaiting approval.

One encouraging answer to prayer came during a ministry promotion at a local church. When the need for volunteer teachers was presented to the Church Council, almost everyone expressed interest in being trained. The Baptist Men were particularly eager to serve. As a result, the church has adopted JJ Gonzaga Elementary School in prayer, with several Council members now serving as EHSVEC volunteer-teachers.

God also turned an unexpected situation into an opportunity for ministry. During an ESEC activity at a school located in a subdivision with several entrances, our Local Area Committee Chairperson, Lourdes Mercado, arrived late and could not find the team. While waiting near the Barangay Hall, she saw children in school uniforms with their mothers. She began talking with them and invited the children to gather. Soon, more mothers encouraged their children to join.

What began as a search for the ministry team became an unexpected open-air outreach. These experiences remind us that God's work often unfolds beyond our plans. As we pray, He opens doors, provides workers, and creates opportunities we could never arrange ourselves. Our prayer is simple: “Lead on, O King Eternal!”.

