



INVESTING in the FUTURE[®] 39th National Conference Inspires Ministry Workers

The 39th National Conference of *Child Evangelism Fellowship* (CEF) of the Philippines was successfully held from February 24 to 28, 2026, at Oasis of Faith in the Garden Island of Samal, Davao del Norte. The event gathered 184 delegates from across the country for a time of spiritual renewal, ministry enrichment, and fellowship.



Centered on the theme “Investing in the Future,” based on Psalm 78, the conference encouraged participants to deepen their walk with God while strengthening their commitment to ministry. It also served as a platform for equipping workers with fresh insights and a shared vision for advancing the organization’s mission.

Bible Hour messages were delivered by Rev. Jurem Ramos of Soli Deo Gloria Christian Church in Davao City, Elder Edgar Trono, Executive Director of CEF Philippines, and Rev. Jeremiah Cho, President of CEF Inc., each bringing timely and impactful teachings from Scripture.

Devotional messages were also shared by Rev. Samuel Seo, Regional Director of CEF Asia Pacific; Mr. VB Mathews, Regional Committee Consultant of CEF Asia Pacific; and Mrs. Betty Trono, CEF Board Member, offering encouragement and spiritual guidance to attendees.

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2025 Ministry Statistics

By God’s grace, the ministry of *CEF* Philippines made a remarkable impact in 2025—an inspiring testament to His faithfulness at work. These results reflect not only meaningful progress, but also transformed lives as can be gleaned from the stories below. It also shows God’s continuing work through the wholehearted dedication of ministry workers across the nation. Praise the Lord!

Children’s Ministry	2025	Jan. to Dec. 2025	
	Goal	Actual	%
Reached	1,350,000	1,334,920	99
Discipled	337,500	299,924	89
Channeled to Church	101,250	17,083	17

Training	2025	Jan. to Dec. 2025	
	Goal	Actual	%
Number of Trainings	677	623	92
Number of Teachers Trained	15,000	15,824	105
Number of Teachers Involved in Ministry	9,000	15,824	137

Reaching Children: A Mission Force

Reaching children with the Gospel remains central to the mission of *Child Evangelism Fellowship* (*CEF*). Amazingly, saved children are proving to be among the most effective messengers of the Gospel to their peers.

Through the “Go and Tell!” program, *CEF* is seeing children become a true “mission force”—young believers equipped and empowered to confidently share their faith with others. Last year, *CEF* Sarangani trained 692 children through its “Go and Tell!” program, sending them home with Bibles, bookmarks, Wordless Book-inspired bracelets, and a simple notebook to record each person they shared the Gospel with.

Months later, follow-up visits revealed inspiring results. One young girl’s notebook told a powerful story. She shared with classmates, neighborhood playmates, extended family—and even her own parents. By then, she had recorded 38 names—38 people who heard about Jesus through one child’s witness.

That number now challenges us: if one child can reach 38 people, what could thousands do? The challenge is clear—continue to invest, coach, and believe in the potential of saved children. The next generation of evangelists may already be in our Good News Clubs® or Sunday School ready to go and tell.

Let us continue to invest in them so that they can be drafted into the King’s army.

A Journey of Perseverance (A testimonial)

“I thank the Lord for the privilege of serving Him in the Children’s Ministry and for leading me to *CEF* Philippines’ *Teaching Children Effectively*™ (*TCE*™) Level 1 online course. What I thought would be just another training turned out to be intense, mind-provoking, and truly life-changing. It rekindled my passion for reaching children with the Gospel.

Though the assignments and practicum brought sleepless nights, God sustained me with wisdom and strength—even as I was recovering from a fall last May that left me with fractures in my pelvis. Sitting in a wheelchair for long hours was not easy, but the Lord carried me through.

The way God led me to this training was remarkable. While strolling in the mall with my daughter, I was reminded of Hudson Taylor and searched for his biography for my grandchildren.



Esther teaching a GNC from her wheelchair.

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That search led me to the *CEF* Facebook page, where I discovered the *TCE* 1 course just in time to register. Truly, God orders our steps.

For my practicum, I prayed for children to attend a Good News Club®. Despite Typhoon Opong, the Lord cleared the skies and brought eight children to our home. My daughter Grace helped me, and on that day our first Good News Club was born in

our subdivision. Praise God—three children prayed to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior!

I continue to pray for more children to come and for another group to begin soon. Truly, I praise God from whom all blessings flow!”

— *Esther Clavecilla*

Truly these stories reflect God’s amazing work in the lives of children and teachers we are privileged to minister to. Thank you so much for your encouraging partnership and faithful support.

Please pray for our goal to reach 1.5 million children and train 16,400 teachers to be a reality for this year - for His glory.

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Feedback from participants highlighted the meaningful program content, inspiring speakers, and warm fellowship experienced throughout the conference. The gathering successfully fulfilled its objectives of fostering spiritual growth, strengthening unity, and equipping ministry workers to invest in the lives of the next generation.

Our gratitude to God for His guidance and provision, as well as for the dedication of those who contributed to the success of the event!

CEF AP Committee Consultant Leads Committee and Board Training Across PH

In line with his role to strengthen and encourage committees, Mr. VB Mathews led four Committee and Board Equipping & Enhancing Programs in the Philippines following the National Conference.

The training sessions were held in key locations:

March 2 at Jesus Cares Baptist Church in Davao City, where 25 committee members from Region XI completed the program.

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Committee Enhancement in Davao City

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Sessions at the National Office for Rizal 1 and Antipolo committee was held on March 4, highlighted by the induction of seven officers for the Rizal 1 Local Committee.



On March 6, it was at Glenhaven Baptist Church in Malolos, Bulacan, with over 20 participants expressing interest in joining CEF.



And finally on March 7 at Richmond Hotel in Ortigas, Pasig, where five National Board members completed the program.

The series of trainings proved to be a fruitful and encouraging time, strengthening committed leaders and fostering greater involvement in the ministry. Thank God for their lives.



CEF Philippines Partners with FMT to Equip Future Missionaries

CEF Philippines celebrates the privilege of partnering with The Paul Mission International Frontier Missionary Training (FMT) these many years in shaping the lives of future missionaries. Through this collaboration, five missionaries from the 14th batch of FMT were equipped through the TCE Level 1 course—preparing them to share God's Word effectively with the children.

Held from February 16–20 at the Human Resource Development Center (HRDC) of The Paul Missions International in Valley Golf Subdivision, another training was led by CEF instructors Jackie Sarcia, Cerela Sumido, and Joy Sidro. All five missionaries successfully completed the course, marking a significant milestone in their preparation for mission work.

The week reflected a shared commitment to raise workers who will faithfully proclaim the gospel. Praise God for this fruitful opportunity to equip and send out laborers for His harvest.



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