

# ONESIMO

*gusto ko maging...*



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*As a Foundation, ONESIMO envisions ...*

“We are a transformed community, growing together, serving the urban poor youth at risk that they may experience the Lordship of Jesus Christ in their own lives and their communities.”

*Its Mission therefore is ...*

“To reach, rehabilitate, equip and mobilize urban poor youth for the transformation of their families and communities that advance the values of the kingdom of God.”

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# MESSAGE *from the FOUNDER*

17 Years of Onesimo ministry in Manila has enriched us with much experience in how to rehabilitate and equip urban poor youth. Another amazing year has just passed. In growing by numbers we recognized increasingly the need for more professionalization and institutional guidelines. And we are doing this continuously!

While this is valuable and necessary it also may create the danger of Onesimo becoming just another **“need and duty driven machine”** where people seek a mere job to make a way of living. While labor deserves a just wage, if such labor is done without love and passion we are not producing fruit of transformation in us and in the people we serve. About this we need to be watchful all the time. I am so grateful for godly leaders in Onesimo who are very much aware of this!



Working with kids and youth who are poor and dis-integrated can be very tough, draining and frustrating at times. The key question is: How can we rekindle again and again the love of Christ in us, this first love which does not shy away from true commitment? In that we find as a **side product of our labor** this eternal joy and happiness we all long for. How are we able to access the well of grace and power which keeps us going in serving the needy and the lost?

The secret lies in the Man of Nazareth, the risen One who came from God to show us how to live. The needed power flows through the fellowship with HIS spirit. May we take regularly a step back and put our eyes on Him who gave and gives us life abundantly.

Let us all keep doing this; individually and corporately. Then we keep on track! Then we labor joyfully.

Cheers and blessings!

**Christian Schneider**, *Onesimo volunteer worker, 1st of March 2014*

# MESSAGE *from the CHAIR OF THE BOARD*

This past year has seen many significant developments in Onesimo's ministry. The most notable is the growth of Church-Based Ministry (CBM) partners from 11 to 19, roughly around 288 youth. Beyond numbers, what this means is wider reach and the potential for greater transformative impact to the host churches and communities. This could also mean greater spaces for building small communities of faith through the CBM.

As we strengthen our partnership with the local churches in discipling vulnerable youth, let us all be reminded that the challenge of loving neighbors involves serving them in love as in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) and seeking to do good, mercy and justice (Micah 6:8). In this context, the call on the church is of two dimensions – for the more materially blessed churches, to become the channel through which God's redistributive work is done, and for the churches of the poor among the poor, to become the yeast for the Kingdom of God (Luke 13:20-21).



In the coming year we look forward to help the youth being served by our programs to develop small enterprises. This is not without serious challenges, as what we intend is not only to provide opportunities for added income, but more importantly, for building their capacities to develop, manage and sustain livelihoods. In effect, for them to actively participate in strengthening the economic capacity of their families and communities.

The communities of faith that we build through the CBM is our witness to God's reign and empowering presence in places of marginalization and deprivations. May the Holy Spirit continue to energize us and may you all continue to partner with us in any way you can.

**Dr. Annabel Manalo**

# MESSAGE *from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

As Onesimo enters its 18th year, the encouragement from the success of the new Church Based Ministry Program lifts us up. The first eleven churches have faithfully guided their wards through providing them a home, by bringing them to a living faith, discipleship, and skills training. Every church invariably reports greater acceptance in their communities as their beneficiaries and their families accept the life-changing gospel being shared with them. It is acknowledged by all that this process comes with its trials and calls for great sacrifices, stepping out of comfort zones and trying out new ways of ministry. But the fruits are slowly becoming apparent, a more closely knit and supportive community of pastors, youth workers and Onesimo support staff, caring families where there was only apathy, deepening involvement among church boards and elders, and most importantly, youth who are eager to show the world what they are capable of! These pioneering youth will be released in March, 2014.



Even as the eight additional churches follow the tracks of the eleven before them, their exuberance in the face of new challenges is apparent among their pastors and youth workers.

On the other hand, our Residential Program struggles. We shall not conceal from you the need for renewal and revitalization among those who have, over the years, labored lovingly among children they have accepted as their own, our House Parents, Social Workers, Teachers and Volunteers. Many of them have acquired families of their own. We can only start to understand their effort to balance their compassion for their clients and the needs of their own families.

We pray, we cry. Together with you and with our Saviour our hope does not diminish.

**BG Polidario**



# RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

## WORK CAMP



Girls' Work Camp

28 boys – the fruit of outreach efforts joined the 2013 boys' camp. It was held from February 11-20, 2013 in Onesimo's Retreat Home in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro. 16 girls followed with their own work camp from February 22-28.

## TRAINEES RETREAT, REFLECTION AND EVALUATION



Trainees at their Retreat and Reflection

September 17 and 18 found the remaining 35 (out of an original 44) trainees attending a Retreat and Reflection. This served as the final part of the All of Life Program.

## ACCEPTANCE RITES



All the 44 participants of the work camps were received into the Onesimo Residential Program in acceptance ceremonies held on March 7, 2013. They were introduced to all the staff. They undergo approximately six months of discipleship and house training called the All of Life Program in one of the six residential centers.

## DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Every year in April each residential center, in partnership with a community church, conducts Daily Vacation Bible School. This year's theme was "The Great Outdoors" Exploring Nature, Experiencing God. 580 children from the slum communities in Philcoa, Bagong Silang, Tondo, San Francisco del Monte, Mendez and Payatas were benefitted.



## ALL OF LIFE GRADUATION

On September 21, 2013 the thirty-five trainees were given their hard-earned Basic Discipleship Certificates in graduation rites held at the TUCP auditorium in Quezon City. More than 100 family members and guests from various partner churches joined the celebration.

## ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UP

In March, all trainees had their comprehensive annual medical check-up administered by Best Diagnostics Clinic. Additionally everyone also submitted to HIV/AIDS testing. None of the clients, thankfully, tested positive.

## COUNSELLING INTERVENTION

The Asian Theological Seminary has continued to provide through the supervision of Dr. Annabel Manalo, intern counsellors to help our clients acknowledge, address and process the underlying causes of their behavioral problems. The intern counsellors conduct one on one sessions and group sessions to help pinpoint the issues the children grapple with.

In 2013 we have sent 10 female and one male clients to the Center for Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse (CPTSA) for long term weekly counselling specific to their problems.

## OUTREACH

All Residential centers conduct outreach efforts starting in October. With the approval of the local barangay (village) officials, Onesimo visit slum areas around Metro Manila. House parents, Volunteers and clients in teams numbering three to five members come to "tambayan", basketball courts, sari-sari stores, to strike up conversations, sing songs, play friendly basketball games with out of school youth. When the opportunity arises, they introduce themselves as Onesimo people. When friendship has been established (usually after 3 or 4 visits) an invitation to become part of Onesimo is extended to those who are acceptable according to Onesimo criteria.

## ONESIMO COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM

The community based program is the first phase of Onesimo's after care plan. When a client completes the residential program or for any reason is reintegrated to her family, she passes from the care of the house-parent to the care of a community based worker who monitors her studies, on-the-job training, work, family relationships and spiritual involvement for six months to a year depending on the recommendation of the case management team.

As of December 2013, twelve boys and eight girls were in the community based program.



## FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Onesimo's Family Enrichment Program is composed of different activities and retreats where family members of clients are invited to participate.

The Parents orientation is where Parents and family members of new clients are told of their obligations during their child's stay with Onesimo. We explain to them the phases of training their children have to undergo during the two years of the program. This was held in March 14, 2013 very soon after the acceptance of their children into the system.

The Parents Retreats were held in August to October. The first was for parents of new trainees. The second was for parents of senior trainees in the consolidation phase. The last retreat was for the benefit of parents of children in the reintegration phase.

Sadly only sixty parents were able to attend the retreats due to various problems & difficulties. Because of this, a change in strategy for 2014 was planned to make sure of larger attendance. Topics designed to enhance family relationships, such as parenting skills and stewardship of resources formed the back bone of the retreats.

## NEW HOUSEPARENT OF TONDO BOYS CENTER

Noel Canoy a former Onesimo client and College Scholar has come home to become Tondo Boy's Center's Houseparent. He graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from the Eulogio Amang Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology. Noel became Tondo center's new tatay on August 7, 2013.

## 2013 RESIDENTIAL STATS

Residential Clients as of December 2012	60
<b>Intake</b>	<b>44</b>
As of February 2013	
Did not complete basic discipleship	9
Completed Basic Discipleship Program (6 Months)	35
Discharged	14
Reintegrated	26
Residential Clients as of December 2013	55
Community Based Clients	20

# ONESIMO ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM (OAEP)

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FORMAL SCHOOLING



One-on-one tutorial in coordination with PUP Sta. Mesa students.

Three scholars completed their respective college level courses at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. Nazarene Ascano completed the 4-year Bachelor in Business Teacher Education. Leslie Gaviola and Jennifer Ruiz both completed the 3-year Office Management Technology Course. Leslie was hired by the National Kidney and Transplant Institute after serving her on-the-job training there.

Four scholars continued pursuing their college courses while 6 new scholars entered college at the start of the school year in June 2013.

We are sad to note that four college scholars chose to leave the program. Three of these were in their first year and one left during her 2nd year.

## FOOD CARVING

Students who had completed Baking and Food Preservation in 2012 were given the privilege to undergo 10 days of training in Food Carving with Chef Jerry Quintilla.



Four intrepid residential clients, two girls and two boys dared to re-enter Grade Six even if they were 6 to 8 years older than their average classmates. At first they were timid, uncooperative and reluctant to socialize. Then, as they felt the growing respect and acceptance of their classmates, their self-confidence increased.

With the support of their teachers, the schools' guidance counselor and the encouragement of the OFI staff, the children are now confident of finishing the race they started.

The 2 boys were chosen to represent their school in various inter-school skills competitions with one of them winning at the District level.

## SKILLS OJT

Onesimo provided On-The-Job Training for a few of the better graduates of last year's skills program. Two girls served with the Onesimo canteen, another two girls received advanced training at the Thompson Tailoring Shop in Balic-Balic, Manila. Two boys received actual training in building maintenance tasks at the Onesimo office building.

## SKILLS GRADUATION 2012-13

The Skills Training Program for 2012-13 ended with a graduation ceremony at the Faith Baptist Church on May 23, 2013. Those recognized were from the Residential Centers, the communities,

and CBM beneficiaries who had completed their skills training at separate Government Accredited Training Centers.

SKILLS	GRADUATES		TOTAL
Automotive	11 residential		11
Computer Hardware	7 residential		7
Electrical & Welding	6 residential	1 community	7
Baking	11 residential	3 community	14
House Keeping	9 residential		9
Garments	4 residential		4
Food Preservation	7 residential		7
Massage & Reflexology	5 residential	3 community	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60 residential</b>	<b>7 community</b>	<b>67</b>

## SKILLS TRAINING 2013-14

Onesimo continues a fruitful partnership with the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology (EARIST), in providing

Vocational Skills Training for our youth. Following are the number of enrollees per skill for the 2013-2014 program.

SKILLS	RESIDENTIAL	CBM	COMMUNITY	TOTAL
Small Engine	10	6	1	17
Electrical & Welding	9	9	1	19
Computer Hardware	7	6	4	17
Food Preservation	7	6	1	14
Garments	11	7		18
Baking	13	4		17
House Keeping	7	4	1	12
Massage & Reflexology		6	1	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>121</b>



## INSTRUCTIONAL MANAGER'S TRAINING 2013



As part of Onesimo's continuing commitment to its communities, the 6th Instructional Manager's Training sponsored by Onesimo was held from January 21-25, 2013. Forty six (46) participants came from different churches and community organizations to avail of the free training.

The Department of Education provided the trainors and subsequently accredited the Instructional Managers who are even now teaching Out of School Youth in their respective communities and preparing them to take equivalency tests either in the elementary or high school levels.

## HOMESTUDY PROGRAM

The Philippine Department of Education initiated a program to allow over-aged and out-of-school youth to study on weekends. Onesimo sent youth to the Moerae Christian Academy in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City for elementary studies and to the Commonwealth High School in Quezon City. Four children completed their elementary studies last March 22, 2013. Twenty seven clients enrolled in different levels of High School.

## ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS)



NEVER STOP LEARNING... ALS Assessment assisted by OAEP staff with the help of BALS coordinator.

Six clients passed the Accreditation and Equivalency Examinations according to the results released by the Department of Education last March 21, 2013. Then in July, 43 clients registered to take the ALS Accreditation and Equivalency Examination scheduled to be given in November.

# CHURCH BASED MINISTRY (CBM)

## CBM WORK CAMP



After a year of pioneering stage, the Onesimo CBM Program, the Board Members of OFI approved the expansion of the Ministry of the Church Based Program. It took us 2 to 3 months in searching for the right churches to fill the 9 slots for additional CBM Partner Churches. Walk-In applicants from different churches, meetings, and ocular visitations happened for the start of the 2nd batch of partner churches.

The 9 chosen churches are Jesus Christ Touching Heart Ministry-Navotas, Koinonia Community Church-Tondo, Jesus the Heart Of Worship-Maricaban and Las Pinas, International Baptist Church-Pasig, Spirit of Christ Christian Fellowship-Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ Yesterday, Today and Forever Church-Payatas, Freedom in Christ Community Church-Montalban and Camarin Christian on Fire International Church.

These churches participated in the 2013 Work Camp held at CTM Campsite, Llavac, Real Quezon last June 24 to 29, 2013. The said

activity was successfully accomplished through the help of Pastors, Workers and OFI Staff. Pastors are assigned as Day Leaders, Workers are Game Masters and other OFI staff facilitated the workshops. The whole program of Work Camp gave a strong impact to the beneficiaries. Some activities like trekking, community service and other workshops became a memorable experience to them.





## CBM PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE RITES



Acceptance Rites happened on the first Monthly Youth Gathering of 9 new churches together with the first batch of 11 Churches. It was held at the Onesimo Foundation Bldg. last July 23, 2013 and 66 youth-at-risk out of 84 who participated in the Work Camp were formally recognized as the official program participants/beneficiaries of CBM program for 9 new churches.

Books were given to the beneficiaries as their simple guide in exploring and enjoying their life inside the churches. Pastors and workers gave their message to their respective beneficiaries, to encourage and support them as they start the new chapter of their life with Christ.

## MONTHLY YOUTH GATHERING

As the CBM Program promotes fellowship and friendship among the beneficiaries, we continue having a Monthly Youth Gathering in one specific place as decided by the Pastors and CBM Team. The program for the gatherings



was hosted by the assigned churches and it was always filled with creativeness. Praise and Worship, Games, Intermission numbers of Beneficiaries and even the Church Youth Workers, prayer for beneficiaries and the most important is The Message. The gathering is a helpful



way for the beneficiaries to show and expose their talents, to lead, to build their confidence, and to learn Wisdom shared

through the Pastors. From January to June, the gatherings were assigned and hosted by single Church and by the last quarter of the year it was assigned by area (3 to 4 Churches).



## PASTORS FELLOWSHIP



A once a month meeting of CBM Staff and Pastors became one of the monthly major activities. Pastors Fellowship happened as an overnight activity at different places or residence of the assigned Pastors. This meeting is not only to give updates of their program in church and beneficiaries but also as an empowerment to each other (especially to 9 new churches), to give advice on what to do at difficult times in handling beneficiaries.

The 11 Pastors were proud in sharing their ideas, experiences, enjoyment and even the hardships for their past 1 year existence of the CBM Program. It was a big help to 9 Pastors as they started to experience those struggles in handling beneficiaries. In spite of a stressful but helpful sharing time, Pastors will never forget to have a time for relaxation and refreshment.

## WORKERS FELLOWSHIP



If the pastors have a fellowship, the workers must also have their own time for sharing and relaxation! The workers are the ones who are hands-on with the beneficiaries. The fellowship has a theme each month, stress debriefing, recreation, and food fellowship.

It is an important activity for the workers to give them relaxation, refreshment and also to release the heaviness of their feelings.

## IN-DEPTH ORIENTATION OF CBM PROGRAM



A 3 day-activity at Camp Rock, Puerto Galera last September 12 to 15, 2013, participated in by 15 pastors and 6 workers from 20 partner churches. It is a combined activity of Pastors Fellowship – where the pastors from first batch and second batch have their first outdoor fellowship together. This was also a time to evaluate the Work Camp and to review in-depth the CBM Program Orientation. This was for the benefit of the 9 new churches and a review for the first batch of 11 churches.

## YOUTH @ VENTURE – ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

Onesimo CBM partnered with Youth at Venture (YAV) to provide entrepreneurship training for qualified beneficiaries. Last July 1, YAV conducted orientation for the 1st batch of 11 CBM partner churches. Out of 25 beneficiaries who entered the training, six passed and qualified for YAV's provision of seed money for their enterprise.

## PARENTS' RETREAT



The 2013 Parents' Retreat for the parents of beneficiaries was held at Methodist Prayer Garden and Conference Site in Brgy. Dolores, Kaytikling, Taytay Rizal.

The first batch was composed of 71 adult family members of beneficiaries from the 8 new partner churches. The whole program was about the Re-Orienting of CBM Program for the family and The Importance of Family and Church in the Life of the Child.

The second batch of 85 participants came from the family members of the 11 churches in their 2nd year in the CBM program. They were instructed in the *Preparation for Mobilization of Beneficiaries to their Families*, and *How to Put Up a Small Business*.

The retreats help them realize that the family always has a big role in the life of their child even if they are beneficiaries and part of CBM Program.



## CBM FAMILY CAMP



It was the first time that the CBM Beneficiaries and family members joined the Annual Family Camp of OFI. It was held at Methodist Prayer Garden and Conference Site last December 4 to 6, 2013 with a total of 430 participants – 350 family members and beneficiaries, 47 pastors and workers and 33 staff and volunteers.

We believe that by doing this, we will build strong relationship between the family of the beneficiaries, the church Pastors and members. The CBM wants to prepare the family for the reintegration of the beneficiaries back to their family. We also intend to strengthen their family ties; it will motivate the beneficiaries to return to their respective families. They are potential members of the church in the future.

The Family Camp is designed for the families of the CBM beneficiaries to be in the right direction in life. We are conducting this to bring closely the family to the beneficiaries for them to see what God is doing in every individual's life of the beneficiaries, eventually, for them to have a relationship with the Lord.

## FIRST YEAR EVALUATION OF CBM PROGRAM



CBM Program had its first evaluation for its first year of pioneering stage. It was facilitated by Ms. Mildred Zamar of Samaritana Foundation and happened last March 13 to 15, 2013.

The evaluation had 3 parts, for the Pastors and Workers, Selected Beneficiary from each Church and for the CBM Staff. Positive outcomes and points for improvement came out during the evaluation. These things help the CBM Team to easily make changes and adjustments for the benefit of the CBM Program's success.



## CBM PROGRAM ORIENTATION



The 9 new churches attended the CBM program orientation last May 20, 2013 at Onesimo Conference Area. This activity is one of the primary steps in implementing the CBM Program and part of the mentoring stage of the new Churches during the start of the program.

## MOA SIGNING OF 9 NEW PARTNER CHURCHES



Throughout the month of June, the CBM staff made the rounds of all the new partner churches signing Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) with each church in the presence of their pastors, elders and workers.

## SKILLS TRAINING

The trainings attended by CBM beneficiaries in OFI's Skills Training are Haircutting, Massage, Computer Hardware, Entrepreneurship, Baking, Food Preservation, Garments and Housekeeping. Since most of the CBM beneficiaries are not academically good, we give emphasis on the skills as their means of livelihood after the program. We chose a Skills Training Center accredited by TESDA in

the vicinity of the church. Skills Program like Electronics, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, English Proficiency, Massage, Housekeeping, Gas and Diesel Mechanic, Welding and Small Engine Repair and Food and Beverage. There are some training attended by beneficiaries at TESDA Training Centers, but only for those who are high school graduate.

CHURCH	BENEFICIARIES
Worship God Christian Fellowship	11 (2 under mobilization)
Sto. Domingo Evangelical Christian Church	11 (2 under mobilization)
Jesus Christ, the Tree of Life Christian Church	13 (7 under mobilization)
Koinonia Community Church	11
Jesus Christ Church Touching Heart Ministry	11
D'vine Care Mission Center Church	9
Jesus Today Christian Center	10 (1 under mobilization)
Bible Believers Baptist Church	10 (4 under mobilization)
Jesus the Heart Of Worship - Maricaban	10
Jesus the Heart Of Worship - Las Piñas	10
International Bible Church - Mandaluyong	10 (1 under mobilization)
International Baptist Church - Taytay	11 (2 under mobilization)
Grace of God Christian Community Church	7
International Baptist Church - Pasig	12
Spirit of Christ Christian Fellowship	9
Payatas Sovereign Grace Christian Church	11
Galilean Fundamental Christian Baptist Church	6
Jesus Christ Yesterday Today and Forever Church	9
Freedom In Christ	12
<b>Total number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>193 (19 under mobilization)</b>



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## FOUNDATION DAY



The theme last Foundation Day was about the dreams of our Onesimo youth. When they first came to Onesimo their dreams gave them extra drive to pursue changes in their lives although it was hard for them since they are used to living according to their own rules. But through the experiences inside the centers they were able to have a new perspective to that dream, because it is not only based on what they want but where God is leading them.

The Theme "*Gusto kong maging...*" (I want to be...) was a play collaborated with songs, dance and handmime. Held at UP Film Theater last July 19, 2013 there were over 467 guests, 97 Residential youth and 68 staff and volunteers. The whole auditorium was fully packed. It was indeed a night of celebration and reflection of God's faithfulness in the lives of our youth and in Onesimo as a foundation. Visitors from Switzerland and Germany also took time to prepare a short skit as an opening number.

We are also blessed to have the Lighthouse Community kids who presented a song number and interpretative dance. The Onesimo Bulilit also took time to rehearse and present a dance number.

We thank the Lord for the gift of talent the youth was able to discover and enhance. We are praying for a more productive and life touching celebration every year.



## FAMILY CAMP 2013 - RESIDENTIAL AND CBM



One of the highlights of the Annual Onesimo Calendar is the Family Camp. Perennially scheduled just before the Christmas holidays, the camp brings together all clients, their family members and staff for three days of fun, fellowship, games and instruction.

For the first time the CBM Pastors/workers and residential staff came together and shared the tasks required for the success of the Family Camp.

The CBM Family Camp was held on December 4-6 at the Methodist Prayer Garden. 430 Participants - 350 family members, 47 Pastors and workers and 33 staff and volunteers came together.

The Residential Family Camp was held in December 18-20 with 30 staff, 80 clients and 182 family members for a total of 302 participants.

The Family Camps bring the clients/beneficiaries and their family members together (the Parents' Retreats do not). We are witness to many instances of healing relationships happening during the Family Camp.



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## SPORTSFEST



Basketball



Darts



Volleyball



Chess

The Onesimo annual Sportsfest was held at the Amoranto Sports Complex in Roces, Quezon City from November 11-20, 2013. Basketball, Track, Volleyball, Chess and Darts were the activities participated in by the six residential centers and the 19 CBM partner churches.

Early morning worship on the first day was quickly followed by a 4x400meter relay race enjoyed by representatives from all the participating centers and churches. Games of the major events immediately followed. As usual, the Basketball tournament was eagerly watched and hotly contested by all teams and supporters. 60 individuals competed in the Darts tournament. And 6 Volleyball teams were fielded by the girls' centers and churches with female beneficiaries.

It was happily observed that this was the first year that no quarrels broke out during the games. All were in agreement that the Sportsfest thoroughly succeeded in its goal of fostering friendships and unity among all segments of the Onesimo community.

But many expressed their desire to participate in an expanded track and field program in next year's Sportsfest.



# ONESIMO COMMUNITY DAY



The Onesimo Community Day is a gathering of the whole Onesimo Community. All residential clients and CBM beneficiaries, staff, Board Members come together for fellowship, strengthening and fun in a particular venue as decided by the Core Leadership Team. Last March 7, 2013, the 11 CBM churches participated in the first community day for 2013 where the CBM Team was the host for the whole day activity. Morning Fellowship took place at the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center where the Pastors and CBM Staff handled the program. Praise and worship, games, and prayer for one another were part of the program. We went next to Gardenia Bread Factory and Enchanted Kingdom, the place where the beneficiaries really enjoyed their time together.

The 2nd Community Day happened last August 6, 2013. Morning festivities were held

at Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife. We then proceeded to the Jollibee Food Corporation Plant then swimming at the “Batis ng Makiling Resort”. This time, the CBM now had 20 partner churches joining the Community Day.



Onesimo Girls enjoying the pool at the Batis ng Makiling Resort





## SUMMER YOUTH CAMP WITH ONESIMO (SYCO) 2013

From March to late May, 2013 Onesimo conducted 7 summer youth camps in Camp Rock, its retreat center in Puerto Galera. It partners with 5 churches from urban poor communities who provide youth leaders and young participants eager to experience fellowship and to hear the Word of God in a breath-taking location, fresh air, the mountains, the sea, rivers and falls. The SYCO is also one of Onesimo's training venues as this is where many of our clients learn to practice leadership skills they learn in the centers. They handle 2 of the 7 camps, leading devotions, games and other activities.

For many of the 555 campers this year, the Summer Youth Camp has truly been life changing.

In preparation for the 2014 Summer Youth Camp with Onesimo (SYCO) 86 eager young leaders from 5 partner churches, Onesimo Clients and Beneficiaries from the Onesimo residential and CBM programs met up at the Batangas Port on December 26, 2013.

They took the bangka for Camp Rock, for 5 days of intense training. The youth familiarized themselves with the program, devotions, bible studies, games and activities to be implemented during the projected 8 camps in April and May 2014. Sessions designed to provide them leadership techniques and skills rounded out the Leadership Training Camp.

"Friendship" is the theme for the 2014 Summer Camps, drawing from the biblical stories of David and Jonathan, the Paralytic and his Friends, Ruth and Naomi and the two sisters, Martha and Mary.



Devotions and Leadership Training



Team building exercises

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



Useful and helpful topics in handling youth at risk and managing some Church matters as subjects for Seminar were conducted by CBM team and OFI Staff.

First seminar entitled **“Small Group Facilitation”** was facilitated by Ms. Hazel Sarol, of OFI-SPED and Ptr. Benhur Tuazon, one of the CBM Cluster Coordinators.

It was followed by a mentoring seminar entitled **“Kapangyarihang Lumikha ng Matuwid na Yaman”** facilitated by Ptr. Rene ‘Rex’ Resurreccion, a professional entrepreneur and businessman and book author.

Another seminar entitled **“Church Legal Documentation”** was facilitated by Ptr. Rolly and Sis. Eva Atienza, a couple who is an active supporter and elder of Sto. Domingo Evangelical Christian Church and has an accounting firm that specializes on Legal Documents Registration.

House parents, Social Workers, Teachers and selected senior clients attended a 4-Saturday seminar/workshop in Puppetry, Arts and Crafts, Storytelling, and Bead-Making. This workshop was conducted by the Christ Strengthening Ministry in Parañaque City, Metro Manila from October 5 to November 9, 2013.



Case Management Seminar & Workshop

On November 5 and 6, 2013, Ms. Sheila Basio RSW, conducted a 2 day seminar/workshop on The Case Management of Children in Need of Special Protection. The lively seminar was attended by all Onesimo staff, CBM pastors and church workers.

The DSWD-NCR Standards Bureau Unit sent 3 staff to Onesimo to conduct a seminar on the Modified Stress Model for Children in Need of Special Protection. Also they challenged Onesimo CBM partner churches and Pastors to consider making their churches function as Special Drug Education Centers. The seminar which had 44 attendees was held on November 25 to 26, 2013.



## RESPONSE ABILITY PATHWAYS (RAP) SEMINAR



Mark Barnard illustrating a point at the RAP seminar

This 3-day seminar was sponsored by Lilok Foundation, who invited Mark Barnard of Praxis New Zealand to facilitate this positive way of connecting with children and youth. It applies Circle of Courage principles, encouraging the development of belonging, mastery, independence and generosity.

The Core Leadership Team together with CBM church coordinators and the residential team joined Lilok and other representatives from youth organizations on September 29 to October 2, 2013 in this exciting project.

## SPONSORSHIP

A big change last year was the turnover of sponsorship coordination to our new volunteer in Switzerland, Ms. Elena Canova. It was at first quite a challenge to talk and exchange mails with someone you just met through Skype but through constant communication we are progressing well. We were also able to give more sponsors for three churches in our Church-based ministry. More new sponsors are committing to help and sponsor a youth. End of last year we have a total of 148 sponsors. We thank the Lord for His provisions as more new Swiss and German sponsors commit financial help for Onesimo.

# ONESIMO

## STAFF BONDING



As part of Onesimo's observance of the Servants principle of Rest, the whole staff went on a three day journey to the north of Luzon to enhance bonding and friendship. The Staff

lodged in the City of Vigan on their way to Pagudpud in the extreme north of Luzon. This was on August 28-30, 2013.

## STAFF RETREAT



In late September, the staff went on spiritual retreat at the Bahay Bakasyonan Resort in Tanay, Rizal. Ate Pine Gutierrez, long time member and supporter of Onesimo guided the delighted

staff back through the roots of their spirituality bringing renewal to their faith and commitment to the vision and goals of Onesimo.



# RELIEF EFFORTS FOR TYPHOON YOLANDA VICTIMS



A view of the devastation wrought by Typhoon Yolanda to the residents of Abuyog, Leyte



The long line of recipients awaiting their allotment of rice.

Onesimo helped out the victims of Typhoon Yolanda through the efforts of our networkers. Members of the Board of Trustees Bernardita Amor, Nestor Ravilas and long time friend and missionary, Efren and Rebecca Roxas brought relief in the form of goods, construction materials to places not usually reached by the massive international relief efforts. Efren and Becky visited Sto. Nino in Abuyog, Leyte. Nestor provided support and relief in Borongan, Samar. Baby Amor was in the midst of relief efforts in conjunction with the PCEC.

Island through the efforts of Onesimo member, Josefina Gutierrez and the Philippine Children's Ministries Network (PCMN).

In December, Pastor Dennis Manas (CBM Head), Pastor BG Polidario (Exec. Dir.) and Hazel Sarol (Special Events/Sponsorship) went to Cebu and Bohol to distribute relief goods to Yolanda Victims. More than 800 families were helped through this effort which was made possible through networks of iCare.

More than One Million Pesos was disbursed directly from Switzerland to victims in Leyte



Pastor Dennis and Ate Hazel assist in the distribution of grocery and food items for victims of typhoon Yolanda in Cebu Island



# TESTIMONIES

## LIEZEL B. CORDERO

I am Liezel B. Cordero. I now live in Tondo, Manila. My mother died when I was still young. And I grew up with my father, my siblings, aunts and cousins. Family life was chaotic. I quickly learned to smoke, drink, do drugs, join gangs and fraternities, Because of this my father and my aunts beat me hard and often, saying, "It's better that you die instead of being disobedient". They drove me to the streets where I lived by stealing, snatching and regularly quarreling with other street children and fighting off sexual advances. In all this, I received no support from my relatives. There was no unity at all in my family.



When I entered Onesimo, lured by the possibility of continuing my studies and a better life, my father was against my decision. I was fourteen years old and had reached only grade four. Together with many girls similar to my situation. I underwent work camp in Puerto Galera, I encountered the Lord Jesus in that short week. He made me realize the hopelessness of the life I was living before, and learned how much He loved me.

After two years, my father accepted the fact that I had changed for the better and Onesimo was a major factor in the changes. He wrote me a letter reconciling with me. I continued to mature emotionally and spiritually. Eventually I became a center leader in Philcoa 2 center. I completed my high school education. When I came home, Doctor Hubalde of the Kamuning

Bible Christian Fellowship took me under her wing and gave me the opportunity to teach children on Sundays. Every now and then I am invited to Onesimo's girls' centers to lead devotions and encourage the Onesimo girls.

My experiences have led me to dream of becoming a teacher someday.

## MART ALVIN MOLINA

I am Mart Alvin Molina, twenty years old. I live in the village of Camarin in Caloocan City with my parents and my siblings. I finished my elementary schooling in 2006.



Due to lack of money I was not able to continue in formal school and also because I failed two subjects. Through the ministry of the Onesimo CBM I found myself in church. The church helped me change my outlook in life and to continue my studies through the Alternative Learning System (ALS). I passed the ALS test and received my high school equivalency. Previously, I could care less about other people, preferring to keep to myself and do whatever took my fancy. My time was spent gambling and playing internet games.

When I entered into a relationship with God in August 2013, I made a firm decision to follow God's will for my life. Part of this decision was a plan to enter Bible School to learn more about ministry. My dream is to be a help to youth in the same situation I was in before – lost and hopeless – to change life direction and to somehow encourage them to return to their studies.



# MAJOR EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2013

<b>JANUARY</b>	Mayor's Permit and Licenses Renewal for 4 buildings, Training Center, Mendez, Tondo, Amlac Outreach among communities
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Residential Work Camp for Boys and Residential Work Camp for Girls
<b>MARCH</b>	Community Day to Gardenia Bread Factory and Enchanted Kingdom Summer Youth Camp 1st Batch went to Camp Rock, Mindoro Evaluation of CBM 1st year of operation Acceptance Rites of new trainees into Onesimo Residential Start of "All of Life" discipleship program Parents' Orientation
<b>APRIL</b>	College graduation for three scholars Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) for 7 communities Annual Medical Check-up, Dental check-up and treatment for all residential clients
<b>MAY</b>	Last batch of Summer Youth Campers in Puerto Galera Graduation of Skills trainees for year 2012-2013 CBM Program orientation for the 9 new churches Onesimo Lighthouse Community Family Camp Enrollment of college scholars
<b>JUNE</b>	Signing of Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) with 9 new CBM partner churches CBM work camp at Llavac, Real, Quezon Start of Skills training programs for 2013-2014 Annual General Meeting of Onesimo members and friends Home Study for Elementary at Moerae Christian Academy
<b>JULY</b>	Onesimo Foundation Day celebration at UP Film Center CBM Acceptance Rites for beneficiaries from 9 new church partners Social Work students on the job training with Onesimo up to November Youth at Venture tie up with Onesimo CBM for entrepreneurship training
<b>AUGUST</b>	Discovery teams from Switzerland and Trekkers from the USA visit centers for exposure and missionary trips Staff Bonding to North Luzon Two batches of CBM Parents Retreat at Taytay Rizal
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Residential Trainees Retreat at end of All of Life Program CBM Parents Retreat 1st and 2nd Batches Staff Retreat at Tanay, Rizal
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Seminars on Case Management for Onesimo Staff Parents' retreat, 3rd batch
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Onesimo-wide Sportsfest includes 6 Residential Centers and 19 CBM Partner Churches ALS equivalency examinations
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Family Camp, 1st and 2nd Batch of CBM and single batch for Residential Christmas Celebrations Leadership Training Camp for SYCO, Puerto Galera

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