



ONESIMO
Foundation, Inc.



TOGETHER
*we shall accomplish
great and wonderful
things!*

annual
report
2014

Cover Photo: Onesimo clients on exposure trip to Mangyan mountain village in Mindoro Island, Philippines.

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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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Reading through the annual report of 2014 I am deeply moved that again we were able to touch the lives of so many youth and young adults. Urban poor dwellers who - for different reasons - were denied the access and right to the fulfilment of basic human needs like education, shelter, medical attention, recreation, spiritual development and for some, even decent and enough food, life has changed now! Not only specific individuals were helped, but also whole families and even churches and neighbourhoods through a variety of ministries.

Bearing this in mind we may better take note, that apart from our young trainees and their families we, as workers, partners and donors of Onesimo, are also being helped.

How? When we reflect on the overwhelming needs of human kind, evil, greed, sickness and death, we may start to doubt and ask where is our good God in all of this? Like the Apostle Thomas and many of our contemporaries today we may just fall into unbelief about the resurrection and anything worth living and fighting for. Under dark clouds, frustration and depression may sneak in... Here comes the way out: The suffering and wounds of Christ represent the suffering of the whole of humanity. And if we look at those wounds of Christ, we look at the man who claims to represent our heavenly Father! And if we now put our own hands into his wounds, then we will be transformed from a sceptic to a believer. How do we do this? By helping the poor and needy! Tomas Halik, the Czech priest and theologian says that unless we recognise the suffering in our world and put our hands into those wounds we have no right to say to the Risen One "my Lord and my God" (John 20: 24-28).

Onesimo - workers, partners and supporters: by touching the needy and their wounds, you are touching resurrection power and will get blessed with faith and joy everlasting!

Christian Schneider



**FROM THE
FOUNDER**

Last year we revisited our Strategic Mandates to see where Onesimo is - where we are doing well and where we need to improve to reach our goals. We have seen that Onesimo has again successfully met the challenges of `expansion through our Church-based ministry. What is most inspiring is not just the growth in number but the amazing stories of life transformation among the youth. We are lagging behind, however, in implementing the social entrepreneurship program that aims to enable the youth to develop small business enterprises. This is something we would like to focus on for this coming year.

While the growth of Onesimo excites us, it brings with it additional challenges and stresses for the staff. How do we prepare the staff and our partner churches to meet up to these challenges? How do we equip them towards effective, life-giving, growth-enhancing ministry to the youth? It seems that at the core of our response is the strengthening of our staff care and formation. Without a well-thought out program for staff care, they could be at higher risk for burnout and compassion fatigue.

In the same way, it may be good to consider the role of the General Assembly and Onesimo friends/partners in meeting the challenges of expansion. Could it be that God is inviting us to walk the way of love, mercy and justice (Micah 6:8) in a way we have not done before? Could it mean heeding God's call for a more active engagement and participation in the lives of the youth? As we respond to this challenge, may the Holy Spirit empower and lead us to creative ways of partnering with Onesimo ministry.

Dr. Annabel Manalo



FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

The Board has long identified the need for an alternative campsite to Onesimo's Camp Rock. Finally in 2014 Onesimo was able to acquire a 10 hectare lot for development as a campsite, retreat center and training ground. This piece of land in Matalinting, Sta. Maria, Laguna is situated in a gentle mountain region, with a stream of clean spring water running along its perimeter. Plans for its development are underway and hopefully commence in 2015.

We have continued to reap success with the Church Based Ministry (CBM). The first batch of beneficiaries completed the initial cycle of the two-year CBM program. These 110 beneficiaries now are better members of their communities and churches. The 8 churches comprising the 2nd batch of partner churches continue to guide their own beneficiaries through the middle of their cycle. Meanwhile all 11 churches of the first batch renewed their Memorandums of Agreement together with 5 new churches. All in all, the CBM program has 24 partner churches.

The Residential Program is going strong and looking forward to guiding their clients toward greater success in skills training and academic achievement through their Alternative Learning program and Academic Scholarship program. Still the core of the Onesimo Vision is Christian Discipleship and Family Enrichment, programs which we continually enhance.

Onesimo looks forward to being more creative in serving the youth over the next years. May we be more and more in touch with the Lord's plans.

Benjamin A. Polidario



**FROM THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

WORK CAMP

On February 17-28, 2014 15 boys and 7 girls were initiated into the Onesimo Residential Program through the Work Camp. Traditionally held at Camp Rock, Puerto Galera, Mindoro, the Camp tests the resolve of the youth to change for the better. They detox, abstain from cigarettes, alcohol, drugs for the duration of the camp under the watchful eyes of the houseparents and social workers. Probably for the first time in months, they are fed three full meals of nutritious and balanced diet. For many of them, the work camp

will be their first experience of a complete daily schedule from early morning devotions, group forums, lectures, games, forest treks, mountain climbing, and finally evening prayers. They all got a taste of God's creation, his loving care, fellowship and discipline.

13 boys and 6 girls decided to continue with the program and joined the elder clients at the residential centers.



Two elder clients with a younger trainee



Dancing and singing together



Evening Bible studies

ACCEPTANCE RITES

The Onesimo Residential Program accepted 19 new trainees last March 18, 2014. These girls and boys had completed the Onesimo Work Camp in February and by staying in their centers for a month, proved that they are ready and willing to undergo the rest of the 2-year program.

Kuyas (elder brothers) and *Ates* (elder sisters) who entered the program the previous year pledged to help guide the new ones together with all the Onesimo staff who were on hand to welcome these new children, give thanks, and pray over them. This Onesimo tradition gives opportunity for the new trainees to feel welcome and acceptance into the Onesimo Family, and for staff and elder clients to renew their commitment to the welfare and future of each trainee.

The trainees begin the six-month All Of Life discipleship training which is the next major phase of their new life and commitment.



Staff and volunteers light candles symbolic of the Holy Spirit and transfer them to the newly accepted trainees.



New trainees all ready for a newer and better life experience

ALL OF LIFE GRADUATION

Clients who completed the February Work Camp enter the All of Life discipleship course. This is six-month wholistic course where the trainees learn the essentials of Christian discipleship. They are given responsibilities in their respective residential centers, housekeeping, cooking, inter-personal commitment, personal discipline, Bible devotions, prayer, respect and other values. All of these are experienced in a loving and caring family environment.

Those clients who exhibit dedication, obedience and change during this period of their stay with Onesimo are honored in the All of Life Graduation Ceremonies. This year, it was held on October 28 at the Quezon City Circle Amphitheater. Certificates of Recognition were awarded to deserving clients. The program was punctuated by songs, dances performed by the residents of the Onesimo residential centers. An inspirational talk by Atty. Jerome Turga, who gave his testimony of achievement through hard work and dedication despite coming from a poor home.



Atty. Jerome Turga



Client with his family, social worker and house parent



Tondo Center clients singing

RESIDENTIAL PARENTS RETREAT 2014

Four batches of Onesimo clients and their families had their Parents' retreats in April and May. The retreats were held at the Jala-Jala Retreat House in Jala-Jala, Rizal.

Each social worker created themes and put together activities, lectures and trainings. The retreats were designed to increase family functionality, heal relationships, generally preparing the participants for the eventual return

of the children to their families. enhance the awareness of the families and clients, teaching them how to value and appreciate themselves and to build a deeper connection and relationship with each other. They also came to realize the significant role of God inside their families.

Many of the families experienced healing and forgiveness.



Residential youth playing games



Parents and children in fellowship and camaraderie.

RESIDENTIAL TRAINING SEMINARS

Onesimo invited the Dept. of Social Welfare and Development to conduct training to enhance the skills of the staff and partner care-givers specifically house parents, social workers, Pastors and Youth Workers. Two seminars were held. The first on July 22-24 was about Managing Behavior of Sexually Abused Children in Institutional Care: Life Skills Training for House Parents. This seminar gave the participants the ability to identify the different impacts of sexual abuse on children. The second seminar was held in September 3-5. This sought to enhance the capability of the care-givers in Managing Behaviours of Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) using the lens of the cognitive behaviour

therapy framework. The goal of this training was to clarify the roles and functions of the members of the helping team in the center, describe the different dynamics of children in conflict with the law by understanding the juvenile justice processes and systems.

Demonstrations and training in assessing life skills and practicing these in life skills sessions were an integral part of the seminars.

All the participants, residential and CBM, expressed excitement and enthusiasm upon learning the different techniques imparted during the seminars.

onesimo alternative education program (OAEP)

OAEP IM TRAINING 2014

The 7th Instructional Manager Training was held last January 20-24, 2014 at Onesimo Foundation. Thirty eight (38) individuals from different organizations attended this free training annually provided by Onesimo. This came about due to the continuous support and sponsorship of Onesimo and its good relationship with the Department of Education (DepEd) which provides trainers and resource persons.

Onesimo Church-Based Ministry (CBM) partners and other faith-based organizations similarly serving the urban poor provided the bulk of the trainees. The Instructional Managers partner with local government units and barangays to train out-of-school youth and adults through the DepEd sanctioned Alternative Learning Systems, preparing them for elementary and high-school equivalency examinations.



Instructional Managers in training.

Instructional Managers in community



PELT RETREAT 2014

On November 26-28, 2014, the annual PELT retreat of Onesimo was held at Royal Palm, Puypuy Bay, Laguna. The theme of the event was "Magtatagumpay Ako" (it takes d.i.s.c.i.p.l.i.n.e. to be successful in life). The retreat aimed to teach that **DISCIPLINE** should be the culture of each student that they could use to help them reach their goals in life. Each letter of the word **DISCIPLINE** was given an individual word which was expounded by the facilitators.

The event was facilitated by Ptr. Jonathan Ernacio, Ptr. Arvin Mingoy and Ptr. BG Polidario and participated by 39 clients including staff. The discussions also focused on some characters from the Bible who became successful in their lives, in spite of the negative circumstances brought about by people, situations or their own actions.

DIRECTION
INSTRUCTION
SELF-IMPROVEMENT
COURAGE
INTEGRITY
PATIENCE
LEAD
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NEUTRALIZE
NEGATIVITY
EVALUATE



Pastor Jonathan Ernacio facilitating a session at the PELT retreat



Clients going through a team-building exercise

SKILLS GRADUATION

The 2013-14 Skills Training Program culminated in the graduation ceremonies held at the Faith Baptist Church on May 15, 2014. The graduates sang their inspirational graduation song which embodied their aspirations.

<i>Taglay mo sa bagwis ng iyong paghayo</i>	As you powerfully advance, you hold
<i>Ang pangako ng walang hanggang bukas</i>	the promise of a never ending tomorrow
<i>Pabaon man sa 'yo'y hapdi ng puso</i>	Though your past may be filled with heartache
<i>Aabutin ang pangarap</i>	It won't keep you from your dreams.

The graduates from both Residential and CBM programs proudly earned skills which will allow them to acquire jobs and abilities to provide for theirs and their families' needs.

1 YEAR COURSE	RESIDENTIAL	CBM	COMMUNITY	TOTAL
Baking	14			14
Housekeeping	7	2		9
Garments	6	2		8
Food Preservation	5	3		8
Computer Hardware	2	4	2	8
Electrical & Welding	6	6		12
Motorcycle Mechanic	5	3	1	9
SHORT COURSE				
Massage & Reflexology		5		5
Food Carving	15			15
Driving	3			3
TOTAL GRADUATES				91



SKILLS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING



NAME	OJT	
Ana Cristina Jacob	Thompson Tailoring	July-September 2014
Jenny Alo	Thompson Tailoring	July-September 2014
Ariel Ali	Onesimo Building	June-October 2014
Rodelio Capate	Onesimo Building	June-October 2014
Jenwel Iglosa	Onesimo Building	October-December 2014
Ranel Malate	Electrical Company	August-October 2014
Leoniel Suico	Electrical Company	September- October 2014



ENROLLMENT

Continuing Onesimo Skills Vocational Training in June 2014, Onesimo in partnership with the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriquez Institute of Science

and Technology (EARIST) accepted the following enrollees.

1 YEAR COURSE	RESIDENTIAL	CBM	COMMUNITY	TOTAL
Baking	7	1	4	12
Housekeeping	3			3
Garments	5		3	8
Food Preservation	10	1		11
Computer Hardware	4		5	9
Electrical & Welding	14			14
Motorcycle Mechanic	7	2	2	11
Entrepreneurship	3			3
SHORT COURSE				
Massage & Reflexology		5		5
TOTAL ENROLLEES				76

OTHERS

Bread and Pastry Production National Certificate II assessment on March 19, 2014 at Blue Horizon Maritime Training Center with 8 residential clients and 2 from CBM baking students passing the exam.

These NC-II certifications allow the successful examinees to be accepted in trainor positions aside from providing assurance of competency in the skill trained for.

National Certificate II for Massage & reflexology on Nov. 25, 2014 with 4 beneficiaries from CBM passing the exam.

RENEWAL OF PARTNERSHIP

Last January 2014, the CBM Program Evaluation for the first batch of Church Partners was started. Pastors and Workers were asked a series of questions by the CBM Team after the 2-year CBM Program. The evaluation dealt mainly with the beneficiaries' status, church members' involvement in the program, CBM monthly activities, Pastors and Workers condition, and also if they were still interested to continue the CBM program and partnership with Onesimo Foundation for another term.

The 11 churches renewed their partnership and signed the Memorandums of Agreement for another term of CBM Program. The churches are;

1. Divine Care Mission Center Church
2. Grace of God Community Christian Church
3. Worship God Christian Fellowship
4. International Bible Church East (former IBC Mandaluyong)
5. Bible Believers Baptist Church
6. Jesus Christ the Tree of Life Christian Church
7. International Baptist Church Taytay
8. San Jose Heights Christian Fellowship (formerly Sto. Domingo Evangelical Christian Church)
9. Upper House Christian Church (formerly Jesus Today Christian Center)
10. Galilean Fundamental Christian Baptist Church and activities like trekking, community service and other workshops became a memorable experience to them.



NEW PARTNERS

It took the team two months searching for the right churches to fill the 6 slots for additional CBM Partner Churches to complete the 25 approved by the Onesimo Board. But after rigorous interviews and meetings and ocular inspections, only 5 churches qualified and were accepted for ministry to the urban poor youth-at-risk.

The five new churches are as follows;

1. International Baptist Church Hulo, Mandaluyong
2. Bahay Dalanginan sa Balintawak, Caloocan
3. Mission and Intercession for Asia Harvest Inc., Marikina
4. Payatas International Baptist Church, Quezon City
5. God's Grace Community Christian Church, Dasmariñas City



CBM WORK CAMP

The first (11 churches) and third (5 new partners churches) batch of partner churches participated in the CBM Work Camp held at Grace Land Camp Site, Brgy. Abuyod, Antipolo City last June 30 to July 5, 2014. This was participated in by 123 possible beneficiaries and 4 possible residential clients, 16 Pastors, 29 Workers, 18 IVCF trekkers, the CBM team, Residential House Parents and invited Workshop Facilitators. The whole program of Work Camp was successfully done and created a powerful impact on the beneficiaries and residential clients through the united effort of Onesimo Staff, Pastors and Workers. Remarkable and treasured lessons from them were shared through specific activities namely: **Amazing Race** – where the campers found their respective groups; **Community Service** where all camp participants helped in road cleaning in the community nearest the Camp Site; **Basketball** and

Volleyball Clinic – which was one of the favourite games of Onesimo, they were formally given a full orientation of the game; **Community Bath** – after the muddy obstacle course was done, a Fire Truck loaded with water showered them with clean water, altogether at the Basketball Court; and **Fiesta Night** – camp's last night celebration where they showed their performances and a special meal for all.

Another Work Camp was conducted for those beneficiaries and residential clients who were unable to reach the target date of Outreach Period and Work Camp. The said activity happened last August 26 to 29, 2014 at His Land Campsite, Sta. Maria, Bulacan and participated by 68 beneficiaries, 9 residential clients, 19 Workers, 11 Pastors with the CBM Team and Residential House Parents.

FIRST BATCH BENEFICIARIES

COMPLETION DAY

As the first term of pioneer batch of churches comes to its concluding phase, the first batch of beneficiaries has come to their Completion Day. The Graduation Rites took place last March 15,

2014 at Quezon City Circle Amphitheatre where 110 beneficiaries officially completed the 2-Year CBM Program with their respective Churches.

CHURCH	BENEFICIARIES
Worship God Christian Fellowship	11
Sto. Domingo Evangelical Christian Church	11
Jesus Christ the Tree of Life Christian Church	13
Bible Believers Baptist Church	10
Divine Care Mission Center Church	9
Jesus Today Christian Center	11
International Bible Church – Mandaluyong	10
International Baptist Church - Taytay	11
Grace of God Christian Community Church	7
Payatas Sovereign Grace Christian Church	11
Galilean Fundamental Christian Baptist Church	6
TOTAL	110

THE END RETREAT

A 5-day End Retreat Camp with a theme "Your Direction Not Your Intention Will Determine Your Destination" was conducted last March 17-21, 2014 at Camp Rock, Puerto Galera. This activity focused mainly on the topics of Relationships, Action and Decision as part of preparation for mobilization/reintegration of first batch beneficiaries to their family and community and also as they face a new

journey of their life. The camp was successfully done through the unity of Pastors and Workers who continually give their support and passion to youth-at-risk ministry. Sixty Nine beneficiaries from 11 Churches were able to join the camp while the other beneficiaries were unable because they were already working or had to complete current studies or skills training.

FAMILY RETREAT

The annual Parents' Retreat became a Family Retreat where Parents and Beneficiaries joined as participants of the camp. Its goal was to help them understand the CBM Program and to minister to them through different sessions which are The Value of the Family; Role of Son/Daughter/Parents in the Family; Partnership between God and Family; and Challenge of a

Godly Home. This activity provides fellowship and bonding for the restoration of their relationship and also to let the parents feel that Churches wanted to help not only beneficiaries but also their families.

The camp was held at His Land Resort, Sta. Maria, Bulacan which has four batches (Cluster 1 to 4).

	Date	Beneficiary	Parents	Kids	Pastors/ Workers	TOTAL
Cluster 1	Oct. 9-11	42	37	13	10	102
Cluster 2	Oct. 14-16	44	32	7	18	101
Cluster 3	Nov.26-28	56	46	15	17	134
Cluster 4	Oct. 22-24	56	39	19	16	130
TOTALS		198	154	54	61	467

OTHER CBM ACTIVITIES

Monthly activities designed to sustain the strength and growth of all CBM partners and stakeholders are part and parcel of the CBM program. A youth fellowship gathering all beneficiaries for praise and worship, partaking of the Word of God and sharing of talents refreshes the youth.

The youth workers gather to share experiences, problems, blessings and caring for one another.

The monthly workers gathering helps in the unburdening of spirits and forestalls burn-out in this high stress ministry.

The pastors also have their own monthly fellowship to encourage and strengthen one another. This is an opportunity for the CBM ministry team to apprise the pastors regarding problems or ministry updates.

CAPACITY BUILDING/SEMINAR WORKSHOP

Useful and helpful topics in handling youth at risk and managing some Church matters are the topics for Training and Seminar conducted regularly by CBM team and OFI Staff.

Seminars and 1-day Trainings are conducted for Pastors and Workers that are useful and beneficial in handling youth-at-risk and also a helpful knowledge about ministries of other organizations. A 1-Day Training of *World Teach*

Program was conducted last January 17, 2014 and followed by a Seminar entitled "Managing Ministry Stress" facilitated by Dr. Moises Ardina, Jr. of AGS. Another Seminar entitled "*Disaster Preparedness and Psychospiritual Support*" conducted last April 22, 2014 by the ATS Disaster Volunteer Counsellors. The last seminar was *Foster Care Orientation* facilitated by iFoster last August 7, 2014.

COMMUNITY DAY 2014

Onesimo Community Day provides opportunity for Residential and CBM clients/beneficiaries to share joint fellowship and a happy educational and recreational experience in a resort of note. For most clients and beneficiaries, this is a wondrous event as most urban poor will never have the opportunity to visit theme parks or visit manufacturing plants. There are two Community Days scheduled each year.

The Community Days in 2014 happened last March 13 and August 6. The gatherings were attended by all the Residential clients, CBM beneficiaries, CBM workers, Pastors and staff.



Last March 13, 2014 the morning activity was facilitated by the CBM. The early morning fellowship was at the Parks and Wildlife where Kuya Chris Schneider shared a motivational message with the youth. Right after the morning activity, everyone proceeded to the Lucky Me Noodles and Food factory in Laguna. Lunch

and the rest of the afternoon was spent at the Enchanted Kingdom theme park and carnival.



On the 2nd community day early morning fellowship and games were held at the Quezon City Circle. Everyone enjoyed the morning activities; The residential clients and CBM beneficiaries were given opportunity to perform special numbers showcasing their talents. All of these were enjoyed by the audience. Kuya Chris and his brother's family plus the Discovery Team were on hand to share the joy of this gathering. After the morning activities off we went to the Klir Water Park Resort in Bulacan, where everyone spent the whole afternoon swimming.

HIP HOP 4 HOPE DANCE SHOWDOWN

Onesimo partnered with Steve Won of Hip Hop 4 Hope (see hiphop4hope.com) in reaching out to urban poor kids by providing venues and events showcasing Hip Hop as an alternative to drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and other vices and as a way out of the downslide to crime and corruption.

Steve brought in London-based Filipino breakdance champion, Ereson Catipon (a.k.a. BBoy Mouse) and dance instructors, Michael Antenor and Jimmy Nguyen to introduce HipHop to the slums of Baclaran and Navotas with the help of Onesimo Staff and clients. The highlight of their stay was March 11, 2014, a day-long showdown at the Quezon City Circle where

children from slum communities together with Residential Clients, CBM beneficiaries were treated to demonstrations and instructionals in the different styles of HipHop dance and rap. The members of the Filipino Dance Club "Philippine All-Stars" which had garnered awards in international dance competitions over the years helped out in teaching and challenging the youth.

A great time was had by everyone.

Hip Hop 4 Hope plans a larger outreach event next year with more international participants for the benefit of Filipino Youth at Risk and Slum kids.



A dancer showing off his wares!

Steve, Kuya Chris, members of the team and the Philippine All Stars gather for a memorial picture.



SUMMER YOUTH CAMP WITH ONESIMO (SYCO) 2014

Another year for our Annual Summer Youth Camp. All are excited for new campers, new friends, new souls, new adventures and experiences. Started Last March 24 – May 10, 2014 with Church-based Ministry Churches, 5 partner churches and an Outreach Batch, approximately 475 participants.

“Barkadahan sa Puerto, I-sentro kay Kristo, Bayanihan na, Tara!” was the topic for this 7 weeks camp. The camps’ aim was to encourage youth to center their friendships in Christ like in the Bible story where the paralytic’s friends do their best effort so that their friend will be healed by Jesus. We, likewise, encourage youth to bring their friends to the feet of Jesus.

The greatest challenge to the youth nowadays is surrendering their lives to Jesus, the true friend and companion. This would lead them to a righteous path. A life with Him could alone give us the peace and true love that the youth are looking for.



Campers at play



Pastor Dennis Manas gives a message of hope

Games and showcasing of talents are some of the activities that the youth enjoy during this camp. Groups compete against one another in games of strength and strategy to exercise their talents.

During planning and preparation each batch is tasked to make a theme for their Fiesta Night. The Outreach Camp, which was overseen by leaders from the outgoing Residential batch decided to make their fiesta night a *“Gusto Kong Maging”* theme.

It is an encouragement for us to see these youths act out their dream jobs. Some want to be doctor, soldier, fireman, lawyer, basketball player, and other types of professionals.

While seeing them perform we can't help but pray for them, that they may succeed in their chosen dreams. And that someday we would see them wearing the respective uniforms of their chosen path.

ONESIMO FOUNDATION DAY 2014

The 18th Onesimo Foundation Day celebration held on August 23 was named the "Onesimo Friendship Festival". All residential clients, CBM beneficiaries and their families, partner churches and organizations were invited to participate in the festivities. Most of the performances were traditional Filipino dances and songs and

performed complete with Filipino costumes and Native Pinoy outfits. Games were also Filipino games. Even the Discovery Team sang a Tagalog melody. The whole crowd which came inspite of the rainy weather enjoyed the celebration, songs, dances, games.

Just part of the large appreciative crowd.



Onesimo boys dance in celebration!



The Discovery Team singing a song in the Filipino language



Girls from Mendez Center show off their native costumes.

SPORTS FESTIVAL



Giving it their best for Christ!

Our Annual Sports Fest last November was a 6-day event participated in by Church-Based and Residential Youth. For the first time we were able to add track and field events as additional sports. Our theme was "OFI Strengthening Fellowship". A total of 396 delegates came and participated in the Sports Fest which was held at the Amoranto Sports Complex in Quezon City. The sports they competed were Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Dart, Chess, Badminton and Track and field. We also added some Filipino games and bonding time with some girls at CBM and Residential youth during free time. For the first time track and field was done in 100, 200, 400m, 800m, 1500 and 3000 meter run both in men's and women's divisions. We also had shot put and discus throw.. Additionally we personalized our Onesimo medals this year so the winners were doubly happy and proud of their achievements.



The sweet smile of triumph

FAMILY FUN DAY

First time Onesimo had a Family Fun Day that was participated by the clients and beneficiaries from residential and CBM's with their family, last December 23, 2014. The number of the participants reached 927 including the staff, workers and pastors. There were games, performing talents, raffle and magic show which were part of the program. Together the family enjoyed the whole program and was blessed. Before the program ends, Onesimo gave each family a Christmas groceries that were called by their centers in residential and churches in CBM.

The Family Fun Day was a huge Christmas Party for the whole Onesimo Family - Residential Clients, CBM Beneficiaries, their families, staff, workers and Pastors. 927 people gathered on December 23, 2014 at the covered sports plaza of the Quezon Memorial Circle for a wonderful day of games, raffles, group performances by each residential center and partner church, a fascinating show of magic and sleight of hand, and a mini-concert featuring Pastor Romi Valle, a song leader and writer who created songs about urban poor life and the hardships of street people. His songs resonated with the hearts of the people and everyone sang along to his



Mesmerized by the "magic" show



Onesimo's got talent



A great day capped by gift bags. Onesimo kids, families, pastors and workers together

popular tunes.

The spirit of Christmas giving was alive as each family received a bag of groceries, food they could prepare for their traditional Christmas dinner. Everyone was blessed!

WILLS CORPORATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Wills International Sales Corporation, a Philippine entity supplying bulk raw materials to food providers, held its 12th anniversary last October 4, 2014. It chose to celebrate this occasion in the company of our clients. They recognized the value of Onesimo's mission to the urban poor youth and wished to partner with us.

The event was held at the 3rd floor of the Onesimo building. 44 clients received gift bags and a small amount of cash each. The President and key personnel of Wills joined Onesimo staff and clients in a wonderful celebration. The company also donated a check worth P50,000 to further the work of Onesimo.



Residential Client receiving a gift backpack from Jollibee and Wills Corporation staff



Ate Rose Pecio and Pastor Dennis Manas receiving a check for P50,000 from Wills Corporation President.

LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY CAMP 2014



Onesimo Lighthouse held their family camp last June 12-15 at Camp Rock, Puerto Galera. The event was participated by Onesimo Lighthouse members together with their families and invited pastors. Ms. Jesusa Rivera was the event coordinator who handled the program. The event was attended by 163 participants including the coordinators and the facilitators; the sessions were divided into two, for the parents and for their children. Pastor Rigor, Anthony and Cierbo were the facilitators for the whole camp and the people who handled the children were Naya Sarol, Jessa Viscaya and the wives of the pastors. They had different sessions for the children like Bible stories and sessions about art works

which entertained the children. The theme of the camp was "Isang Katawan" from which the supporting bible verse is 1 Corinthians 12:1-24, the responses are very positive for they reminded the importance of having one body in Christ in a group and family. "This was the most beautiful family camp" as Ms. Jessica said for even though the participants were too many, they handled it well, the participants were quiet and disciplined during their stay, though there were times that they had problems in managing the time, but still they immediately adjust about it. Participants were really cooperative for they all participated in every activities and games during the program.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Onesimo Foundation, Inc. Annual General Meeting was held at the REACH Conference Venue in Quezon City. As is usual, Members of OFI were joined by the members of Onesimo Bulilit. Staff members, workers, pastors and partners of both organizations attended.

This year, Kuya Chris and Ate Christine Schneider were the guest speakers who shared their experiences and inspired everyone during this year's visitation to the Philippines. The Executive Director presented the Annual Report



Ate Christine and Kuya Chris Schneider giving words of encouragement to members and staff.



Board Chairperson, Dr. Annabel Manalo



Pastor BG Polidario, Executive Director giving his report

for 2013. After the program, Onesimo members elected 3 new Board Members to replace Kuya Arven, Pastor Nestor Ravilas and Ate Bernardita "Baby" Amor, whose terms in the Board expired. The new Board Members elected from among the members of Onesimo were Ate Lynette Wartenweiler, Kuya Eugene Villanueva and Ate Josefina "Pine" Gutierrez. The Board elected the officers at the first Board meeting just following the AGM.

STAFF CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

SEMINAR ON DRUG ABUSE

It is important for each and every individual most especially for the youth to be aware of how drug abuse can affect our lives. The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency facilitated the Drug Abuse Seminar last July 22 and 25, 2014 at Onesimo Foundation. The seminar was attended by Onesimo clients and staff. Some of the attendees participated actively, asked questions and shared their experiences about the topic.



Explaining the use of fire extinguisher

FIRE DRILL AND FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS

Onesimo held a fire drill last October 7, 2014. The drill was participated in by the clients and staff and facilitated by the Fire Officers from Bureau of Fire Protection. The facilitators shared their knowledge on how to prevent fire, how to use fire related equipment and on how to be knowledgeable in putting out different types of fire. After the instruction Fire Officers were designated among the staff. The fire drill was conducted immediately after.



Recap and commentary after the fire drill



ONESIMO STAFF RETREAT

Dealing with youth-at-risk and youth-in-conflict with law is always a high stress undertaking. Therefore Onesimo finds ways to provide time for the staff to refresh and unwind. This year the annual Staff and Board Retreat was held at Makiling Re-creation Center in Sto. Tomas, Batangas from October 1-3, 2014. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful venue. Pastor Nestor Ravilas, Onesimo member, gave a wonderful and encouraging message. The staff took the opportunity to discuss and come up with updates to the Operations Manual. This interspersed with times of song, worship and rest assured everyone of a refreshing and fruitful time.

STAFF BONDING

The purpose of Staff Bonding is to deepen friendships and relationships among the staff in a stress-free environment.

Last May 21-27, 2014, members of the MSS, OAEP and SPED departments went north to Sagada town in Mountain Province, one of the most famous and natural tourist attractions in the Philippines. 350kms from Manila, the staff chose to enjoy the beauty of nature through visiting the most famous places there. They experienced trekking, caving and watched a breathtaking mountain sunrise. All the experiences and activities made them more thankful to our

Creator.

The Hundred Islands in Alaminos, Pangasinan and Baguio City were the destinations of the CBM and Residential Departments for their own rest/sabbatical. They went first to the Hundred Islands for island hopping and then proceeded to Baguio. They visited most of the famous parks there and spent much time trekking and taking souvenir pictures together. This was from September 11-13, 2014.



At the famous Lion's Head welcoming visitors to Baguio City.



A group picture at Sagada Town

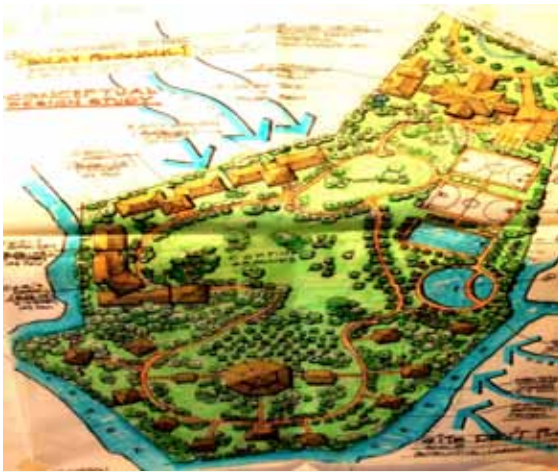


Singing and fellowship

NEW ALTERNATIVE CAMPSITE

A 10 hectare piece of land in Barangay Matalinting, Sta. Maria, Laguna, was acquired by Onesimo for development as an alternative campsite to Camp Rock. It is situated in an area of rolling hills, peppered with fruit trees, quiet and peaceful, with a year-round stream of clean water flowing along its perimeter.

It is envisioned to be developed as a spiritual renewal area for urban poor churches, workers and pastors can rest and pray - and training ground, where clients can acquire skills, health, strength and patience in an agricultural setting.



Early concept drawing for the campsite



Cool breezes, trees and vegetation greet CBM workers on their visit to the place



The stream alongside the campsite.

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