

## **Companion With The Poor, Inc. Youth Camp 2017 Updates**

An average of 57% of the campers who attended this year's youth camp were followed up and channeled to the churches in the community. Youth camp is one of our strategies in reaching out the youth from our church planting communities. Camps serve as avenue for breakthrough among the youth; from their hopeless situation they find meaning when they get to know and encounter Christ during the camp. Companion With The Poor (CWTP) has been organizing youth camps since 2006, many of the campers are now leaders in their respective churches. Some are even motivated to continue and finish their studies, two of them is Ark Ariaga from Antipolo and Renalyn Dalicomoon from Montalban church planting areas who both graduated their bachelor's degree in education.

### **Updates:**

#### **1. Chosen Stone Ministries, Southville 8B, Montalban, Rizal**

Ten (10) of fourteen (14) campers from Chosen Stone Church in Southville 8B are now actively ministering in the church. Some of them are in music ministry, some are teaching in children's ministry, and others are active in cell group ministry. Chosen Stone Ministries is a church planted by CWTP missionaries namely, Moises Maaghop, Ligaya Esquierda, Rebecca Bata-anon and Lindsey McDonald together with the local church partner, Pastor Joseph Monun.



***Pastor Joseph and new music team members from Chosen Stone Ministries***

#### **2. Paopawan Church of Nazarene, Baras, Rizal**

Paopawan church is another church planted by one of the CWTP teams led by Pastor Bart Valeriano with team members Paulette Amoroso, Delia Guera and local church partner, Pastor Nerio Bolic. Out of fourteen (14) campers who attended the camp, seven (7) are regularly attending their Sunday Worship Service and discipleship class in the church.



***Pastor Marvin (in white shirt) with new converts from youth camp namely Joshua, Mj and Wayne***

#### **3. Robes 1, Camarin, Caloocan City**

The church planting team of Pastor Mike Sabalza with two other church planters, Renato Milca Jr. and Marvin Cerina sent ten (10) youth from their community to join the camp. Four

(4) of them attend the church and are now involved in church discipleship program.

#### **4. Christ Life Prayer Ministry International, Manuyo Dos, Las Piñas City**

Christ Life Prayer Ministry International is a church established with Pastor Ronel Severra's team last 2011. The church sent five (5) campers. All of them were unbelievers but they accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior during the camp. Two of them are active in the church ministry.

*Isabel Clavacio playing the guitar, one of the campers, with Katrina Curay (Youth Camp Counselor) during praise and worship practice*



#### **5. Christ Jesus Our Life (CJOL), Arenda, Taytay, Rizal**

CJOL is another church planting ministry in Arenda, Taytay. They sent fourteen (14) participants to the camp. Eleven (11) of them were followed up and channeled to the church. Some of them help in children's ministry and others are active in music ministry. They are also active in other activities in the church.

*Two of the campers (blue and black jackets) are active in children's ministry*



#### **Youth Camp Summary:**

Prayed to receive Christ	: 107
Baptized	: 53
Total Number of Campers	: 134
Camp Staff	: 66
Campers willing to attend Bible Study	: 91

## **Testimonies**

### **From Campers to Counselors**

#### **1. Joshua Evardone**

Joshua Everdone, third among five siblings, joined the camp last April 2016 in Lord's Garden Camp Site. Joshua is now active in the Paopawan Church of Nazarene. He is teaching in Sunday School and one of the church's musician and worship leader.

#### **2. Reggie Boy Cañas**

Reggie Boy Cañas, 17 year old, also joined in 2016 youth camp. "I was not committed in my faith until I joined the camp", Regie remarked. After his breakthrough, Regie continued in attending the church worship services. He started attending discipleship class and later had his own Bible study group in their school.

#### **3. Judith Tomalon**

Judith Tomalon, 17 years old. Judith was invited by her cousin Rico to join the camp. Judith had been ministered during the camp. That time she was in pain because of her parents' separation. She experienced such breakthrough in the camp that's why she continually serves the Lord. From being a Bible study group attendee, now leading her own Bible study group.

#### **4. Maria Jullia Arenos**

Maria Jullia Arenos, 21 years old, attended the camp last 2014. After her breakthrough during the camp, her life has been totally transformed. She grew in her faith and continued serving the Lord through her church in Manuyo Dos, Las Piñas City. This year she joined the camp as one of the counselors and expressed her interest to be trained as a missionary under Companion With The Poor.

#### **5. Gilbert Pajagas Jr.**

Gelbert Pajagas Jr., 14 years old, first time to join this year's camp. Since his father left, his life became miserable and most of the time he spend his night with gay friends. During the camp he received Jesus Christ. He has been ministered for his pain, hurt and disappointment were relieved because of Jesus.

## **Out Next Plans**

1. Train more counselors to actively involve in the consolidation phase.



2. Develop a strategy to help address the needs of the counselors and campers in the area of discipleship.
3. Organize an evangelistic camp.

**Photos:**



*Gilbert Pajagas Jr, left photo taken before joining the camp and right photo after the camp. Gilbert received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior during the camp. Gilbert is attending in Mount Pleasant Community Church in JOVIL, Montalban. This church was planted by CWTP missionaries last 2017.*

*Campers worship God during praise and worship part of the camp. The camp program focused on sharing God's love and salvation. We also led them to lift their voices to God as gestures of worship.*







***Campers during team building activities. One of the reasons why campers are excited in the camp is such as this. Many of the campers experienced family and community during the camp. Some of them tested the fellowship found in the church.***



***Camp Staff worship and prayer gathering during camp preparations. They are composed of counselors and missionaries.***