

SIKATT Update May 2022

Zaldy and Ria lead SIKATT (Christ is the Saviour of Tondo), while other leaders are mostly former SIKATT students who receive food bags every quarter. Since the scheme started, some students have become professionals working variously as an accountant, a computer engineer, a prison officer. We believe the Lord has others who can help with this important ministry, for example, by helping to lead Bible studies and/or contributing funds when they are able.

Zaldy has been studying pastoral leadership for six months and will complete the course in 2 years. He also conducts leadership training in his church.

SIKATT activities:

Thursdays: Online Bible study **Follow up:** Every month, students of SIKATT are given a Bible Study. There are 25 students that need follow up. There is a waiting list and their target is to double the number. Every month, students receive food bags. Some of the funds are from AMEN. Funds are always a challenge!

Campus Ministry. Their vision is to evangelise the High School and Senior High School students of which there are 7-8 High Schools they can go in. They are doing this in a very small way. What would help them expand their passion for this work is to have more funds to sustain it. They have sent out letters and received some donations but the problem is the irregularity or just one-off gifts. The money will go towards transport, food or snacks while they have the meetings twice a month. This campus ministry plus the SIKATT students is their greatest passion and they believe that is what God has called them to do.

Some stories of SIKATT Students:

Mark Angelo was a student from 2018-2019. Today he is a prison officer, having finished his BSc in Criminology. He says, "God has used me to share his Word in prison too". Today, he supports a student.

Arnel, another SIKATT student, aged 19, was invited to their leadership training course. At that time, he was studying under the alternative learning system (ALS) even though he was a school dropout due to lack of finance. He attended a one year tutorial in Maths and English as well as Bible studies. This helped him in thinking about his beliefs and gave him consistency in his faith. He passed after 10 months of study and enrolled in college – Manila Business College. He worked in several places and paid for his fees including the entrance examination. He transferred to another college and studied communication. He was so competent that he was offered a scholarship and studied for 4 years. His thesis was chosen by the university as an institutional research paper. He finished his degree with excellence. He says he wants to help a SIKATT student as he was one of them himself. At 24, he will be joining the Philippine Airforce as a media officer. It was becoming a SIKATT student that changed the whole direction of his life.