

CTTP Newsletter

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Dear CTTP Family,

We've been praying for a deeper understanding of what it means to truly follow Christ, and God is faithfully answering! We're excited to share some encouraging updates on how our church is growing in discipleship. Please continue to pray with us to be of one mind as we take our discipleship journey more intentionally.



CTTP Expanded Discipleship Team undergoes the pilot run of Discipleship Reset and Retreat in Nagcarlan, Laguna before cascading to the local churches.

What does discipleship look like?

If someone regularly attends Sunday services, joins church activities, and even leads a small group — would that be enough to depict discipleship?

For many church members, “discipleship” is a familiar word, often heard in preachings and conversations. Yet when it comes to daily living, the concept can be vague. Is discipleship only for leaders? Is it limited to one's spiritual life? What does it truly mean to live as a disciple of Christ? To bring a clearer and more practical picture of this, the National Discipleship Team of Christ to the Philippines, Inc. (CTTP) has been conducting Discipleship Resets and Retreats across its local churches.

As followers of Christ, discipleship is not optional. It is a command that Jesus Himself gave in what believers now call the Great Commission, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19–20).

The Discipleship Reset and Retreat is a weekend program designed to realign members' understanding of discipleship with what the Scripture teaches. It consists of two (2) parts: 1) Reset Cascade, and 2) **Retreat**.



On the left, CTP Daraga and CTP Bogtong **doing a learning exercise preparatory to culture reset**. On the right, CTP Iriga and CTP Pantao identify the helping and hindering behaviors within their church.

The Reset Cascade walks churches through **four (4)** levels of reset that every believer has to experience: **1) personal, 2) discipleship, 3) church, and 4) culture**. **It also touches on an introduction to HALO** — Holiness, Accountability, Love, and Obedience — which form the foundation of the Christ Discipleship Roadmap (CDR), CTP framework for living out the discipleship journey.

“Natuwa po ako na nabigyan ang mga mentors ng growth guide para ma-check ang spiritual life ng mga mentees nang sa gayon ay matugunan ng tama ang pangangailangan ng mga ito,” expressed Ptra. Jonelee Maquiñana who attended the cascade in CTP Daraga.

(“I’m glad that mentors now have a growth guide to help assess the spiritual life of their mentees. This way, they can better address their needs.”)

This highlights that discipleship goes beyond programs or teachings. It is rooted in relationships, which, by nature, can be complex and sometimes messy. That’s why the second part of the program, the **Retreat**, plays such a crucial role. It offers a safe space for confession, restoration, and mutual encouragement, allowing discipleship to grow through genuine connection and grace.



March 2025 — A *Kumustahan* **with CTP Bohol leaders** during their Retreat, exactly one year after their **Reset cascade** in March 2024.

As Elesio Maquiling, Jr. of CTPP Dauis shared, “The most impactful session is when we were asked to confess things that would hinder us in serving God. It made me realize that it does not only affect my relationship with God, but also the way I serve Him.”

In the same way, Lito Bulanun of CTPP Alas Asin was encouraged by the openness of the team, *“Ako ay nahamon sa mga nag-testimony dahil ang naranasan nila ay nararanasan ko rin, at kung paano sila nagtagumpay ay magtatagumpay rin ako.”*

(“I was challenged by the testimonies because I’ve experienced the same struggles. Seeing how they overcame gives me hope that I can too.”)

Elesio and Lito’s realizations illustrate how the body of Christ is interconnected — when one member falls into sin, the whole church feels the weight; when one member triumphs, the entire church rejoices.



Ptr. Rex Saleng (left), Ilocano District Director, and his wife, Ptr. Sharon Saleng (right) shares their testimonies during the Retreat in CTPP Palan-ag.

These programs are anchored in the ultimate goal of discipleship, as described by the Apostle Paul, “Him [Jesus] we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ” (Colossians 1:28).

Since its launch in 2024, 39 local churches have already benefited from the Reset and Retreat runs. Upcoming runs are scheduled in North and South Bicol District churches for the 3rd quarter of the year.

Sowing seeds through values education

CTTP Nagcarlan continues its partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) to bring Values Education to preschool and elementary students in Nagcarlan, Laguna. Since 2019, the church has sent out 24 volunteers to serve at Crisanto Guysayko Memorial Elementary School (CGMES) and at Living Hope Learning School, reaching children from Kindergarten to Grade 6.



Dr. Erlinda Rapirap, Principal of CGMES, expressed her gratitude to CEF for their role in guiding the students, especially in the wake of the pandemic. She shared that the return to face-to-face classes has brought new behavioral challenges among students but the partnership between teachers and churches has made it easier to nurture biblical values in the classroom.

Teachers also observed that CEF's weekly classes have introduced meaningful and enjoyable activities — such as singing, dancing, games, and verse memorization — offering students a refreshing break from their usual academic routines.



CTTP Nagcarlan partners with Jesus is Lord (JIL) Nagcarlan in teaching Grades 3–6 students at CGMES twice a week.

Through this initiative, CTTP Nagcarlan is not only teaching values — it is building relationships, planting seeds of faith, and nurturing the next generation in the love and truth of Christ.

Join us!

The CTTP National Convention is our annual gathering of pastors and ministers — a time for encouragement, equipping, and unity in the body of Christ. This year, the convention will be held online via Zoom, making it accessible wherever you are!

- Zoom access is exclusive to registered participants
- All CTP members are warmly invited to tune in via [Facebook Live](#)!

Thank you so much for all your labor. We appreciate your prayers and support as we continue to reach out to the Philippines and to the nations for God's glory!

In Christ,

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Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to our charity newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our donors and volunteers who have continued to support us during these challenging times. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep our programs running smoothly and effectively.

In terms of our recent activities, we have successfully launched a new initiative to provide education and resources to underprivileged children in our area. This program aims to improve access to quality education and promote a love for learning among young students.

We are also excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual charity auction next month. This event is a fun and interactive way to support our cause while also enjoying great food, drinks, and entertainment. We hope to see you there!

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our charity relies on the kindness and support of our community. If you are able to donate your time or resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Charity team x

In this newsletter you can expect:

Community Updates

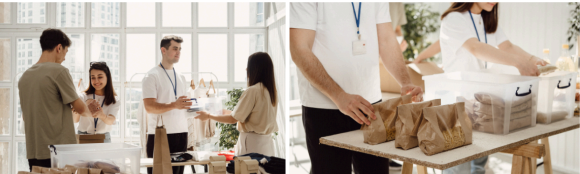
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Staff Profile Highlights




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Volunteer Spotlight

This month's volunteer is Reese Miller and her sister Olivia Wilson.

It's wonderful to recognise this duo for their volunteer work this month. Their selflessness and dedication to helping others are truly inspiring.

Let's take a moment to appreciate their efforts and encourage others to follow in their footsteps.

When they aren't volunteering, you'll find these sisters enjoying the beach and hanging out with friends!




05 May 2035

Event News

Join us for our upcoming food drive and help make a difference in our community. Let's work together to fight hunger and provide support to those in need. Here are the details:

- Date: 05 May 2035
- Time: 10am-12pm
- Location: 123 Anywhere St., Any City
- All are welcome to participate and volunteer.
- Donations of non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated.
- Let's make a positive impact in our community and help those in need.



Stories of impact: this month's story is about how Olivia went from homelessness to back on her feet.

Olivia was once homeless and struggling to get by. She felt like she had hit rock bottom and didn't know where to turn.

That's when she discovered our local charity organisation that helped provide food, shelter, and resources for those in need. With their help, Olivia was able to get back on her feet. She received job training and found employment, which allowed her to save up enough money to eventually secure her own apartment.

The support and guidance from our charity organisation gave Olivia hope and a renewed sense of purpose. She is now giving back by volunteering her time and resources to help others in need. Olivia's story is a testament to the power of charity and how it can change lives for the better.

Olivia's story is a powerful reminder that everyone deserves a safe and comfortable place to call home.

By creating environments that feel like home, we can help those who have experienced hardships feel a sense of comfort, security, and hope for the future.

Let's continue to support local charity organisations that make a difference in people's lives and consider how our design work can positively impact those in need!

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