

# 2024 MAR APRIL Philippine Mission News Leyte and Samar

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## HIGHLIGHTS



Family Day (Bible Reading)



Singing Retreat



Baptism

## Family Day: Bible Reading Retreat

Last Mar 28 during holy week celebrations, Utap Church scheduled a whole day Bible Meditation and Family Day at Villa Francisco Resort. The Bible meditation which centered on the book of Hosea included a devotional, sharing of lessons and answering Bible trivias on Hosea. After meditation, families enjoyed swimming in the pool. A variety of foods were brought by the brethren for sharing for our sumptuous fellowship lunch. The brethren went home fully fed spiritually and physically. May the Lord's body grow healthy and strong.



## LCC Singing Retreat

After the Bible meditation and Family Day, Leyte Christian College (LCC) scheduled a singing workshop wherein brethren from Utap, Tunga, Tagpuro and LCC students and staff participated. New songs like "Living hope" and "No longer a Slave" in acapella were introduced. Some basic tips in reading notes and leading songs were also shared by Reuel Belo. The whole group enjoyed a video recording of their songs.



## Heavenward Bound

The Tunga church misses another pioneering member, Gina Puyat, 52 yr old, who passed away last Dec 26 while working as a domestic helper at Saudi Arabia. She has left a husband and an only son.

After more than 2 months her remains arrived in the Philippines March 2. Upon arrival, Utap Church led a funeral service and the interment the following day. Tunga church was started more than 10 years ago by the Utap Tacloban church and is now operating on its own with their own leaders and preachers. "May all God's singers get home"



## Baptism of 2 souls at Tanauan

Last March 22, two (2) souls (Nelia and Reymart) were added to the Tanauan church led by Milbert Ayawan. God has blessed our outreach efforts there since one of our regular listener, Nelia, a widow, surrendered her life to Jesus. Also Reymart, a young student who is interested to study the Bible at LCC also submitted to baptism. May God be praised and may we not be weary in doing good.

Jack and Telly Belo were there to share some encouragement after their baptism at a nearby beach.



# Outreach Program

Outreach efforts are going on as usual including Bible workshops, evangelism, Bible studies, teaching children, doorknockings, edification, and benevolence to places like Carigara, Tanauan, Pastrana, Sta Rita, Tolosa, Sta Fe, Tunga and to all who needs our assistance.

The church is also grateful to apprentices from LCC who help in teaching kids and evangelism on the weekends . May we be good stewards of the resources we have.





## Unexpected Blessings

Dale and Karen Byrum again has shared with Utap Church some wonderful Bible Teaching aids for teaching children. These materials will come in handy for the Vacation Bible School planned by the church on June. Thank God for people who are concerned for the Lord's work here. May we always be fruitful.



## Miriam and Matt's visit from Arizona, USA.

The church is happy to welcome the visit of Miriam and Matt from Arizona, USA. Miriam who arrived Tacloban April 11, was able to share testimonies of God's goodness during one of our regular schedules to our outreach churches at Carigara and Tanauan.

Testimonies of our personal walk with God together with the Scriptures are a big encouragement to the brethren. May we always proclaim to all the goodness of God. May God's work be strong always. Miriam and Matt who cannot come to visit often spent memorable moments of bonding with Jack and Telly Belo and with the rest of the family.

The church wants to thank Miriam also for connecting our church to other church family in Arizona.

## Laborers in the Vineyard

Utap church is blessed to have Leyte Christian College that provides apprentice workers to help in evangelism, teaching kids, and leading the youth during weekends.

At the right is a photo of the third-year students of LCC in the class 'Preacher's Life and Works,' taught by Reuel Belo. These are the future laborers in the vineyard.



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# RANDOM GALLERY



MAR 28 CHURCH FAMILY DAY



APRIL- MATT AND MIRIAM'S VISIT TO TACLOBAN



MAR 29- SINGING RETREAT/WORKSHOP  
AT LCC CAMPUS



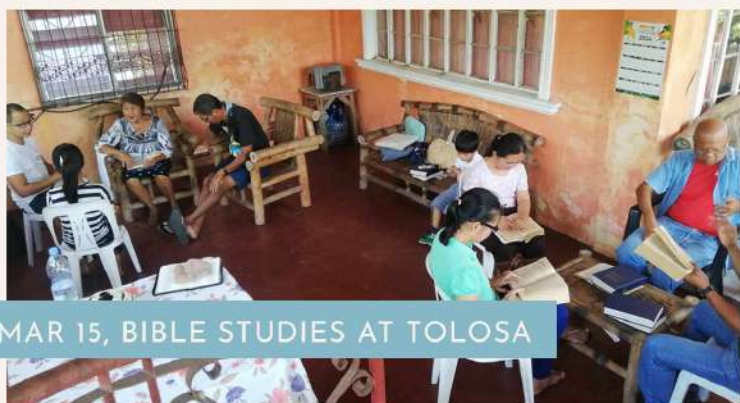
FEB 10- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ECOVILLE



MAR 3- SISTER GINA'S FUNERAL SERVICE



APRIL 26- BIBLE SHARING AT TANAUAN



MAR 15, BIBLE STUDIES AT TOLOSA



APRIL 5- BIBLE STUDY AT STA. RITA SAMAR