

# The *Island Planter*

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## **Cebulan and Dacoville Unites on Bread breaking**

By: Jonathan N. Babao

At 6:00 in the evening of June 29, 2003, CES little Flock Fellowship in Dacoville together with the Cebulan Temple of Christ unites for the Bread Breaking service right at the Fellowship Center of the Temple of Christ, Cebulan, Astorga, Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur. Brother Ben Kiamco III, Brother Willie Matub and Brother Roger Dao and other leaders coordinated to make this activity possible. Brother Willie explained the significance of this activity during his message and quoted Acts 2:42-47 about the

early Church activities. The Dacoville young people's group lead the Praise and worship service while Brother Carlos Golis acted as the service leader. The shared supper ended at 9:00 p.m. A group of young people in Cebulan attended the gathering while the group of a breakaway from the Temple of Christ just watch by. *The activity is the first to happen after the alliance of the CES and the Temple of Christ.* Brother Ben Kiamco III, Brother Willie Matub and other leaders promised to keep this activity alive to strengthen relationship among the saints in Cebulan and CES Fellowships in Davao City.

## **LDT Starts For Davao and Cebulan Leaders**

By: Anecito E. Niño

A leader's doctrinal Training (LDT) conducted by Brother Willie Matub is happening every Sunday afternoon, at the CES Conference Center in Coronon, Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur, For the Leaders of Cebulan, Dacoville and Green Meadows Mintal. On the first session, the topic was focused on the qualities and attitudes of a good leader quoting Chapter 3 of I Timothy verses 1-13, Titus 1:5-9 and I Peter 5:1-6. On the second session, the topic was about the Bible giving emphasis on its blessings, characteristics, authority as well as the different versions of the English Bible from ancient copies and the Original God breath Word. It is our desire that all CES Leaders will be equipped with basic doctrinal knowledge, and that is why this LDT is organized. It is a sad thing to know that some of these leaders attending the said training don't even have a good bible of their own and their knowledge of the word is very limited, yet their commitment in serving the Lord compels them to study more of God's written word despite persecutions they have encountered along with their Families.

## **CES – OSY STARTS LIVELIHOOD PROJECT**

By: Marina N. Magallon

The out of school youth (OSY) members of the CES little Flock fellowship of Davao City, is presently building a poultry house for two hundred Broiler chicks. This livelihood project is expected to help the out of school youth who are now residing at the CES Little Flock Fellowship Conference Center in Coronon Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur. Finance matters is shouldered and managed by Brother Willie Matub, and this includes food, allowance budget plus construction expenses. Bro. Willie and the OSY believed that this project will financially support the OSY in the future. At present the CES is in the process of making a real home for the homeless youth and is inviting everyone to visit and get involved and to support this project.

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## THE MESSAGE

What a great blessings when all the members of the body of Christ get involved in strengthening each part. The result is tremendous! Imagine the saints got excited reading reports and letters from different areas where the believers said we have been moving the word and many got saved, received the word through bible studies and they received the LORD Jesus in their lives. There are things more to be desired than hearing hundreds being saved. What about the spiritual growth of everyone who adheres the truth? Apostle John declares this in his epistle by saying "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth" (III John verse 4). I have been informed recently with many accomplishments by leaders in the Provincial outreaches, and I am so excited that they have done such a wonderful moved of getting more people in their fellowships. But what we need more is to let people know more of the word not just being excited, Paul said his desire is the salvation of the Jews because the Jews has a zeal but their zeal is not according to knowledge Romans 10:1-2.

## CES Women Met other Women

By: Jeanette Azcona

The CES women of Dacoville Subdivision and Temple of Christ of Cebulan meet with the Layang Rehas Fellowship of Lubogan and Elohim Church of Davao City, on June 3, 2003 at the LRF center in Lubogan, Toril, Davao City. Women members of these Churches decided to unite for intercessory prayer and fellowship. Special numbers like songs in groups, solos and hearing God's word in admonition was part of the affair. There were testimonies edifying everyone present. Sister Nemia Dimaano from the Elohim Church was the guest speaker who shared the word for us. We spent sometime for prayer with the list of needs from women who represented the area. The CES women's gathering is conducted every First Saturday of the Month, but the June 3 gathering was a special one since others Church like LRF and Elohim wanted to come in to met with the CES women. It is expected that this activity will faster deep Christian relation among the women in these participating churches. ("For your Prayer requests don't hesitate to email us at CESwomen1@hotmail.co").

## THE VISITORS DOCTRINE

By: Rogelio M. Dao

It was so wonderful morning when a white car made a sudden stopped outside my humble home and I was so surprised seeing my old friend alighted from the white car driven by somebody unknown to me. I have been visiting this friend of mine before and because of many activities I was unable to visit him for a couple of months and instead he visited me. While drinking coffee served by my wife, Tanie introduced his friends and said that his two other companions were missionary Baptist ministers. Their purpose in coming to my house was just to correct some teachings that they've heard from me during the time I had with Brother Tanie. What teaching would you like to correct? I simply asked. They said your teaching about baptism! The baptism according to them so important to salvation is the water baptism in which John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and the disciples taught. I gave them sometime to explained and humbly listening to their weird exposition of the verses like Mark 16:16 and other verses that I know they misunderstood. Then I said I think you need to listen to me before you go on further, as it would be unfair for you to correct my belief without listening to me first. First the water baptism is true during the time of the Mosaic law and John the Baptist. I am a Christian and not a Baptist like you, I am for Christ that's why I am a Christian. In II Corinthians 11:1 Paul said follow me as I follow Christ. I watch their faces in astonishment and then open Matthew 3:11 where John the Baptist said "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry." He will baptize you with the holy spirit...". I asked them several questions regarding verses that states about that Jesus is Lord and the Father is God, like Acts 2:36, they have a hard time explaining them and so they decided to leave and promised to return after a few days, but until this time I see their faces no more. I missed many friends who doesn't visit me anymore and stopped their communication with me because they thought my doctrine is weird and a cult. I met several religious leaders who belong to a group of "Jesus Christ the name above every name" this group came out from Oneness who believe that Jesus is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I gave them some questions like John 17:1ff where Jesus prayed to his Father, Matthew 26:36-43 and John 11:41-42. I said these will be their homework or assignment, because I have been confused with a God who pray, Can a God pray? To whom? And Why? None of them submit an answer yet and I am still waiting.

### TESTIMONY ABOUT A MIRACLE

By: Ernesto Nemir

I almost can't believe it, but it really happened. One night a bursts of gun fire shatters the peaceful village where I have been staying for several years along with my family. All the Villagers just stuck in their houses and nobody go out for fear of being hit by the bullets sprayed by the unknown sickly minded group. In the morning we all in a hurry getting up to see what had happen. We were so terrified when we saw hundreds of empty shells coming from assorted rifles that hit the walls of several homes plus 3 live RPG shells that that doesn't explode. I just can't hold my emotion but said, **THANK YOU GOD FOR THE MIRACLE.**

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### PRAYER LIST:

1. We found a 600 Square meters vacant lot owned by the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation and for sale in a very reasonable price for only P 300,000. or \$ 6000. US dollars. This lot will be utilized for our Fellowship center, Staff house, Office and Primary school.
2. The Kabacan and Cebulan Fellowships needs 70 Cebuano Bibles for Leaders and new Believers.

### CES IP STAFF TRAINING

By: Anecito Niño

The area coordinators of Davao City, Cebulan, and Mintal sent representatives joining the Island Planters staff training seminar conducted on June 14 and 21. It was held in CES conference center in Coronon, Davao del Sur and Mrs. Marina N. Magallon, CES volunteer trainer gave the techniques on straight news writing on June 14 and discussed the feature news writing on June 21. The participants after this training, were organized to write for community government, congregation, and are expected to contribute more articles for the Island Planter newsletter in the future.



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We heartily encourage you to send us inspirational writings, personal sharing and articles that is biblically sound. We will edit them for readability and length, though we will try hard to keep this to minimum. We try to publish everything you send as much as possible.

The Editors

***“FOR I REJOICED GREATLY WHEN BRETHERN CAME AND TESTIFIED OF THE TRUTH THAT IS IN YOU, JUST AS YOU WALK IN THE TRUTH. I HAVE NO GREATER JOY THAN TO HEAR THAT MY CHILDREN WALK IN TRUTH.”***

**3 JOHN 3,4**

## A LOT OF THINGS TO DO

By: Jane C. Kiamco

It was a very tiresome job but we all enjoyed it as we were learning the word and not just enjoying the company of getting together with other like minded saints. There are days that we have to separate and divide the group just to accommodate other homes and areas. Here are the schedules that we have and we are so privileged to be able to impart our knowledge of the word. Tuesday evening, we gather in the home of Amy Canada, Wednesday evening we gather in two separate homes, Cabedian and Chucky's homes. Thursday we gather in the home of Pescadero and Friday evening we gather in three

separate areas, Don Lorenzo Village, ODEM Village and Kadato Village. Every Saturday the youth along with some other women will spend half of the day for Praise and worship practice with the musicians and those who will share some songs before the teaching on Sunday Fellowship. Sunday morning from 8:30 – 12:00 noon is our Fellowship along with all the saints from different areas. Aside from the weekly activities, we also have a monthly activity called Bread breaking which was conducted in the house of a Brother who will host the said activity. Our quarterly Bread breaking will be a merged of the saints in Cebulan and the Dacoville and Mintal, Davao City.

## *Letters from the Saints*

### **The effective Prayer of a Child**

Dear Saints,

I hope that this simple story will be a blessing to you as it blessed believers here in Dacoville, Davao City. Our youngest sister Hazel is just 3 years old but she has been taught that prayer can heal sickness. Last week before our Thursday night bible study in Pagkakaisa Village, fever and body pain seems holding me to attend the activity. But I still managed to attend with less attention due to the fever and body pain. On Friday morning I didn't get up early as I am feeling dizzy and didn't able to take my breakfast. Hazel who seems bothered not seeing me on the table got into my room and said, ATE (the way younger sister called the older one) are you still sick? Why don't you allow me to pray for you? So I nod in agreement thinking it's just a childish thought. So she prayed anyway and I was just lying on my bed listening to her muttering words that I hardly even understood some of it. But when she finished praying for me she said come on get up, so I just followed her for me to take some bite in the kitchen, but to my amazement the body pain and fever just gone! I shook my head and nothing was there and so I praised God for my sister who was a blessing to me and whose faith is bigger than mine, Oh what an example.

Your Fellow Planter,  
Key C. Kiamco / Davao City

### **The no ending Battle**

Dear Fellow Planters,

Recently a group of believers from the assembly of God Church assaulted our leaders in Cebulan by insulting them, saying that our teachings are erroneous. From the start of the true teachings here in Cebulan, a number of leaders deserted me but others remained strong and studied more of the word. I sometimes got discouraged seeing those people that I have work hard to become believers, yet now they seems far away from me. Had they listened carefully they would have known the value of the truth, just as the man who find treasures in the field. I learned something that in the war, there are casualties, and so is with spiritual battle, we loss some, but we got some. Please continue to pray for us. Our prayers is that more believers here can have more knowledge of the word and that we can have more research materials and most specially bibles for at least 20 saints who desires to learn more of the word. Lastly, we need a motorbike for our visitations and bible studies that we can be there on time.

The Under siege Planter,  
Benjamin Kiamco III / Cebulan

