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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

"SUDDENLY A GREAT COMPANY OF THE HEAVENLY
HOST APPEARED WITH THE ANGEL, PRAISING GOD
AND SAYING, 'GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
HEAVEN, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON
WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.' "

Luke 2:13-14

In these times of uncertainty, may we find assurance in one thing—Jesus Christ became human and lived among us so that he can save us from our sins. Let us give thanks to God for this immeasurable gift, and let us keep looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Special programs for a special time of the year

Scholars' Bible Study and Christmas fellowship

On December 9, the scholars continued their study of the Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren, facilitated by Ms. Lily Torrente and moderated by Ms. Cora Cabaron. This segment of the lessons dealt with relationships with our faith communities.



The end of the session was a special Christmas lunch followed by a joyful Christmas fellowship that started with the singing of Christmas carols and opening remarks by Richard Q. See, former UCMPFI college scholar and recent *summa cum laude* graduate of Adamson University. Trustee Emmy Huang gave a short message in which she celebrated the close ties that the scholars have forged among themselves after meeting as strangers. Trustee Nadine Sarreal introduced her Christmas prayer by discussing the power of prayer and the importance of proper praying habits.



Volunteer Cora Cabaron, with her scholars team, led the games, making the afternoon fun and exciting. The fellowship ended with the distribution of UCMPFI gift packs to the scholars.

Present in the Bible Study and Christmas Fellowship were 27 GEESE and 3 TRACE scholars, 3 graduated college scholars, 2 volunteers, 1 parent of a GEESE scholar, 2 Trustees, and Project Coordinator Lolit Paloma and Assistant Rangel Dilfenado.



Special thanks to graduated college scholar Richard See as well as Foundation volunteers for wrapping the gift packs for the scholars and the CENEP children.



Our generous donors

The Foundation received an outpouring of gifts from various groups this year.

First was the donation to the Foundation of the proceeds of the Elephant Stories Family Photography portrait sessions held on November 26, 27, and 28 at Union Church of Manila.



Then came the annual shoebox gift packs from the personnel of the Metrobank People Management Division, Human Resources Management Group.



Last but not least were the bountiful food bowls provided by the parents of pupils at Greatstart International School in Mandaluyong. Greatstart is a world-class international preschool for children ages 18 months to kindergarten. Led by School Head Mariquit Tamayo, the school donated on December 12 food bowls to the 44 pupils of CENEP Mandaluyong.



Christmas party!

To end 2023 with joy and merriment, the three CENEP sites held a Christmas program at their respective sites. Special activities and festive food had been prepared for the children to remember the day before the start of the year-end break. Parents of CENEP pupils actively participated in the preparations for the much-awaited year-end celebration. Games and gift-giving highlighted the programs.



CENEP Mandaluyong



CENEP Marikina



CENEP Project 8

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