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A Dinner to Remember

More than 100 guests attended the 2024 Appreciation Dinner held on April 16 at the Fellowship Hall of Union Church of Manila. UCMPFI Chairman Cesar Virata gave a short message sincerely thanking donors, partners, volunteers, and all those who have given support to the Foundation through the years. He briefly presented the Foundation's accomplishments in 2023, providing the number of beneficiaries served last year as well as the total served over the years.

A video presenting the Foundation's programs was shown. Those present were treated to special numbers—a touching kundiman song rendered by a college scholar and a group performance by CENEP children from Mandaluyong.

CENEP Facilitator Teacher Rufa Mercado gave a talk on the challenges as well as rewarding experiences in her 20 years of service with CENEP in Mandaluyong. A GESE scholar and a TRACE program alumna both described their struggles as students and expressed their gratitude at how UCMPFI helped them. Dr. Sally Ingua of the Department of Education in Makati City reiterated the valuable role played by UCMPFI in the education of youth.

The event was capped by a sumptuous buffet.





A Bible Study to Not Forget

On April 6, 27 GEESE scholars and one TRACE scholar attended the final session of this school year's Bible Study. The series on **The Purpose Driven Life** book by Rick Warren was concluded by Ms. Lily Torrente, who served as the series facilitator, assisted by volunteer coordinator Cora Cabaron. Also present in the last session were UCMPhFI Trustee/Administrator Nadine Sarreal, volunteer Lou Pablo, and two TRACE graduates—Judyann Alvez and Joje Ariego.

In the session, the scholars were asked to write what they learned from the book study, how they think the book itself will have impact on their life, what they discovered about themselves, and what actions or steps they are willing to take to move forward.

The scholars' most important takeaways, which the Foundation hopes they will always keep in mind, are their five purposes:

1. To know and love God.
2. To love others.
3. To grow up spiritually (to think and act like Jesus)
4. To serve God by serving others
5. To tell others about God's love.



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