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October at UCMPFI: Books, Costumes, the Bible, Medical Care, etc.

CENEP: blessed with books

The Union Church of Manila Philippines Foundation, Inc. (UCMPFI) was recently blessed with a generous donation of books from The Bookmark, Inc. The books are in support of the Foundation's Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program (CENEP), with three pre-school sites in Metro Manila (Mandaluyong City, Marikina City, and Cainta, Rizal).

The books for children, 3.5 to 4.5 years of age, include story books (a great help to teachers for story-telling time) and learning workbooks (for individual seatwork activities). Also donated were cookbooks that will provide the CENEP cooks with new ideas on preparing nutritious meals for the children.

Having an abundant supply of good books will help instill love of reading and boost the learning experience of the children. At the same time, the CENEP teachers will have ample materials for daily classroom activities spanning an entire school year.

Our deep appreciation to The Bookmark Inc. for such a welcome assistance to the CENEP, one of the flagship programs of UCMPFI.



CENEP: more than books and food

CENEP children are provided not only with daily nutritious food and basic pre-school learning. The year-long program also helps them develop holistically, as their daily classroom activities include playtime and games where they learn social skills which are an important part of their growth.



CENEP: learning about world peace

The three CENEP sites, Mandaluyong, Marikina, and Cainta, organized activities on October 28, 29, and 30, respectively, to observe the annual United Nations celebration. This year's theme is "Cultivating a Culture of Peace." With parents thrilled to see their children dressed in the national costume of their country of choice, the celebrations were a sight to see -- children enjoying their colorful costumes and performing their rehearsed numbers; parents sharing their children's excitement.

UCMPFI believes that letting the CENEP children experience all the programs that formal schools hold gives them a head start when they move up to kindergarten and grade school after completing their school year with CENEP.



Volunteers orientation for Medical/Dental Mission

On October 12, 2024, UCMPFI held a volunteers orientation meeting at UCM to discuss preparations for the medical and dental missions scheduled in November 2024. Twenty-four volunteers attended, each of whom agreed to be assigned a certain task to perform and committed to be present on specific dates to make sure the missions at the three CENEP sites will be sufficiently served.

Another volunteers meeting will be held on November 9 to clarify mission procedures and arrangements and firm up volunteers' commitment to their agreed tasks.

UCMPFI acknowledges the donation of food supplements from Prosel Pharma and The Cathay Drug received in October 2024. Support such as this inspires the Foundation to continue serving target communities through its bi-annual medical/dental missions.



GEESE: learning about and thanking God

Twenty-nine GEESE scholars and three TRACE scholars attended the third Bible study for SY 2024-2025, held on October 5 at UCM, facilitated by Ms. Lily Torrente.

Apart from providing the scholars with a forum to share their views on their faith and beliefs, the monthly meetings also serve to strengthen their social interaction. During this session, October birthday celebrators were greeted and prayed for.

In the fellowship portion, the scholars were challenged to exercise their creativity and expend youthful energy through a contest in which they presented imaginative group dances with only a 5-minute preparation time. With the usual food treat, the Bible Study session ended as a birthday party.



Do visit our website www.ucmpphilfoundation.org to know more about the Foundation's activities and to participate in continuing to provide a better life to these children and young people. For your inquiries, please call (63 2) 8812-6062 or 8812-5609 or email us at ucmpfi@gmail.com.