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CENEP children undergo first assessment test for SY 2025-2026

After two months of attending regular classes, CENEP children are now accustomed to the classroom routine. They have learned songs, the alphabet, numbers, and other pre-school lessons. When learning starts with enjoyable activities such as fun games, children are more eager to go to school.

In September 2025, children in the four CENEP sites had their first assessment tests covering the subjects Math, Science, English, and Filipino. The children are now expected to be able to identify colors, letters, numbers, and pictures. The tests are carried out by each teacher assisting one or two children at a time and giving them simple instructions to answer each question. These tests serve as a diagnostic tool not only to measure each child's level of learning but also to check the effectiveness of the teaching curriculum.



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Apart from the learning activities, the CENEP program makes sure that the enrolled children enjoy and benefit from the two meals served to them daily. Through this program, UCMPSFI actively responds to the World Bank report that ***“A Filipino child with optimal nutrition will have greater cognitive development, stay in school longer, learn more in school, and have a brighter future as an adult; undernutrition robs other children of their chance to succeed.”***



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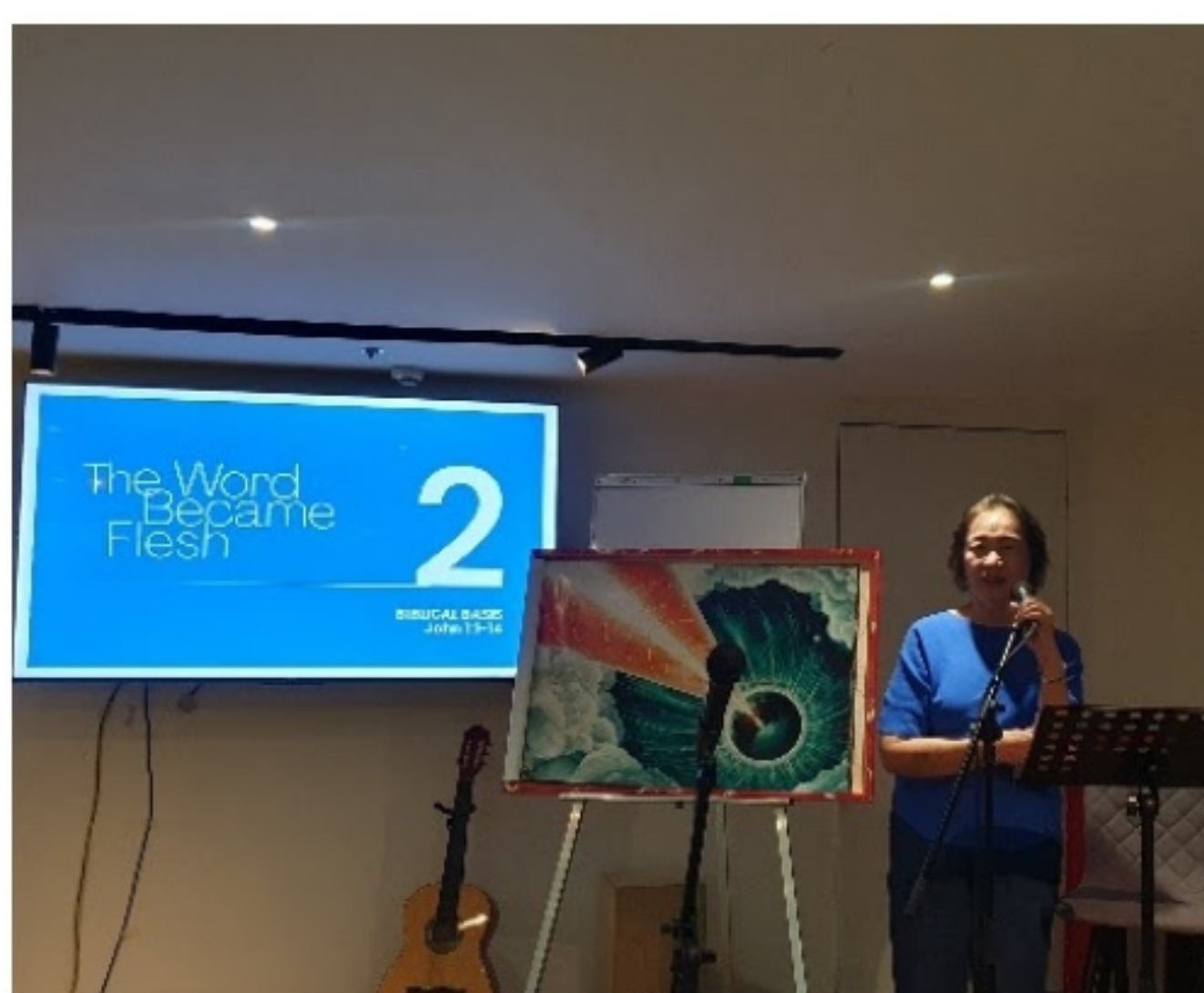


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GRACE and TRACE scholars meet anew

Thirty-one GEESE and TRACE scholars attended the monthly fellowship meeting at Union Church of Manila on September 6. These students, coming from different schools, enrolled at various grade levels, and emerging from disparate family situations, find common ground in these meetings where they develop new friendships and discover a second family. The meetings serve as a safe place for them to connect and share their thoughts and dreams and also encourage and train them to speak with confidence.

Fellowship meeting facilitator Mrs. Lily Torrente requested former GEESE and now TRACE scholar John Lloyd Pablico to present the topic for the September 6 meeting. John Lloyd came well-prepared for the task and earned very positive responses from his fellow scholars.



Mrs. Lily Torrente



John Lloyd Pablico

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Scholars' presentations



The lunch that followed enabled the scholars to relax and continue bonding after the energy-consuming and mind-challenging activities that they engaged in during the meeting.



Scholars go through 1st quarter monitoring and evaluation

The first quarter M&E of the 2025-2026 scholars was held after the September 6 fellowship. During the evaluation, scholars are asked to submit their report card, answer some questions, and share updates on their school activities, achievements, and challenges or concerns, if any. They are encouraged to talk about topics other than school matters should they feel the need for advice or counselling. If the interviewer can provide such advice, she may do so, or she may choose to relay the information to Foundation officers for discussion and appropriate action.

We thank Ms. Janet Co and Ms. Shiela Marie Rogador, our volunteers who assisted in this first quarter M&E.



Recognizing a dedicated volunteer



The Foundation considers its volunteers a lifeline and continues to seek their selfless service in its programs. UCMPhFI would like to make special mention of one of these dedicated volunteers. At the start of school year 2025-2026, Ms. Shiela Marie Rogador assisted in sorting and organizing scholars' records and files, then spent time to put together materials for the upcoming scholars' monthly fellowship. She recently updated the inventory of medicines and supplies in preparation for the November 2025 medical missions. She volunteers as interviewer/evaluator during the quarterly monitoring and evaluation of GEESE and TRACE scholars. In addition, Ms. Rogador consistently assists in the Foundation's bi-annual medical missions.

We salute you, Shiela Marie, and pray that many more will emulate your example!

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