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Growth in many aspects

The Union Church of Manila Philippine Foundation's mission is to provide holistic programs to underserved families meant to uplift their physical, educational, social, and spiritual well-being. We do this not only through our regular programs, but through special activities. We had several in the month of September.

Cooking workshop

On September 1, Janet Co, one of the Foundation's regular volunteers and an avid cook, facilitated a cooking workshop for the CENEP cooks. Janet showed them how to prepare simple but delicious dishes using readily accessible and low-cost ingredients (such as the local *saging na saba* or sweet plantain that can be the base for pancakes without the use of flour). Through the workshop, the six participant CENEP cooks obtained ideas on maximizing the food budget without sacrificing nutritional value.



Seminar on The Purpose-Driven Life

On September 2, eighteen of our scholars attended the first of the seminar series on Pastor Rick Warren's *The Purpose-Driven Life* facilitated by Trustee Lily Torrente. The scholars were each given a copy of the book which is a #1 best seller and is described by Amazon as "a blueprint for Christian living in the 21st century---a lifestyle based on God's eternal purposes."



Musical play

Fourteen Foundation scholars got the treat of their lives when they were invited to watch the Repertory Philippines play *Snow White and the Prince*. The director of the play (which is running until December 17, 2023 at Onstage Theater, Greenbelt 1, Makati City) is Ms. Joy Virata, wife of Foundation Chairman Cesar Virata. The tickets for our scholars were compliments of the couple for which the Foundation is truly grateful.

The scholars enjoyed the play immensely and were joined by Trustees and Working Committee members for a fun lunch at Popeyes after the show.



LACE graduation

Though a bit late, we are happy to report that 4 elementary and 16 junior high school students of the Alternative Learning System program which the Foundation supports graduated from the F. Serrano Elementary School in Parañaque City. The graduation was held on August 9.



Classes at our three CENEP sites started on September 11, with 45 children in Mandaluyong, 45 in Project 8, and 30 in the new site in Marikina City. CENEP Marikina, located at Road 3, Orange St., Quimbo Center in Tumana, Marikina, is administered in partnership with Marikina Christian Fellowship.



CENEP Mandaluyong



CENEP Project 8



CENEP Marikina

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