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Celebration, Orientation, Scripture Lessons, Donation

These words characterize the Foundation's experiences in the month of August.

Celebrating *Buwan ng Wika*

The Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program (CENEP) sites in Mandaluyong, Marikina, and Cainta celebrated *Buwan ng Wika* on August 28, 29, and 30, respectively. This year's theme is "*Filipino: Wikang Mapagpalaya*" (Filipino: The Liberating Language). Celebration of Buwan ng Wika aims to showcase the richness of the Filipino language and deepen the appreciation and understanding of Filipinos of their own language and culture.

Children and staff attended their programs dressed up in Filipino traditional costume. Classrooms were decorated to add a festive atmosphere. In CENEP Cainta, the teachers and parents put together an ice cream cart and a jeepney using cardboards and glue. A favorite was the "*pabitin*" that made the children's day.

CENEP Cainta



CENEP Mandaluyong



CENEP Marikina



Orienting GEESE Scholars

The 30 scholars of our Grace Enough to Ensure Secondary Education (GEESE) program attended the orientation held at Nemesio I. Yabut Senior High School on August 14, 2024. Also present were their parents and some family members. Officials of the Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division of Makati City spearheaded the program. Mrs. Emmy Huang, President of the Foundation, talked on the features of the GEESE scholarship, encouraged the scholars to do their best, shared the Foundation's expectation of the scholars' commitment and demeanor, and discussed other conditions in the scholarship agreement. The importance of the parents' involvement in building their children's character was likewise pointed out.



Going Back to the Bible

The monthly Bible study for GEESE and TRACE scholars resumed on August 3, facilitated by Mrs. Lily Torrente. The material chosen for the Bible studies this school year is the Bethel Bible series. The new scholars were given their own copy of the Bible along with the study materials. Volunteers Shiela Rogador and Cely Hafalla, along with TRACE alumni Judy Ann Alvez and Joje Ariego, assisted in the activities.

Over the years, the scholars' monthly Bible study has become a venue where scholars bonded with each other. It is a safe place where all are able to relate, share their thoughts and personal concerns, confident that they will be understood and accepted as they are. Many of them openly expressed that the Bible study group has become like a second family. The scholars find strength in each other.

Truly, these scholars inspire the Foundation to continue its goal of being able to address the needs of these youth and improve their chance for a brighter future.



Metrobank Renews Grant to UCMPFI

The Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) has renewed its support of the Foundation's CENEP program. The grant is for two school years (2025-2027). In the past, MBFI has supported not only CENEP but other programs of the Foundation as well, such as the Grace Enough to Ensure Secondary Education (GEESE) and the Literacy and Accreditation for Continuing Education (LACE).

Do visit our website www.ucmphifoundation.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.