

Onesimo CBM – Community/Church Based Ministry

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Therapeutic communities

Onesimo, a foundation registered in the Philippines in 1996, creates therapeutic living communities in the middle of the poorest areas of Manila. Currently, there are 33 such church-based centers, each with six to fifteen teenager adolescents and young adults (18-25 years).

Young people suffering from addiction and other destructive lifestyles work on themselves in a two-year program. They are supported in a variety of ways, in partnership with slum churches: Day structure, empathic relationships, trauma recovery, family involvement, peer mentoring, power encounter with God through prayer, self-care and sport, discovering and developing new skills.

In the therapeutic living communities, the young people find a home with loving care beyond drug use and the struggle for survival on the streets. They learn to live in a binding community and are comprehensively supported in their self and social competence. Transformation takes place in a social setup that is familiar to the program participant (simple life - urban poor areas).

Education

Most of the young people in the Onesimo living communities manage to get out of drug addiction and destructive lifestyles. But the way back into the world of work is often difficult because there is a lack of educational and work opportunities for socially disadvantaged young people. At Onesimo they are trained according to their abilities. They can prepare for officially recognized school-leaving qualifications or complete certificates in skill training as preparation for OJT, - a **on the job training** towards the end of the 2-year program and after the 2-year program.

The training program leads into working life in four steps:

1. Literacy
2. Skill training in various fields of potential employment
3. Training in Onesimo's own or external workshops.
4. Integration into working life, like OJT, getting started with a small livelihood business or direct employment.

Financing

Through true partnership with neighborhood-based Christian communities cost sharing takes place:

Food, clothing, education, coaching and camps, goes to cost of Onesimo Foundation Inc (OFI)

The staffing, housing, skills training, and aftercare goes to cost of the local group/church, with much passion and volunteerism.

+ **CBM** is the fastest growing ministry in **Onesimo Foundation Inc.** +