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FOUNDATION, INC.
Reaching out to the poor youth and children at risk

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"There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still."

– Corrie ten Boom



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OUR VISION

We are a transformed community, growing together, serving urban poor youth at risk, so that they may experience the Lordship of Jesus Christ in their own lives and communities.

OUR MISSION

To **REACH, REHABILITATE, EQUIP**, and **MOBILIZE** the urban poor youth for the transformation of their families and communities that advance the values of the kingdom of God.

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HOSTING THE HOMELESS

TRAINING the
UNSKILLED

FEEDING THE
HUNGRY

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RELEASING THE CAPTIVES



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WHERE WE SERVE in 2025

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ONESIMO YOUTH
TRAINING CENTER

4

RESIDENTIAL
CENTERS

41

COMMUNITY-BASED
PARTNERS IN METRO MANILA

10

COMMUNITY-BASED
PARTNERS IN CEBU

1

ONESIMO FARM
AND CAMPSITE

Metro Manila



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

Going through the report of our beloved and hard-working Executive Director and being actually present in some of the undertakings in 2025, I am in awe and praising our great God for the estimated 3,500 lives reached through the different programs, services, and activities carried out by the team of 43 full-time staff and 129 volunteers.

What does that mean? That 3,500 individuals had the opportunity to hear and learn about God and the good news of salvation, had a glimpse and experience God's goodness through acts of kindness and care from the workers that reached them, even if for most of them it was just a one-time encounter. The seed has been sown; we leave what's next in the hand of God.

Meanwhile, others stayed on and became part of Onesimo (OFI) 2-year program of rehabilitation, equipping, and mobilization. These young people were given space and time for healing, recovery, and restoration of the physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects of their life.

They were also equipped with basic education and life skills that will enable them to have a fighting chance to face the future. Not all reached the finish line but for those who did, they are moving forward having known and experienced God as their Lord and Savior and His many wonderful deeds.

That in a nutshell is what OFI has been doing all these years - reaching youth at risk in Jesus' name, providing interventions that will prevent them from falling into a life of perpetual poverty and misery, e.g. life entwined in criminality, and helping them to a new life of being transformed by Jesus. We are committed to continually do so with God's leading, guidance and support. The Lord has time and again shown His unchanging power and might, love and goodness, mercy and faithfulness. Regardless of all that has been going on in the world, and in spite of the unrelenting work of the force of darkness to destroy what God does, we know that we can stand firm with our victorious God.

So, the work continues and we are now seeing the ministry gaining some grounds in Cebu. All credit belongs to God to whom we thank for dedicated leaders and workers that He raises; like-minded church partners who share the same mission; faithful prayer partners and supporters who have come alongside to get the work done; and for the youth and their families who have been reached through the years and are witnesses to His greatness and wonder. We pray, Lord, that you will continue to help us grow and deepen in our faith in You, our hope remains firmly anchored in You and your love abounding in our lives as we love You more and those around us.



Josefina (Pine) Gutierrez
Chairperson, OFI Board of Trustees

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Valued Friends and Partners,

As we close another fiscal year, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for the collective efforts that defined 2025 at Onesimo Foundation, Inc. Even as we face challenges, our vision remains clear: to transform lives and build brighter futures.

This year, we were deeply moved by the spirit of collaboration shown by people united in uplifting the lives of at-risk youth. We did not simply serve—we delivered meaningful programs and services that created lasting impact. More than 3,500 lives were touched this year—but the true impact lies in the powerful stories of transformation that numbers can never capture.

- Served 274 NEW beneficiaries through Residential and Community-Based Programs in Luzon and Cebu.
- 130 graduates completed the two-year rehabilitation program and pursued employment, entrepreneurship, or education.
- 179 beneficiaries are in the equipping phase - going through ALS and learning practical skills.
- Partnered with local churches to reach 51 communities serving as temporary homes for at-risk youth.
- Secured a ₱1.5 million government grant through an institutional partnership program.
- Conducted camps and retreats for 283 youth and 292 families focused on learning, recreation, and renewal.
- Provided emergency assistance to 565 families affected by calamities in Luzon and Cebu.
- Expanded farm livelihood projects to generate additional income to sustain campsite operations and inspire guests.



These successes are a testament to everyone's collaboration, dedicated team, generous supporters, and resilient community. While we celebrate these wins, we remain grounded in reality.

There were times we faced staff shortages and turnover due to the desire for higher salaries or just for a change. Partner churches discontinued, and some program participants left early, but we remain steadfast—inspired by the lives transformed along the way. The fishpond initiatives encountered delays due to various reasons. Our efforts to comply with mandatory operational permits encountered unforeseen challenges.

Each obstacle has guided us toward wiser decisions and more sustainable practices, reminding us that progress often grows out of perseverance and learning.

As we move into 2026, our strategic focus is clear: to reach more at-risk youth and guide them toward transformed lives. We want the ministry in Cebu to become firmly established so that they are empowered to expand on their own, giving us all an opportunity to be part of many at-risk youth successes.

Our partnership journey is far from over. With God in us and guiding the works, together we can expand our impact—bringing hope, inspiring transformation, and building a stronger, more vibrant community.

Rosa Pecio
Executive Director

2025 Served

Beyond service, we delivered transformation—touching more than 3,500 lives and countless untold stories of change.

Residential Care Program	Homed a total of 79 (31 trainees are in the equipping phase, 15 were reintegrated to their families, 33 were provided with food, clothing, a 10 -day workcamp & availed other services). Provided with education through the Onesimo Alternative Education System and 24-hour group care services to prepare them for their eventual successful reintegration into their families or independent living.
Community Based Ministry (Luzon & Cebu)	Supported 532 (119 Graduated, 94 mid-terms, 193 continued of the 300 accepted in 2025, 126 left the program early for various reasons). By end of the year, 228 continued in the rehabilitation program.
Aftercare	31 students were monitored and supported
Community Outreach Program - (Macabud student scholar, Vacation Bible School, Beneficiaries Family Retreat, Interns,	560 food packs for at-risk individuals living in public spaces in streets 216 children and youth enjoyed the 5-day bible school and foods 575 youth and their family participated in a 5-day retreat in 6 batches & 36 Intern students gained valuable experience through the various Onesimo programs. 15 students (High school and College) in the Macabud community were supported through daily baon, transportation, and school supplies
Youth Leadership and Camps	- Youth Leadership Training held on Dec 26-29, 2025. Sixty-seven (67) youth leaders were trained. - Summer Youth Camp Onesimo (SYCO) - a total of 440 young people in 5 batches
Farm and Campsite	852 guests came to hold programs and experience farming. They contributed to the development of the Farm.
Emergency & Disaster Assistance	577 families from Luzon and Cebu - recipient got either a set of food packs, or house repair materials, drinking water, solar lights, or cleaning materials.

The need is great, with your partnership, change is possible!

COMMUNITY-BASED MINISTRY (CBM)

Partner Communities/Churches

For many years, Onesimo has actively sought partnerships with community churches, recognizing that countless young people still need support. By working hand in hand with churches, we strive to build stronger communities and help reduce the challenges facing them.

Onesimo sees that the church and its congregation are the ones who can truly persevere in this kind of work—helping and guiding the youth. The church shares the same vision as Onesimo: that real change in the lives of young people comes through the Word of God.

They recognized the need for this kind of ministry—something they did not see in previous youth partners. This ministry is not a battle measured by how long one endures, how quickly change happens, or by physical strength and human effort. Rather, it is a spiritual battle against principalities and authorities that rule in this world.

Below is the list of partner communities for the year 2025:

New (10)
Voice of God Church - Brgy. Boso-boso, Antipolo City
Triumphant Christian Fellowship - Brgy. Pinugay, Baras, Rizal
Jesus Christ's Flock Bible Baptist Church - Minuyan, San Jose Del Monte
Tondo Christian Community Church - Moriones, Manila
Harvest Outreach Church - Angono Rizal
Jesus Christ Saves Global Outreach - San Isidro, Montalban Rizal
Shepherds Care Family Christian Church - Pinugay Antipolo Rizal

Antipolo Hills Bless Church
Jesus Christ Tree of Life Church - Boso boso, Antipolo
Jesus the Messiah Mission Church - Taguig



Mid-term (12)	
Caloocan Baptist Community Church - Caloocan City	1st Term
Emmanuel Baptist Community Church - Caloocan City	2nd Term
Jesus the Blessed Redeemer International Church - Norzagaray Bulacan	1st Term
Little Jerusalem House of Prayer Gospel Mission . Inc. Aroma - Tondo Manila	2nd Term
Jesus Christ Tree of Life Christian Community Church - Malabon City	3rd Term
Harvest Outreach Church - Cainta Rizal	2nd Term
Amazing Church Philippines - Baras, Rizal	2nd Term
Community Baptist Fellowship - Marikina City	1st Term
River of Life - Angono, Rizal	1st Term
Light Church Main - Taytay, Rizal	1st Term
Mt. Horeb Christian Ministry Inc - Quezon City	1st Term
Synagogue for Jesus - Montalban, Rizal	1st Term
Renewed (9)	
Jesus is the Way Community Baptist Church - Antipolo City	3rd Term
International Bible Church- Hulo - Mandaluyong City	5th Term
Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior Church - Tanza, Cavite	2nd Term
Church of Triumph in Christ Jesus Ministries Inc. - Tanza, Cavite	2nd Term
The Engrafted People of the Lord's International Church - Caloocan City	2nd Term

Dayspring Baptist Mission International Parola - Tondo, Manila	6th Term
Christ Power and Grace Church - Tondo, Manila	3rd Term
Global Surge Worship Center - Antipolo City	2nd Term
New Covenant Fellowship - Montalban Rizal	2nd Term
Concluded (9)	
Reaching Out Christian Ministry - Taytay, Rizal	3rd Term
Good Shepherd Christian Community Church - Antipolo City	3rd Term
Grace of God Christian Community Church - Antipolo City	5th Term
Magnificent God's Christian Ministries Inc - Dasmariñas, Cavite	4th Term
Psalms 23 Sto. Tomas Community Christian Church - Caloocan City	5th Term
International Bible Church- Malolos - Malolos Bulacan	1st Term
Little Jerusalem House of Prayer Gospel Mission . Inc. Balut - Tondo, Manila	3rd Term
Christian Church Fellowship International - Valenzuela City	3rd Term
Ansan Seong Bok Church - Antipolo City	3rd Term

Returnee (1)	
Moriah Evangelical Christian Church - Novaliches, Quezon City	4th Term

Served 41 Partners & Communities in Luzon

PRE-WORK CAMP ACTIVITY

NEW PARTNERS FARM EXPOSURE

To introduce the pastors and workers of the 18 churches embarking on ONESIMO's Community-Based Ministry (CBM), the staff of CBM went with these pastors and workers to the Onesimo Farm and Campsite to orient them about the place the youth will be going to for a 5-day workcamp, including the activities in which they themselves will take part.

WORKCAMP BATCH 14

A new batch, a new group of young individuals. This is the fourteenth batch of Onesimo Community Based-Ministry, continuing its commitment to provide guidance, support, and opportunities to vulnerable youth in their communities.

The Workcamp marked a powerful beginning for every new batch of young people. With joy and active participation, they embraced every activity, opening their hearts to counselling, prayers, and healing processes. Many found freedom from destructive habits, while others discovered renewed strength and hope.

Workcamp ignites a journey of faith, healing, and renewed purpose



**Total Number of
Churches/Community
Partners = 18**

**Total Number of Batch 14
Work Camp Participants =
142**

**Additional/Outreached
youth after Work Camp =
99**



Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor" (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

10 Churches joined CBM-Cebu

In 2025, **ten (10) churches** became Community-Based Ministry (CBM) partners of the Onesimo Foundation in Cebu. After the first batch of trainees, the program entered a transition period with operational challenges, but pioneering partners remained committed and helped sustain continuity into 2026 while efforts continued for the succeeding batches.

Jonard presented the program to around forty (40) pastors. While many showed interest, only a few pursued engagement due to facility and safety limitations, including **Pastor Ruben, who personally related to the advocacy and expressed early interest in partnership.**

Additional partnerships were formed through orientations, referrals, ministry networks, and social media engagement, including **Living Word Baksan Church under Pastor Archel Dublin.**

Out of ten (10) CBM partners in 2025, six (6) were new, two (2) renewed, and two (2) concluded due to ministry redirection and workforce changes.

New (6)

Fresh Manna United Harvest Church - Brgy. Tisa, Cebu City

Living Word Baksan Church - Sapangdako Brgy Guadalupe
Cebu City

The Master Community Fellowship Church - Brgy Bulacao Cebu
City

The Circle of R's Church - PTCF Compound, Brgy Quiot Pardo
Cebu City

Legacy of Jesus Christ Fellowship - Brgy Bulacao Cebu City

Jesus Christ The Mediator Church - Brgy Kalawisan Lapu - Lapu
City



Renew (2)

Life Changing Ministries Church - Brgy Bankal
Lapu - Lapu City

2nd Term

Jesus Christ Sanctuary Church - Brgy Basak
Lapu - Lapu City

2nd Term



Concluded (2)

LIFE CHANGING GENERATION MINISTRY INC. -
Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu

1st Term

LIVING GODS GRACE MINISTRY - Talisay City,
Cebu

1st term



WORKCAMP ACTIVITY

Workcamp is a flagship program serving children and youth from urban poor communities. Conducted at Onesimo Farm & Campsite, the program integrates recreation, discipline, spiritual formation, psycho-education, and service to support rehabilitation and personal growth. During 2025, three (3) workcamps took place. It is hard to know the impact that workcamps had. However, the words of gratitude of the campers that the camps gave them the chance to start again after years of failure hint at the magnitude of the workcamp's impact.

Red Rosales, 19 Triumphant Christian Fellowship, Baras, Rizal (CBM-Luzon Partner)

"Before I joined Onesimo, I was worthless- caught in drugs, addiction, staying up late, and bad company. Now, I have found hope in the Lord. I no longer need to do bad things to survive in my life. I can now eat properly, and I am in good condition under the care of the church."



The workcamp preparation- Orientation

On April 22, 2025, the pre-workcamp orientation, led by Supervising Social Worker Jessa T. Viscaya-RSW and the Residential Staff, prepared both staff and youth leaders for their roles in the June 2025 workcamp. The session aligned participants on expectations, responsibilities, and child protection standards, laying a strong foundation for a safe, organized, and values-centered camp environment.

"The lesson I learned is how to be a leader and a good role model to the new children. I will live out and apply everything I have learned."

-Gea (Residential Trainee)

"Now I am ready to take on the role of a leader in the upcoming work camp. I need to be confident, face life's challenges, and remain joyful even in the midst of trials."

--Ayesha (Residential Trainee)

Residential Program 2025

The year 2025 was a season of both challenge and grace for the Onesimo Residential Program. Despite staffing gaps and operational hardships, the program remained a safe haven where children and youth at risk found shelter, care, and renewed hope. Guided by the servant leadership of Nanay Jessa T. Viscaya, RSW, and supported by the unwavering dedication of houseparents and staff, daily routines, mentoring, and spiritual formation continued to provide stability and love.

This resilience and commitment remind us that every gift from donors and partners is more than support—it is an investment in brighter futures and transformed communities.

Street Outreach Program – 2025

The Street Outreach Program continued to extend Onesimo’s mission beyond residential care by reaching vulnerable children in high-risk areas such as Divisoria, Payatas, Cubao, and Mandaluyong. Through regular outreach activities, staff provided not only immediate assistance but also psychosocial support, building trust and encouraging children and adolescents to consider long-term intervention.

In 2025, twelve (12) youth from Divisoria expressed interest in joining the Work Camp and transitioning into residential care, while several others were referred through the DSWD and placed in safe environments. These efforts strengthened Onesimo’s commitment to guiding children from life on the streets toward protection, healing, and hope.



Being a leader will never be easy for me, but I have learned that a good leader must have a good heart, passion, and compassion. A relationship with God is also essential—encouraging others to pray, listen, and read the Bible. - Shayne (trainee)

- The workcamp leadership training

The Work Camp Leadership Training was held on May 14–16, 2025, at Onesimo Farm Camp. Seventeen (17) youth leaders underwent intensive preparation to serve as Ate and Kuya mentors during the Work Camps. The training aimed to strengthen their leadership capacity and equip them to provide emotional, spiritual, and practical support to younger and newly admitted trainees.

Anchored on the 7 Cs of Leadership—Courage, Competence, Connection, Clear Strategy, Communication, Character, and Commitment—the program included interactive discussions, praise and worship sessions, team-building activities, and rotational games. Through experiential learning and continuous mentoring, the youth leaders developed essential skills in facilitation, teamwork, problem-solving, and decision-making. Despite initial feelings of anxiety and self-doubt, participants grew in confidence, patience, empathy, and effective communication, preparing them to assist staff, guide trainees, and model positive behavior throughout the Work Camps.

By the end of the leadership preparation process, the youth leaders demonstrated significant growth in self-confidence, emotional maturity, accountability, and servant leadership values. Overwhelmed but proud to be part of the workcamp again, not as a new trainee but as a leader trainee.

As staff, we are proud to have witnessed them grow and are empowered to guide younger trainees with compassion, faith, and responsibility, ready for the 2025 Work Camp experience.



Residential Workcamp 2025

June–July

In two separate workcamps - the Girls' Camp served 47 participants, and the Boys' Camp served 48, reaching a total of 95 youth with support from 24 staff and volunteers. Activities included devotions and Bible studies, livelihood training, health and hygiene education, team-building, outreach missions, farming, and Acceptance Rites.

A special experience was the long walk to the children in Pulong, Mindanao, to have fellowship with them and to distribute grocery packs to 50 families. This experience deeply instilled compassion, gratitude, perseverance, and the joy of serving others, reminding the participants that they can become instruments of hope even while on their own journey of healing.



Challenges and Breakthroughs - One of the primary challenges encountered during the Work Camp was supporting newly admitted trainees, particularly those coming directly from street situations. Many initially struggled with discipline, food preferences—especially eating vegetables—and physical endurance during demanding activities. During the Girls' workcamp, episodes of homesickness and emotional discouragement were also observed.

Despite these challenges, consistent guidance, patience, and faith-based mentoring led to remarkable breakthroughs. As the camp progressed, many youths showed significant improvements in behavior, resilience, cooperation, and openness to guidance. Notably, several trainees expressed their desire to continue their rehabilitation journey with Onesimo even before the camp ended, indicating a meaningful shift in mindset and motivation.

The workcamp ended with the acceptance rites, a ceremony where 33 who had expressed their needs for the residential care program was welcomed and prayed for.

Cebu Workcamp 2025



Intentionality and timing are important in both partnership and ministry, especially in responding to the needs of youth-at-risk in the community. This was reflected in the implementation of two Work Camp batches this year, which aligned with the readiness and commitment of partner pastors to engage in outreach. The February Work Camp was participated in by four (4) churches, reaching a total of twenty-eight (28) youth during the camp, with an additional twelve (12) youth reached after its implementation. The July Work Camp was also participated in by four (4) churches, reaching eighteen (18) youth. **In total, both batches engaged eight (8) churches and reached fifty-eight (58) youth through direct camp participation and follow-up outreach.** Overall, the two Work Camp batches highlighted how strategic timing and intentional collaboration with partner churches can significantly expand outreach impact in the lives of youth-at-risk.

The Work Camp created a clear impact of reflection and transformation among both participants and partners. **Ruke Olan (LCM, Work Camp Batch III)** shared that he initially felt uncomfortable and even considered leaving the camp. However, through the welcoming environment, shared testimonies, and worship experiences, his perspective changed. He experienced acceptance, peace, and belonging, which led to a renewed mindset and hope for his future. By the end of the camp, he left with clearer direction and a stronger desire for personal growth and positive change.

Pastor Erwin Badayos (Legacy of Jesus Christ Fellowship) affirmed the positive impact of the Work Camp, noting that the lessons were relevant and well-delivered, addressing real-life issues such as drug awareness and sexual purity. Despite minor challenges in utilities, he observed that these did not hinder participation. He emphasized that the camp effectively helped the youth reflect and internalize key life lessons, resulting in a meaningful and transformative experience overall.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS)

In 2025, the Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) was reintroduced as a preventive program to strengthen biblical foundations, positive values, and spiritual growth among residential trainees. Guided by the team of OAEP (Onesimo Alternative Education Program), staff—including social workers, houseparents, and volunteers—received training to effectively mentor children and integrate biblical lessons into daily interactions. The theme **“CROSSOVER”** emphasized the journey of faith and transformation.

Across all Onesimo Centers, a total of over **216 children** participated in DVBS, engaging in Bible lessons, worship, group activities, and guided discussions on faith and values. Older youth served as facilitators and mentors, learning patience, leadership, and responsibility while guiding younger children. These activities fostered spiritual growth, personal development, and peer mentorship, providing a safe and nurturing environment for both children and youth leaders.

The 2025 DVBS activity reaffirmed the organization's dedication to preventive care and holistic formation, guiding trainees to deepen their faith and share with DVBS children attendees God's wonderful plan for their lives. It inspired participants to embrace positive values, build confidence and resilience, and empowered youth facilitators with leadership skills and a genuine heart for service.

"I am happy because we were able to help the children get to know the Lord, and I also learned to be more patient, especially with those at the center. The lesson to live by is to know the Lord more, so that you won't be defeated or led astray by temptation."

-Ayesha (Client)

"I am happy to be able to share Bible stories with the children. Although I experienced the challenges of disciplining and teaching mischievous kids, it was all worth it because I know they learned from what I taught. It feels good to be called a teacher and to be part of the Lord's mission to spread His Word."

-Rayah (Facilitator)



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Summer Youth Camp with Onesimo (SYCO)

Onesimo Foundation successfully conducted a five-week Summer Youth Camp in May and June 2025, in partnership with five local churches: **Living Waters Baptist Church, Promiseland Christian Church, Living Springs Christian Church, Shammah Grace Christian Church, and Divine Covenant of Jesus Christ Church.**

A total of 440 delegates, including 67 youth leaders, attended the camp. The youth leaders served as mentors, facilitators, and spiritual guides.

Venues & Schedule: Three batches of first-time campers were held at Onesimo Farm and Campsite in Laguna in May, while two June batches were conducted at Camp Rock, Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro.

Theme & Focus: Guided by the theme “Friendship: Finding friends who will journey with you and help you grow closer to God,” the camp emphasized Christ-centered friendships that promote accountability, loyalty, and spiritual growth.

Impact & Testimonies: Campers shared transformative experiences, including receiving Christ, strengthening their faith, and committing to ministry. The camp fostered meaningful reflection, spiritual growth, and lasting relationships among participants.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Youth Leadership Training

Onesimo Foundation welcomed two new partner churches—Bungtong Palay Christian Fellowship and Everlasting Christ Centered Fellowship—alongside three returning churches: Living Waters Baptist Church, Promiseland Christian Church, and Living Spring Christian Church. Their participation highlights a shared commitment to strengthening youth ministries.

The training equipped new youth leaders to take responsibility for leading future camps, building leadership capacity, and fostering a culture of service.

A total of 79 delegates attended, with 67 committing to the challenge of leadership, demonstrating dedication, courage, and a heart for the next generation.

Held at Onesimo Farm and Campsite, the camp provided a conducive environment for learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The local youth organization Youth Development Activity Go Viral also joined, opening opportunities for future integration and expanding community impact.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

SUPPORT IN THE MACABUD COMMUNITY

Macabud is a community-based preventive program that helps guide and support young people in pursuing their dreams. It provides direction, character development, and opportunities for personal, social, and spiritual growth. We had supported fourteen high school students and one college student.

In partnership with a church, the program reaches out to youth in their communities, especially those at risk of negative influences. The church plays an important role in identifying and caring for them while helping them build a stronger relationship with God.

Overall, Macabud aims to develop responsible, value-driven youth who can become positive role models and active, compassionate members of their community.



The youth have become more active in the community, where they are able to showcase and share their talents, abilities, and skills to reach and help more children and young people in their area through the following activities.

Youth Camp



Youth Fellowship



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

TIME AT THE ONESIMO FARM & CAMP SITE: MACABUD SCHOLARS REFLECTION



They also model and teach values formation in school, engage in community outreach, and are able to achieve high grades despite challenges.

The youth had their first encounter with the Scholars Reflection at the Onesimo Farm Camp Site, resulting in a meaningful and memorable experience for them. During this activity, they were provided with ample time and a serene environment to reflect, examine themselves, and thoughtfully consider their life experiences, decisions, and future direction.

As a result, the youth expressed profound gratitude for the opportunity to participate in such an activity—one that not only offered a break from their daily routines but, more importantly, contributed to their emotional, spiritual, and personal development. This experience positively influenced their self-awareness and perspective on the future, inspiring them to continue on a positive and purposeful path.



LIFE TESTIMONIES

Athena Lei Madia

I am Athena Lei Madia, a graduate of the Onesimo Scholarship under the Macabud's Youth Educational Assistance. I was still in Grade 9 when my Onesimo journey began. Originally, the scholarship was meant for our neighbor, but since she was unavailable that day, I was asked to attend the interview instead.

At first, I did not want the scholarship because it was not meant for me, it was my first scholarship, and attending church was required. During that time, I avoided church—not because I was against God, but because of my past experiences with some religious people, which made me hesitant to socialize and reluctant to build a relationship with Him.

After being encouraged by my family, I attended the interview planning not to pass—but unexpectedly, I was accepted. That marked the beginning of my journey with Onesimo. During the pandemic, I met Tita Angel, Mama Norma, and Daddy Pas, who personally visited us in Macabud every month. Their dedication inspired me to continue and do better in my studies.

As I became part of Onesimo, I regularly attended church and gradually became more open to God and to others. I realized that not all religious people are the same, and I learned not to judge easily. My experience with Onesimo was filled with joyful memories, opportunities, and experiences I never imagined having, such as outings and meaningful celebrations.

More importantly, Onesimo helped me gain a better perspective in life and slowly improve my relationship with God. Although I know I still have much to grow in my faith, I am thankful for how Onesimo guided me toward becoming more open and hopeful.



Onesimo will always hold a special place in my heart. It was my first scholarship and my first step toward personal growth and spiritual development. I am deeply grateful to Onesimo, the pastors, Tita Angel, Mama Norma, and my fellow scholars for their continuous support and care.

Basic Needs were met

Proper nutrition, personal hygiene, and appropriate clothing are essential to an individual's well-being. Many of our young people have not been given the privilege to experience these, which leads them to find ways to provide these necessities for themselves. With the help of donors, these basic needs are supplied, supporting their personal growth and development.

"I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was alone, and you welcomed me."

These young people now experience what it means to be cared for. Through the weekly, monthly, or emergency times coordinated by Onesimo community workers and partner churches, the youth received financial support for three meals a day, safe shelter in church facilities, personal hygiene kits, and regular medical and dental check-ups

"Thank you so much because this program is truly wonderful, especially because we have food every day. Before, when I was still outside, there were times - because of my vices - when I had nothing. I had no parents here in Cebu City, no place to go to. I slept on the side of the road with nothing to eat. Life is extremely hard when there is no food. But here, under Pastor Archel's care, the rice and viands are always delicious, and we are always full."

-Ronel Maceda - CBM Cebu trainee

Spiritual and Psycho-social needs were recognized as a core component of intervention.

Onesimo believes that transforming young people's lives begins with knowing the Creator through learning God's Word. To foster holistic growth and well-being, we engage the youth in structured programs that promote resilience, positive relationships, and mental health. These included discipleship and all-of-life training, quarterly fellowships, regular group singing, dancing, and learning to play instruments, group sharing and listening to life journeys, praying together, sportsfest, recreational time at Splash Island, workshops on mental health awareness, and community service projects—all designed to nurture faith, strengthen character, and build lasting transformation.

Activities conducted to reinforce the rehabilitation

- Acceptance rites
- Discipleship and All-of-life Training
- General Reflection on Adventure walk
- Family retreat - trainees/beneficiaries and their family
- Youth gathering
- Onesimo family fun day
- Sportsfest
- Community day - recreational time

Acceptance Rites and Commitment to Residential Care

Acceptance Rites were held before the end of each Work Camp to formally welcome outreach participants who chose to continue in Onesimo's residential program, symbolizing their commitment to healing and personal transformation.

In the Boys' Work Camp, 9 of 15 participants committed to residential care, with two additional youth joining later. In the Girls' Work Camp, 8 of 13 participants committed, and three additional youth joining later. The rites marked an important turning point, encouraging reflection, informed decisions, and hope for a safer future.



All-of-Life Ceremony

Inspired by Galatians 6:9, the ceremony celebrated 15 youth who successfully completed the Basic Training Phase of the rehabilitation program. Participants demonstrated and testified their significant improvements in discipline, emotional regulation, and personal responsibility.

Eight youth did not complete the program due to early exit or short-term stay; each case was carefully managed with assessment, referral, and follow-up as appropriate.

Resource speaker Jose Antonio Vizcaya highlighted the value of personal responsibility, life planning, and resisting negative influences, reinforcing that true transformation begins with daily choices.

Date: January 30,
Theme: Banaag: A Glimpse of Hope

General Reflection on Adventure Walk:

Hiraya't Tagumpay

The Adventure Walk was a transformative journey linking dreams with success, emphasizing growth, perseverance, and learning. Anchored in Philippians 4:13, participants reflected on discipline, resilience, and faith as keys to overcoming challenges.

Highlights:

- 15 youth embraced challenges and strengthened personal responsibility.
- Guided by Jose Antonio Vizcaya, youth overcame fear, anger, and self-doubt.
- Hike reflections demonstrated resilience, confidence, and spiritual growth, e.g., "With faith, nothing is impossible."

The activity fostered self-discovery, spiritual growth, and personal triumph, leaving youth with renewed determination to pursue their dreams.

Date: February 5–7, 2025

Location: Mt. Madalainas (725 m)



Trainees with their Family Retreat 2025 at Onesimo Farm & Campsite

Held on Sept 30 - October 3, 2025, the Trainees who are new in the program, with their families, joined the Family Retreat, themed “YAPOS, UGNAY, SILONG: Pagmamahal, Koneksyon, at Pagbabalik-Loob sa Pamilya,” brought together 76 trainees, family members, and Onesimo staff to foster healing, reconnection, and family bonding. Facilitated by Ptr. Alvin and Ate Weng Tamayo, the four-day retreat focused on unity, love, communication, and preparing trainees for family reintegration.

Activities included icebreakers, team-building games, creative workshops, exploration of the five love languages (Yakap, Alay, Papuri, Oras, Serbisyo), family reflections through Draw My Family, Forgiveness Letters, role-play conflict resolution, and livelihood workshops on puto and dishwashing soap making. The program concluded with testimonies, a celebration of growth, and a closing fellowship.



Key Outcomes:

- Strengthened family bonds and communication
- Deepened understanding of love languages and care
- Equipped trainees with practical livelihood skills
- Promoted forgiveness, emotional healing, and commitment to family

The retreat created a space for forgiveness, reconnection, and love, reinforcing communication, connection, and belonging as the foundation of every home.

Ate and Kuya with their Family Retreat 2025 **For Trainees who have completed the 1st year of the 2-year program**

October 14–17, 2025 | Onesimo Farm and Campsite

The Parents' Retreat aimed to strengthen parents' relationships with God, their children, and fellow parents through love, forgiveness, and unity. Facilitated by Onesimo social workers, house parents, and the pastoral team, the retreat combined devotions, structured sessions, family dialogues, and fellowship activities.

65 participants engaged in sessions on active listening, meaningful acts of love, and forgiveness, reinforced through family games, team-building exercises, and creative workshops. Talent and Fiesta Nights further promoted bonding, joy, and shared celebration.

The retreat provided a transformative experience, emphasizing love, forgiveness, and unity as the foundation of strong, resilient families.



Key Outcomes:

- Strengthened parent-child communication
- Promoted emotional healing and forgiveness
- Reinforced family cohesion and collaboration
- Renewed commitment to applying lessons learned at home

CBM - Luzon Family Retreat 2025

The Family Retreat also gives parents and selected family members the opportunity to reflect on their lives. It allows them to step away from a noisy and stressful environment and experience temporary peace. In that space, they can recognize current issues and seek solutions through a personal encounter with God. In the year 2025, our Family Camp was successfully held in three batches on October 22–24, 2025, November 5–7, and November 19–21. A total of 381 of the expected 550 participants, which included the CBM staff, church pastors and workers, beneficiaries, and their families joined one of the three camps.

Testimonies:

"Everything is possible with the Lord. Whatever the reason why these young people lost direction in life, it did not become a hindrance for the Lord to reach them. Truly, nothing is impossible with God."

-Paulita Casilla (Foster parent of one of the beneficiary from JWCBC)

"This is how great God is to me. I live in Tondo. I have been exposed to the realities of life. I have experienced all kinds of vices. But when I entered the church, I was able to leave my vices behind. We often only come close to God when we are going through something difficult."

-Danilo Junio (LJHOP Aroma)

"I am deeply grateful to the Onesimo Foundation. My child used to struggle with vices, but through the care and guidance of the people supporting him, he was welcomed into the church and came to know God. Because of this, he was able to leave his vices behind. I am also thankful to my child, because he is now helping me as well."

-Emie Maglente (Mother of Zyro, EBCC)



REHABILITATION

CBM - Cebu Family Retreat 2025

From November 26–28, 2025, the Family Retreat for Batch II Paul was held at Sitio Kalituban, Brgy. Antipolo, Tuburan, Cebu City, under the theme “I Love My Family,” with 22 youth participants from four (4) partner churches and 31 family members (parents and siblings), most of whom were in their first year in the program. The retreat created a safe, faith-centered space where relationships were restored through forgiveness, open communication, and shared spiritual growth. **A parent, Merlinda Caballa (mother of Ryan Caballa), testified that she was deeply moved when her son said “I love you,” describing it as a moment of healing and gratitude as their relationship was restored through the camp.** From the beneficiary’s perspective, Ryan Caballa (The Master’s Community Fellowship Church) shared that the retreat helped him openly express love to his mother and recognize the importance of family, saying he learned to “hug my mother and say I love you,” reflecting a renewed emotional connection and appreciation for his family. Overall, the retreat became a powerful instrument of transformation, strengthening both family bonds and spiritual life, and extending the impact of the program beyond the youth to their households.

Psycho-Social Activities: Healing in Community

Youth Gathering - once a quarter

The youth gathering was held to support the holistic development of trainees, focusing on strengthening their social connections. In a safe and welcoming environment, participants engaged in icebreakers, group activities, and fellowship sessions that encouraged interaction, storytelling, and respect. These experiences helped break down barriers of fear and isolation, allowing the youth to grow more open, confident, and comfortable in building healthy relationships

“I really enjoyed it because I was able to see my friends again, who I was with during the work camp. After the work camp, we each returned to our respective shelters, which made us miss one another a lot. Now that I have seen them again, it has encouraged me to grow more in my relationship with the Lord, especially as I witnessed how they are slowly changing. My encouragement to everyone is that we should value and take good care of this program, because this is truly a rare opportunity.”

-Sherwin Estoma



REHABILITATION

CBM-Luzon and Residential Care

FAMILY FUN DAY (CBM-LUZON AND RESIDENTIAL CARE)

“Musika ng Pasko, Si Kristo” served as the theme of the 2025 Family Fun Day. The event was attended by the entire Onesimo community, including clients, beneficiaries, parents, and guardians, with a total of 629 participants. It was held on December 12, 2026, at Silvina Court, Barangay Talipapa, Quezon City. The celebration was a meaningful and well-participated gathering that highlighted not only the importance of family bonding but also the significance of Christ as the center who unites everyone during the season of celebration and giving. The program featured various games, activities, performances, and competitions. It concluded successfully with expressions of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Lord.



REHABILITATION

FAMILY FUN DAY (CBM-CEBU)

The Christmas Family Fun Day Celebration was successfully held on November 28, 2025, at the Cebu House of Prayer, Teen Challenge Compound. Organized by the Community Coordinators and facilitated by partner pastors and workers, the event gathered beneficiaries together with their parents, guardians, and siblings for a joyful Christmas celebration. Families enjoyed games, Christmas carol and dance presentations, gift-giving activities, and the distribution of Christmas groceries. More than the gifts received, the program became a meaningful time for families to bond, share testimonies, and experience the joy, love, and blessings of the Lord during the Christmas season. Parents also expressed gratitude for a program that cares not only for the children but for the whole family as well.



COMMUNITY DAY



Onesimo Community Day is bringing together 366 Luzon beneficiaries, pastors and workers, volunteers, and staff at Splash Island recreational resorts in Laguna on April 4, 2025.

The day began with fellowship, followed by the distribution of Bible donations from a sponsoring organization. After the program, participants enjoyed swimming pools, water attractions, and various games and activities, creating a joyful day of fellowship, recreation, and community bonding.

REHABILITATION

SPORTSFEST

In January, the Onesimo Wide Sportsfest was held under the theme: Siklab. This event saw participants from young people across various groups, including CBM, Residential, Pastors, Workers, Volunteers, and Staff. Everyone took part in Sportsfest, emphasizing their talents and showcasing their skills in both individual and team sports.



ALS A&E Test Preparation



A total of 13 students from the Alternative Learning System (ALS) completed their A&E assessment, which evaluates their readiness and eligibility to progress to the next level of schooling.

ALS Orientation

Onesimo Foundation conducted the ALS Orientation for 17 new learners from Amlac, Tondo, Mendez, and Bagong Silang Centers, introducing them to ALS programs, school rules, and Learning Strands 1–6. The program included prayers, welcome remarks, team-building activities, and student-teacher introductions to foster community and engagement.



Learners received school materials and uniforms from ALS Quezon City and Onesimo Foundation. The orientation concluded with announcements, a group photo, and a closing prayer, providing a structured and welcoming start to the school year.

CBM - Luzon ALS

Onesimo does not sponsor full educational scholarships for the youth. However, as part of the rehabilitation by equipping, they are to be enrolled in ALS (Alternative Learning System), which gives them the opportunity to complete basic literacy and schooling up to the Senior High School level.

Many of these young people have lived on the streets, no idea how education is for them, had just lost their interest in studying or had not had the option to continue their education because they need to work to help support their families and many of them were influenced by peers negatively, chose to stop studying and continue a lifestyle of loitering and vices, which only perpetuates the cycle of not finishing school.

CBM Beneficiary Batches/Program Year	ALS Passers		Senior Highschool	Not yet completed	ALS completer	Enrolled ALS Program
	Elementary	Secondary (Grade 10 Level)				
Batch 12 Beneficiaries *2023-2025 *Graduated from the program last April 2025	23	53	6	26	2	110
Batch 13 Beneficiaries *2024-2026 *Mid-Term Program: under Equipping Phase	12	9	6		67	94
Batch 14 Beneficiaries *2025-2027			13	26	42	81

CBM - Cebu ALS

Partner churches understand that the program we implement for the youth under our care is an open rehabilitation initiative focused on the transformation of their lives. With the structure of our two-year program, we promote access to the Alternative Learning System (ALS) and technical-vocational training courses in partnership with various institutions.

Alternative Learning System (ALS) – Equipping Through Education

Across three program batches (2023–2027), educational participation is summarized as follows:

Batch Program Year	ALS PASSER		ALS Graduate	ALS Completer	2025 Ongoing ALS Students			Tutorial (Basic Literacy)	2025 Enrolled in ALS Program
	Elementary	Secondary	Senior High School		Elementary	Secondary	Senior High School		
Batch 1 2023-2025	-	4	6	3	-	-	-	1	14
Batch 2 Feb 2025-2027	-	-	-	-	1	25	4	-	30
Batch 3 Oct 2025-2027	-	-	-	-	3	6	6	-	15

Special learning interventions, including individualized tutorials and church-based academic support, were provided to selected beneficiaries with unique learning needs. Several beneficiaries entered the program as Senior High School graduates and are being prepared for technical-vocational and skills training opportunities, while some Grade 10 graduates are awaiting enrollment in schools that can accommodate the program schedule through flexible or modular learning arrangements. Although a few cases of non-completion and program termination were recorded due to personal and contextual challenges, the ALS component continues to play a vital role in promoting educational continuity, academic reintegration, personal discipline, and the overall rehabilitation and transformation of beneficiaries.

EQUIPPING

Skills Training Program 2025

The Skills Training Program, under the Onesimo Alternative Education Program (OAEP), provided age-appropriate and supervised training for youth from residential care centers and the Church-Based Ministry (CBM). In 2025, 19 residential care youth participated in courses on Housekeeping and Food Processing conducted over six months. In addition, the program conducted a 3-month-long Small Engine Skills Training for 16 Church-Based Ministry (CBM) youth from different churches. The training introduced basic small engine operation and maintenance, including parts identification, basic troubleshooting, proper tool use, and safety practices.

Residential courses focused on personal development, responsibility, hygiene, and basic food preparation, while CBM training introduced small engine operation, maintenance, and safety practices. Trainings were delivered in a structured, youth-friendly environment with guidance from trained facilitators.

Participants gained practical life and technical skills, improved self-confidence, and developed discipline, responsibility, and teamwork. The program provided meaningful exposure to potential vocational pathways and reinforced Onesimo Foundation's commitment to holistic youth development, equipping young individuals for future opportunities.



19 residential care youth

completed courses in

**Housekeeping and Food
Processing.**

16 CBM youth participated in
Small Engine Skills Training.

EQUIPPING

Skills Training: On-the-Job Training (OJT) – 2025

Following the completion of the five-month Housekeeping Skills Training Program in 2024, sixteen students (6 boys and 10 girls) from four residential centers under the Onesimo Alternative Education Program successfully participated in their On-the-Job Training (OJT) from January to April 2025. The program provided students with opportunities to apply and enhance the practical skills acquired during training.

Unlike previous years, the 2025 OJT included both in-house and external training exposure. In partnership with Andrew Theological Seminary and Mission House, students completed a two-day external OJT held on March 17 (boys) and March 24 (girls).

During the in-house OJT, students conducted housekeeping tasks across various facilities within the Onesimo building, while the external OJT allowed them to maintain key areas of the seminary, including classrooms, offices, library, comfort rooms, and cafeteria, under professional supervision.

The OJT served as a significant learning experience, strengthening students' work readiness while equipping them with practical life and employability skills.



EQUIPPING

Technical Skills and Vocational Training - Empowered through skills

The Onesimo Community based ministry program does not aim only for behavioral change. It also seeks to ensure that while they are in the program, they learn livelihood skills so that when they return to their families, they will no longer be the same as before—without direction or purpose. They become young individuals who have practical knowledge in life and are no longer merely dependent on the people around them.

Vocational skills completed by the youth who went through the CBM program in Luzon

Skills Training Course	Batch 12	Batch 13	Skills Training Course	Batch 12	Batch 13
Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC2		2	Bread & pastry	10	12
Barista NC2	11	1	Food & Beverages	3	4
Driving	16	1	Hair Cutting	3	
Cookery NC2	8	1	Housekeeping	8	2
Ref and Aircon Servicing NC2	2	1	Motor Mechanic	1	
Computer System Servicing NC2	2		BookKeeping NCII	1	
Shielded Metal Arc Welding NC2	7	4	Baking	10	
Automotive Mechanical Assembly NC II	4		Hairdressing	5	
Massage Therapy NC2	4		Beauty care	1	
Farming		1	Small Engine		13
Tiles Setting	5		TOTAL	100	42

EQUIPPING

The program offers TESDA-aligned NCII certification courses across batches of CBM-Cebu, as summarized below. Batch 3 beneficiaries are just starting looking for courses.

Skills Training Course	Batch 1	Batch 2	Batch 3
Cookery, Bread and Pastry NCII,	2	1	0
Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning (RAC) NCII	2	1	0
Electrical Installation & Maintenance NCII	2	0	0
Computer System Servicing NCII	2	2	0
Shielded Metal Arc Welding NCII	1	0	1
HRM NCII	0	1	0

PELT – Personality Enhancement and Leadership Training

PELT (Personality Enhancement and Leadership Training) is part of the 2-year program offered to all beneficiaries, both in Cebu and in Luzon. This helps them learn how to communicate properly with confidence and understand how to present themselves effectively. In Cebu, PELT sessions were facilitated by the cluster coordinators -Jonard and Raffy. In Luzon, the partner churches are empowered to conduct the sessions.



PELT Level 1 Retreat 2025

October 29–31, 2025 | Onesimo Farm and Campsite, Santa Maria, Laguna

Theme: Step Up | Theme Verse: Philippians 3:13–14 | Theme Song: Gabay, Bound By Grace

The PELT Level 1 Retreat gathered youth participants, divided into three teams—Faith, Hope, and Love—to engage in spiritual formation, personal reflection, and team-building activities. The retreat aimed to help participants release past burdens, fortify the present, and step up toward a purposeful future in alignment with God’s calling.



Key Highlights

- **Teams & Leadership:** Participants divided into Faith, Hope, and Love teams; practiced chants, presented flags, and performed group tasks to develop leadership, teamwork, and responsibility.
- **Spiritual Formation:** Daily praise and worship, Bible study, and preaching emphasized letting go of past burdens, learning from experiences, and relying on God for strength.
- **Personal Growth:** Activities like balloon exercises, reflection papers, and straw tower building reinforced emotional maturity, resilience, and self-discipline.
- **Decision-Making & Purpose:** Participants reflected on challenges, personal goals, and God-given potential, highlighting the impact of daily decisions on their future.

Outcomes: Strengthened faith, character, teamwork, and emotional resilience, preparing youth to step up in life and spiritual growth.

PELT Level 2 Retreat 2025

The PELT Level 2 Retreat was held at Camp Rock, Puerto Galera, from April 8–11, 2025, under the theme Call of Duty: The Chosen Soldier (2 Timothy 2:4) with the theme song Kumapit Ka Lang by Mela. Participants were divided into four teams—Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta—each with assigned leaders and assistant leaders.



Key Highlights

- **Spiritual Formation:** Students learned the character of a good soldier of Christ through Bible studies and devotionals.
- **Teamwork & Leadership:** Games, chants, and responsibilities strengthened cooperation and leadership.
- **Reflection & Commitment:** Testimonies and altar calls encouraged letting go of burdens and committing to Christ.
- **Recognition:** Awards highlighted growth in faith, teamwork, and leadership.
- **Recreation & Bonding:** Outdoor activities and campfires fostered fellowship and reinforced lessons.

Outcomes: Strengthened participants' faith, resilience, leadership, teamwork, and spiritual maturity, equipping them to live purposefully as committed followers of Christ.

EQUIPPING

FIRE PREVENTION AWARENESS

Losing one's home to a fire is one of the most devastating disasters anyone can experience. That is why, on February 24, 2025, the OAEP Department conducted a Fire Prevention Seminar with the theme "Prevent Fire: Knowledge and Caution Are Essential."

The seminar was attended by 17 students from Onesimo (Junior Conso), 3 houseparents', 2 social workers, 3 volunteers, and 2 other staff members. The goal of this fire prevention seminar was to provide knowledge on how to prevent and respond to fire incidents, not only in their homes but also in their centers.

Some of the topics covered in the seminar included the different types of fire and fire extinguishers, how to properly use a fire extinguisher, the Stop, Drop, and Roll technique, and various fire awareness and prevention measures. To make it enjoyable, we also had a slogan-making, poster-making contest, and a quiz bee activity. We finished this program by giving a certificate and awarding.



The Mobilization Phase represents the final stage of the two-year rehabilitation-to-transformation program, where trainees are fully equipped—physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually—and are prepared to transition into employment, livelihood, or further education. With the support of partner organizations, schools, and church networks, trainees are guided in job placement, entrepreneurship, and workplace readiness.

This phase serves as a key indicator of program effectiveness, ensuring that the skills, values, and formation imparted throughout the program are translated into real-life outcomes. It strengthens the trainees' confidence, independence, and decision-making as they reintegrate into their families and communities.

For Batch 1 (Joseph), several trainees have already secured employment, while others established small livelihood businesses or pursued further training. These outcomes demonstrate the program's success in producing employable, responsible, and self-sustaining individuals.

CBM Cebu End Retreat: “Prepare for the Battlefield” (Pag Andam Alang sa Pang-gubatan)

In Cebu, the End Retreat for Batch 1 (2023-2025) was conducted on July 15–17, 2025, serving as a final formation activity before graduation. Held as a spiritual and practical preparation, the retreat aimed to strengthen the trainees' faith, resilience, and moral grounding as they transition into life outside the program.

It also provided space for reflection on their two-year journey, identifying personal growth areas and reinforcing values formation. In addition, practical sessions on livelihood and small business management were conducted, equipping trainees with basic entrepreneurial skills such as planning, budgeting, and operations.

The retreat integrated spiritual growth, personal development, and practical life skills, ensuring that trainees are prepared not only for employment but also for real-life challenges beyond the program.



End Retreat - CBM Luzon

During the final four months of the two-year program (January–April 2025), the youth, guided by pastors and church workers, worked on securing essential documents to help them find jobs or start small businesses. They also participated in sessions and activities that prepared them for life after the program, supporting their transition back home and encouraging responsible, faith-centered living.

As part of this preparation, the End Retreat was held from February 17–21, 2025, at Camp Rock in Puerto Galera, with 88 youth, 28 church workers and pastors, and 13 facilitators. Set in a scenic environment, the retreat provided rest, fellowship, and meaningful experiences while also equipping participants for their next journey. More than recreation, it served as a vital stage of growth, helping them move forward with stronger faith, confidence, and clear direction.



Onesimo Foundation Inc. Annual Graduation Ceremony 2025 - in Luzon

April 25, 2025 | Greenhills Christian Fellowship

Onesimo Foundation Inc. celebrated the annual graduation ceremony with a total of 326 attendees, of which 128 beneficiaries were honored for their perseverance, growth, and achievements. This year, 112 CBM Batch 12 beneficiaries and 16 residential clients completed the 2-year program. They were equipped with practical skills for employment and reintegration into their families. Residential clients also reached academic milestones through the Alternative Learning System (ALS), successfully passing PELT Levels 1 and 2.

The ceremony featured guest speaker Dr. Jennifor Aguilar, with board member Eugene Villanueva offering congratulations and monetary gifts to graduates. Chairman Josefina Gutierrez expressed gratitude to all who supported the event.

The celebration was enriched by the presence of 62 family members of graduates, six partner churches, and the OFI community, highlighting the collective support that underpins each graduate's journey. Beyond academic achievements, the event stood as a testament to resilience, hard work, and renewed purpose, reflecting the transformative impact of Onesimo Foundation's programs.



Onesimo Foundation Inc. Annual Graduation Ceremony 2025

July 19, 2025 | LCM Compound, Bankal, Lapu-Lapu

Graduation: A Milestone of Transformation

The Graduation Ceremony for Batch 1 Joseph was held on July 19, 2025 at the LCM Compound, Bankal, Lapu-Lapu City. The event marked a significant milestone, celebrating two years of growth, discipline, and transformation. Out of 39 official beneficiaries from four (4) partner churches, 16 trainees successfully completed the program. The graduation highlighted not only academic and vocational achievements but also the spiritual and personal transformation experienced throughout the journey. Despite challenges and attrition, the ceremony became a powerful testimony of perseverance, community support, and life transformation, reflecting the program’s holistic impact.

Total Active
Mobilization
Outcomes: 16
trainees

Category	Number of Trainees	Description
Employed	4	Secured formal employment after graduation
Small Business Operators	9	Engaged in micro and practical livelihood businesses
Further Training	1	Continued advanced skills development
Extended Support Cases	2	Granted 1-year extension due to special cognitive conditions

Program Completion Summary (Batch 1 – Joseph)

Status	Number
Total Official Beneficiaries	39
Completed Program	16
Did Not Complete Program	23

Shera Mae Maloloy-on (Trainee)

Shera Mae shared that the program helped her overcome drug dependency and experience spiritual renewal. Through discipleship and mentorship, she developed a stronger faith in Christ and gained the strength to pursue a transformed and stable life.

Jodel Canete (LGGM – Graduate)

Jodel testified that from a life of construction work and personal struggles with vices, the program became a turning point. Through two years of formation, he completed senior high school, finished vocational training in welding, and now serves as a Bible study leader. He is now a program graduate and a transformed individual prepared for community reintegration.

Facilitated the activities and monitored progress of participants in the Aftercare program, highlighting those who have successfully completed the 2-year residential program. Aftercare ensures a good transition from in-house back to their respective communities. Additionally, it serves as a foundation for enhancing services, pinpointing areas that need further support, and formulating more effective strategies for future participants.

Ten (10) program participants were assessed as capable of continuing their lives on their own, helping provide the basic needs of their families.

Twenty (20) program participants are continuing their schooling. Some of them are volunteers in the Onesimo program.

6 in College

7 in Senior High

2 in Junior High

4 in ALS

1 PWD in hands-on training

Thirty (30) youths were served from January to December 2025

- Currently Active: 20 (ongoing participation)
 - New students: 7
 - Old students: 13
- Disengaged: 10

Home visitation

Home visitation has a meaningful impact on clients by helping restore family relationships, build trust, and provide emotional and practical support. Through consistent visits, families—like in Ashley's case—are given space to communicate, resolve conflicts, and gradually improve their relationships. It also allows community workers to better understand the real-life struggles of the youth, including emotional burdens and financial hardships, while offering guidance, presence, and even basic support when needed. Most importantly, it creates a safe space where the youth feel heard, understood, and supported, helping them cope and heal over time.

"Home visitation is a powerful tool that restores relationships and provides vital emotional support by making individuals feel heard, understood, and not alone."



I am Aimee Deolingo Sas, 19 years old, from San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal. I completed Onesimo's two-year residential care program and am now part of its aftercare program while pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Social Work at the University of Rizal System.

Onesimo has been a big part of my journey. Their guidance and support helped me regain confidence in my studies and inspired me to keep going despite challenges. Transitioning out of residential care was not easy—I faced discouragement, family struggles, and financial difficulties—but Onesimo stood by me. Their encouragement reminded me to be resilient, to stay positive, and to believe in myself.

Because of their support, I've become more determined in my academic responsibilities and have once again received medals and certificates. I am now approaching my second year in college, motivated to finish what I've started.

I am deeply grateful to Onesimo, and to Sir Allen and Ma'am Norma, for their constant check-ins, guidance, and genuine concern. They have been my source of strength and inspiration, and I carry the values they instilled in me every day.



Monthly Meeting

Monthly meetings provide a safe and supportive space where individuals can share their struggles, offering one another strength, encouragement, and hope. These discussions help participants better understand each other's experiences and emotions, especially those of young people. Alongside personal faith and prayer, the meetings play an important role in helping individuals process their challenges, gain guidance, and move forward with a lighter heart.



REFLECTION AFTER CARE RETREAT 2025: BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS



The things I learned in this retreat have had a big impact on me. Like, since I am already grown up, I should already be making plans for my future. I should be strong and not give up when facing challenges. If I can't handle it, I should ask for help from the Lord and from people who trust and support me.

If there are things in life that really cannot be changed, I should first focus on myself—on how to fight and stand strong. Because once I am able to fix myself and become strong enough to face challenges, then the things I want to change in my life will surely be something I can face with courage and faith.

That is why I am very grateful because I am still being included in programs like this by Onesimo. It is truly a big help that I cannot fully express in words alone.

— Julie Ann Capurcos

School Visit

School visitation helps boost the youth's self-confidence and motivation, especially as they take pride in being scholars. It also strengthens collaboration among teachers, parents, and community workers, allowing for better monitoring, open communication, and more effective problem-solving in school.

For discharged clients, eleven youth exited the program—five successfully completed it and are now employed, while six left early to work and support their families. Those who completed the program generally had stronger family support, while those who discontinued often faced limited support at home. Despite these differences, all of them continue to persevere and strive for a better life despite economic challenges.



"School visitation strengthens confidence and support systems, while the youths' outcomes largely depend on family support—yet all continue to show resilience and determination to improve their lives."



ONESIMO FARM & CAMP

MATALINTING

Over the past year, Onesimo Farm and Campsite has experienced both challenges and growth. As a ministry committed to stewarding the land and serving the community, we have navigated a season marked by uncertainty, perseverance, and faith.

Throughout the year, we faced various operational challenges, including equipment limitations, pest pressures, ongoing construction, unfinished projects, and fluctuating market conditions. Despite these difficulties, we have seen steady progress in our farming operations.

By God's grace, several developments have taken place, including improvements in infrastructure, renewed commitment from our team, and meaningful advancements in farm activities. While achieving full sustainability remains a long-term goal, we continue to build strong foundations through careful planning and faithful stewardship.

We remain confident that God is cultivating this ministry according to His purpose. As we continue planting, building, and learning, we trust that the vision for Onesimo Farm and Campsite will grow and flourish in His perfect time.





ONESIMO FARM & CAMP

MATALINTING

Multi-purpose Building Program and Guest Usage



Agriculture students from the University of Rizal System received their certificates for on-the-job training

Onesimo Farm and Campsite (OFC) hosted 1,616 participants for Community-Based Ministry, Residential Program, and Summer Youth Camp activities. Participants maximized the facilities, hiking trails, and also joined farming activities that enriched their program experience. In addition, 852 guests availed of the farm's amenities, with some choosing accommodation packages with meals. While providing meal packages remains challenging due to manpower needs, we hope to further develop this service in the future.

Livestocks

The goat project

The goat project experienced significant growth this year, highlighted by the birth of 11 healthy kids – 7 males and 4 females – increasing the herd to 28 goats by December. 5 live goats were sold, supporting project sustainability.

To ensure the herd remains healthy year-round, we are actively producing silage and building forage reserves, especially in preparation for the summer season when natural grass becomes scarce.

Looking ahead, we are excited and hopeful as we anticipate more newborns early next year, continuing the steady growth of the project.





ONESIMO FARM & CAMP

MATALINTING

Free-range chicken

Our free-range chicken operation faced challenges this year in processing fertilized eggs into chicks (incubation), resulting in the loss of 106 chickens and 3 missing. Despite this, we sold 63 heads and donated 10, ending the year with 74 chickens.

Egg production improved significantly, with 10,073 eggs harvested, of which 8,052 were sold and 565 donated. Looking forward to a higher number of eggs hatched and increased number of laying hens to improve production capacity.



The tilapia farming project

In its first year, the tilapia farming project faced challenges in maintaining water in the pond. The initial earthen pond experienced water seepage, and the later geomembrane-lined pond did not fully meet project requirements.

Despite these setbacks, 1,380 fingerlings were purchased in two batches. Due to uncontrollable factors and the unfinished pond, 245 fish were lost, leaving 1,135 fish by year-end. The experience provided valuable lessons to improve future operations.



Vermiculture and Vermicast Production

The vermiculture project produced 1,805 kilograms of vermicast, which was mainly used to support the azolla area, Faith Garden, and tilapia farm, helping improve soil fertility and overall productivity.

Despite limited manpower, farm staff maintained production through a rotating schedule, with support from 6-Day Farm Training participants and trainees. The farm plans to further strengthen the project by improving labor allocation and expanding production capacity.





ONESIMO FARM & CAMP

MATALINTING

Amenities and other projects

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool repair project was awarded to Bacani Construction through a bidding process. Works included leak repairs, tile replacement, waterproofing, riprap installation, and construction of an umbrella fountain.

However, leaks were still observed, particularly in the kiddie pool, indicating the need for further repairs. The pool remains safe for use with limited swimmer capacity, while the maintenance team continues to monitor and maintain the facility.



Viewdeck Area

The viewdeck area, located about 300 meters from the farmhouse, was converted into a prayer room for guest meditation and reflection. Situated near a small waterfall, it offers a peaceful environment. However, the current trail is steep, and plans are being considered to develop a safer and more accessible path for guests.





ONESIMO FARM & CAMP

MATALINTING

Faith Garden, By-products, and Fruit-Bearing Trees

The farm expanded its production area by planting 56 cacao trees and 3 banana trees, with cacao seedlings provided by the Rizal Agricultural Research and Experiment Station (RARES) to support long-term sustainability.

Farm harvests were also processed into value-added products such as chili oil, coco jam, passion fruit jam, atchara, cacao tablea, banana chips, and salted eggs. Notably, chili oil, chili garlic, and salted eggs were produced for the first time, adding value to farm produce while reducing waste and creating additional income opportunities.





ONESIMO FARM & CAMP

MATALINTING

Ram Pump - a water pump using the energy of flowing water for the farm needs

Three new ram pumps were fabricated by the Farm Maintenance team, led by William Tan, to meet the growing water supply needs at Onesimo Farm and Campsite (OFC). After several months of construction, the units were successfully commissioned.

Modeled after the existing system, each pump delivers about 1 liter of water every 20 seconds, ensuring a steady supply for farm operations. Plans are also underway to restore the dam next year to secure a more sustainable water source.

Farm Training

6-Days Farm Training Program

The farm conducted the 6-Day Farm Training for Community-Based Ministry (CBM) partners and Residential Programs, with active participation from partner churches and residential centers.

One hundred twenty (120) participants gained hands-on experience in Urban Gardening, Faith Garden, Vermiculture and Vermicomposting, organic concoction preparation, and Goat Production, while also helping prepare additional areas for planting fruit-bearing trees.

"We should continue to care for and appreciate God's creation because He made nature to provide for the needs of people. Thank you for continually sharing your knowledge. May God continue to bless you so you can help more people."

— Marielle Esguerra

"Through farming, you learn to be responsible in many things. You also learn how to get along not only with people but also with animals, and most importantly with nature. I would like to thank everyone who became part of this program for making it possible to achieve this goal for the youth."

— Christian Zairo Maglinte

3-Months Farm Training Program

The farm conducted two batches of the three-month Intensive Farm Training and OJT program to give youth hands-on agricultural experience. A total of five trainees participated, with one completing the full program.

Some trainees returned home due to family needs, while others were affected by changes in church schedules. Despite these challenges, the farm remains committed to promoting farming as a valuable life skill and livelihood opportunity for the youth.

On-the-Job Training new Partners

The farm welcomed nine (9) agricultural students from the University of Rizal System who completed their 207-hour on-the-job training (OJT). The students assisted in crop production, soil preparation, planting, irrigation, pest monitoring, harvesting, and basic record-keeping.

Their participation supported daily farm operations while providing them with valuable hands-on agricultural experience. The partnership proved mutually beneficial for both the farm and the students.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Annual General Meeting was held at the Onesimo Training Center on June 8, 2025, bringing together staff, volunteers, donors, and executives for updates on the organization's achievements. The program also featured testimonies from clients and beneficiaries, highlighting its impact. Before the election of new Board members, Attorney Joel Butuyan gave a short message of encouragement. Overall, the gathering strengthened shared commitment to the organization's mission and future direction.

The Board of Trustees has remained steadfast in guiding the organization toward its mission of service and transformation. Throughout the year, the Board provided strategic leadership, ensured sound governance, and upheld accountability across all programs and initiatives.

HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS

We are grateful to see how many responded swiftly and generously, which helped stabilize the condition of those in need in the areas where Onesimo serves.

Many young people living in the partner communities/churches began suffering from athlete's foot due to prolonged exposure to floodwaters. In several areas, floodwaters did not subside for a full week. Some communities were extremely muddy, and people struggled to return to their homes to clean up due to deep mud or soft ground caused by strong water flow from deforested mountain areas.

Distributed pairs of rubber boots to 150 families, 5 kilos of rice per family for supplementary food aid, one 900ml bottle of Color Safe Zonrox bleach per family to support household cleaning supplies, and solar lights.

Assisted to 15 families for their medical needs and to some for funeral.



HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS

In Cebu, in December relief goods were delivered by Onesimo Cebu staff (Raffy), through the initiatives of our CBM partners. A total of 415 families received food packs, rice, medicine, and cleaning materials. Some received construction materials to repair their severely damaged roof and walls.

Nanay Bernardita and Tatay Rolando shared tearfully:
"This is the first time we received help for our home. It keeps getting destroyed every time there's a typhoon. Now, we can finally rest a little from working double just to fix the damage. We are deeply grateful to God—and to everyone who helped."

They also expressed how thankful they are that Arvie, despite his struggles, is being welcomed and guided in the church. *"He is changing little by little. Because of him, we received this help from the church supporters here in Cebu."*

SUMMARY OF RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED THROUGH CBM PARTNERS		
Location / Partner	Number of Families Assisted	Notes
Talisay City (Mananga River area)	100 families	In partnership with Pastor Erwin
Compostela, Canamukan	25 families	Through Pastora Luz
Talisay – Dumlog & Mujan	70 families	Through Pastora Letecia
Cebu City – Bacayan (Villa Del Rio)	22 families	Through Pastor Allan; more assistance planned



HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS



"I am truly, deeply grateful for Onesimo. In the middle of a calamity where everything was washed away — our belongings, our home, memories we built as a family — God still allowed blessings to reach us. He used people to remind us that we were not forgotten.

What touched me even more was how my fellow beneficiaries helped me carry the roofing sheets and plywood from the main road to our place inside the community. It was not easy because the path going inside is narrow, muddy, and difficult to walk through, especially while carrying heavy materials. But they stood with me. That moment reminded me that even when disasters destroy our homes, they do not have to destroy our sense of unity. We now have a chance to slowly rebuild our lives... one piece of plywood, one nail, one prayer at a time."

"I thank God for everything — for life, for safety, and for the people He used to help us stand again."

Testimony of John Boy's Father

John Boy's father shared his story with a humble voice, visibly tired yet deeply thankful:

"Thank you very much. It has really been difficult for us to buy plywood and roofing sheets. It would have taken us a long time before we could afford them because our situation is very hard right now. I didn't know that you would be sending us roofing sheets, wood, and plywood. This is already a huge help to us. Our house really had no roof because it was crushed by fallen wood. These ten pieces are already enough for us. Thank you so much. Please have some bananas first before you leave."

He insisted that we take a few pieces of banana he had saved, a gesture of gratitude from someone who had almost nothing left. Pastor Renan and the team accepted the simple gift with full hearts—it was an honor to receive something given out of deep sincerity.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION UNIT

Resource Mobilization Unit

The Resource Mobilization Unit plays a vital role in advancing the mission of the organization by securing the financial and non-financial resources necessary to sustain its programs and operations. Throughout the year, the unit implemented strategic initiatives aimed at strengthening partnerships, diversifying funding sources, and ensuring responsible stewardship of all contributions received.

Through collaborative efforts and the continued trust of partners and donors, the organization was able to expand its reach and deliver impactful programs to its beneficiaries.



Training

The Core Leadership Team (CLT) and Department Heads are participating in systematic fundraising sessions led by David Liban Jr. The training focuses on resource mobilization, sustainable fundraising systems, and effective donor engagement. This initiative aims to enhance the leadership team's skills for building lasting partnerships and advancing the organization's mission.



Donation Coin Bank



"Barya sa Lata, Dala ay Pag-asa" project successfully raised approximately ₱37,925.00 in June 2025. Through the collective generosity of donors and supporters, the solicited funds will directly support the provision of clothing, school supplies, and essential medical needs for beneficiaries from residential care centers. The initiative demonstrates how small acts of giving, when united, can create meaningful impact in the lives of the children and youth served by the organization.

Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office



Onesimo and PCSO Staff

Government agency Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) granted ₱1,500,000.00 to Onesimo Foundation in support of its four residential care centers. The grant funds nutritional meals, medicines (including vitamins), psychological sessions, and therapeutic interventions for the beneficiaries. This assistance strengthens the Foundation's commitment to ensuring the holistic well-being of the children and youth under its care by addressing their physical, mental, and emotional needs.

The checks were issued in May and September to support the continuous implementation of these essential services.

GT Foundation

GT Foundation Inc. – PAGTITIPON (Food Augmentation Program) provided support to Residential Care Facilities by supplementing the daily nutritional needs of children and youth.

Through this initiative, GT Foundation Inc. extended a total grant of ₱110,000.00 for the four residential centers. The assistance aims to enhance meal provisions, promote proper nutrition, and contribute to the overall health and well-being of the beneficiaries.



Donor Care



As part of its donor care and stewardship efforts, Onesimo Foundation implemented meaningful appreciation initiatives to recognize the generosity of its partners and supporters, including the production of personalized thank-you video greetings expressing sincere gratitude for their continued trust and support, as well as the distribution of commemorative calendars as tokens of appreciation that serve as reminders of the shared mission to uplift and empower children and youth beneficiaries—demonstrating the Foundation's commitment to cultivating strong, trust-based relationships through intentional and thoughtful engagement.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership is a shared commitment to work together toward a common purpose. It is built on trust, mutual respect, and a unified vision. Through partnership, strengths are combined, challenges are faced collectively, and greater impact is achieved. Together, we accomplish more than we ever could alone.

Last Year Onesimo Community Based-Ministry was blessed to have a company that seeks to help the youth that we cater to.

CEPAT - Cepat Kredit Financing Inc. is a Philippines-based, SEC-registered lending company established in 2019 that specializes in providing fast, often 24-hour approval loans for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and seafarers. It offers unsecured, short-term personal loans, allowing beneficiaries or workers to receive funds quickly.

Through the initiative of Sir Macki (former CBM coordinator) and Sir Jerome, 73 participants from Tondo center and cluster 4 churches received learnings and gifts in this event as part of CEPAT gratitude for the many years their company has progressed.



Cebu Partnership

Partnerships are further deepened through collaborative initiatives such as the Dental Mission facilitated by Sir Kerwin Siao in coordination with Southwestern University PHINMA, which provided free dental services to beneficiaries and addressed critical health needs. Overall, these integrated efforts demonstrate a strong partnership-driven model of capability building that equips workers, strengthens churches, and ensures holistic care and transformation for youth-at-risk.



CAMP ROCK FOUNDATION

ANINUAN, PUERTO GALERA

Repairs and Maintenance



Minor repairs and upgrades in Camp Rock contributed to its overall beautification and improved facilities.

Camp Rock Guest and Visitors 2025

In 2025, the venue hosted 800 individuals across 44 bookings.

This includes 38 bookings from Partner guests and 6 Onesimo programs, namely:

- OFI Staff Retreat
- OAEP PELT 2
- CBM Pastors and Workers Retreat
- CBM End Retreat
- SYCO Batch 1
- SYCO Batch 2

WHAT'S NEW?

View Deck

One of the most significant improvements during the year was the construction of a scenic viewing deck, designed to enhance visitors' experience by offering a breathtaking panoramic view of the ocean while providing a peaceful and inviting space for relaxation, reflection, and appreciation of the area's natural coastal beauty. This development has also contributed to increasing visitor engagement and strengthening the site's appeal as a destination for leisure and wellness.



CAPABILITY BUILDING

Capability building for Onesimo workers and community partners is strengthened through intentional structures of partnership, continuous learning, and on-ground support that ensure effective implementation of the program for youth-at-risk. Through the Monthly Pastors and Workers Fellowship, partners are regularly equipped in leadership, discipleship, program management, and spiritual formation, while also being reminded of operational standards from the Onesimo Manual to ensure accountability and consistency across all churches. This is complemented by CBM team community visitations, where Manila and Cebu teams conduct onsite monitoring, assessment, and vision-casting activities to evaluate shelter conditions, program implementation, and provide direct encouragement and guidance to partner churches, reinforcing unity and shared mission.

Pastors' and Workers' Retreat

As an organization collaborating with community churches committed to supporting at-risk youth, we strive to create opportunities for rest and meaningful connection among them. We recognize that fellowship plays a vital role in strengthening their growth and resilience. These moments include sharing experiences and personal testimonies that showcase the transformative work of God in the lives of the young people we serve.

Every January, we kick off the year with an unforgettable retreat at Camp Rock in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro. Last year's retreat, held from January 28 - 30, 2025, was a resounding success, with 60 Pastors and Youth Workers joining in. CBM Staff led inspiring biblical reflections centered around the theme "Commitment," drawn from the story of Daniel. Our retreats are crafted to be transformative experiences, helping our partners gain clarity, deepen their self-awareness, and return home inspired, and ready to take on the year with renewed drive. It's an event that leaves everyone feeling refreshed and empowered, setting the tone for a purposeful and impactful year ahead.

Pastor's and Workers' Monthly Fellowship

"No one truly understands what you are going through except those who are experiencing the same things as you."

One of the most important responsibilities of church pastors and workers involved in the community-based ministry is the monthly gathering, where they come together for fellowship and share their experiences from the areas where they minister to the youth.

The main purpose of meeting regularly is to listen, reflect, and encourage one another, recognizing that the work entrusted to them by God is not easy. Despite the struggles and challenges they face, this kind of gathering helps sustain and strengthen them, especially amid the pressures that come with guiding and caring for the youth.

Each of them understands that real transformation in the lives of young people does not depend solely on proper guidance and care, but most importantly on praying together with complete trust in God's power, who truly brings change into a young person's life.

CAPABILITY BUILDING - STAFF

Staff Retreat

A total of 36 staff members participated in reflective and interactive activities such as “Kumustahan”, meta-card sharing, and team-building exercises designed to foster connection, unity, and personal growth. The retreat provided an opportunity for spiritual renewal, enhanced teamwork, and a renewed commitment to service. The event, themed “a Time with God,” was organized by the OFI from March 26-28, 2025, at Camp Rock, Puerto Galera.



Stress Debriefing Activity

Serving in the ministry often requires taking on multiple responsibilities, which can be demanding, yet we willingly embrace this commitment each year. We continue to work closely with our partners despite differences in timelines, driven by the meaningful impact of the ministry and the knowledge that our service reaches those in need. While the work can be tiring, its purpose outweighs the challenges. At the same time, we recognize the importance of caring for our well-being and mental health. This year, staff took time to rest and recharge through a department-based retreat, providing an opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect. This experience reminded us that caring for ourselves enables us to continue serving with renewed energy and dedication.

Sabbatical

As part of Onesimo’s capability-building program for staff development and wellness, each department was given the opportunity to choose their preferred sabbath destination and activities for fellowship, rest, and team bonding. In 2025, the CBM, Residential, RMU, and After Care teams traveled to Baler to enjoy the beach and surfing activities, while MSS and OAEP visited Vigan, a UNESCO World Heritage destination known for its rich cultural heritage. Meanwhile, the Onesimo Farm and Campsite team went to Baguio to experience its cool climate and relaxing environment. These trips provided meaningful opportunities for rest, appreciation of nature, and strengthening camaraderie among staff members.

LIFE TESTIMONIES

Pstra. Nancy Gallo

(Reaching Out Christian Ministries Taytay, Rizal)

During the three terms that we partnered with CBM Onesimo Foundation, our journey as a partner church was not easy. However, by God's grace and with His help, what was difficult became manageable. Every tear we shed—especially during moments when we felt like giving up—was replaced by joy as God continually allowed us to experience His love.

Each term brought different experiences, and with them, different lessons. Every child has a unique character, and through each of them, we saw how deeply valued and loved they are by God.

In three terms, we shed what felt like buckets of tears. Yet in every drop, we discovered the true value of life—the lives of children who deserve to be loved, cared for, and helped in fulfilling their dreams.

There were many nightmares throughout the six years: seeing a beneficiary take 30 tablets and thinking we might lose them; witnessing self-harm caused by the trauma of abuse from someone they considered family; seeing a child run amok with a machete; watching fights break out right in front of us, and many other painful moments. In those times, we repeatedly asked, “Lord, did we make the right decision?” These were the questions we found ourselves asking whenever something unexpected happened.

Then suddenly we found ourselves saying, “Wow! Three terms are finished! Time went by so fast.” Words we never imagined we would say—because we truly made it through. Praise the Lord!

Thank you to CBM Onesimo for being our partner in transforming and guiding the 39 young people whom the Lord entrusted to our care.



Thank you to the ROCM pastors and workers who stood as parents, older sisters, and older brothers to these children—so they could say they have a real family who showed them genuine love.

Above all, thank you to the Lord, because without Him, none of this would have been possible. Glory to our Lord!

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

- Homed a total of 79 (31 trainees are in the equipping phase, 15 were reintegrated to their families, 33 were provided with food, clothing, a 10-day workcamp & availed other services)
- Camp for Residential trainees' families – 121 parents/guardians and 32 trainees.
- 34 girls served and hosted in 2 girls center and 45 boys served and hosted in 2 boys center

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM

- CBM Luzon: Supported 458 (104 Graduated, 94 mid-terms, 134 continued of the 241 accepted in 2025, 126 left the program early for various reasons).
- By end of the year, 228 continued in the rehabilitation program.
- CBM Cebu: Supported 74 (15 Graduated, 59 new.
- By end of the year, CBM Cebu has 37 beneficiaries.
- CBM Luzon: 96 Pastors and church volunteer workers
- CBM Cebu: 28 Pastors and church volunteer workers
- CBM Beneficiaries' Family Camp, in 3 batches, a total of 333 participants.
- 51 CBM Partners: Cebu 10 and Luzon 41 (11 ended in May, 16 new church partners, 10 renewed, and 14 in mid-term)
- 608 CBM beneficiaries were enrolled to ALS with the help of our partner church workers and some took skills training.

ONESIMO ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM (OAEP)

Education & Skills - Program Highlights

- 14 students from Batch 2024–2025 qualified to take the ALS Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test, with registration conducted on November 21, 2024.

OAEP Continuation -

- The ALS A&E Test was successfully held at New Era High School, with 13 of 14 learners taking the exam, marking a key milestone in their education on January 26, 2025. Six (6) of the 13 takers Passed the Exam

Functional Literacy Test (Batch 2025–2026)

- 22 students participated -
 - 14 Junior High School level
 - 6 Elementary level
 - 2 Basic Literacy level

Staff Updates

- Sir Jayson Pauste replaced Sir Petterson Frial as the new ALS Learning Facilitator and PELT Coordinator
- Teacher's Day was celebrated on October 09, 2025, in appreciation of our Learning Facilitator, Skills Facilitator, and Education Consultant.

OAEP Program (Batch 2024–2025)

- 22 enrolled, 16 graduated

ALS A&E Test Registration

- Out of 22 students enrolled as ALS learners from Batch 2024-2025, only 16 successfully graduated.
- Only 15 of the 22 ALS learners from Batch 2024–2025 were enrolled in the LIS Portal

Trainings Facilitated

- Vacation Bible School (VBS) Training
 - Attended by a total of 62 participants from residential clients and guardians at Onesimo Training Center.
- The Quezon City Government held a three-day training on safety, health, and emergency response for SME and large enterprise personnel to enhance workplace preparedness and lifesaving skills.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PELT Program

- PELT Retreat 1
 - Held at Onesimo Farm and Campsite from October 29 – 31, 2025.
 - 19 students completed PELT Level 1.
- PELT Level 2
 - Held at Camp Rock, Puerto Galera from April 8-11, 2025.
 - Participants:
 - 16 students
 - 3 OAEP staff members
 - 1 Social Worker
 - 1 MSS Staff as cook and driver
 - 3 Facilitators

Skills Training Program

- Courses Offered:
 - Housekeeping and Food Processing (Residential Program)
 - Small Engine (CBM Program)
- Total Number of Students:
 - 35 students enrolled, consisting of:
 - 19 residential clients
 - 16 from CBM Beneficiaries
 - 8 finished out of 10 students
 - 5 finished out of 6 students

Scholarship Program Update

- **Graduated Scholars**
 - Eugene Drake Santillan graduated from Senior High School.
- **Continuing Scholars**
 - Abigail Tuana, Grade 9, Tala High School
 - Ernilito Corton, Grade 12 ALS Student - STRAND, Timoteo Paez High School (endorsed to AC in the middle of the year)
- **New Scholars**
 - This year we had 7 new scholars from Residential
 - John Mark F. Eslao, Grade 8 student, Timoteo Paez High School (did not finish)

- Jhed Ayessa D. Aviso, Grade 7 student, Pugad Lawin High School (did not finish)
- Ashley Tating, Grade 7 student, Pugad Lawin High School (did not finish)
- Angel Maglana, Grade 11 student, HUMSS– San Francisco High School (endorsed to AC in the middle of the year)
- Izzy A. Febrer, Grade 11 student, HUMSS– San Francisco High School
- Marian E. Amor, Grade 7 ALS student, Tala High School
- Jennylyn C. Gusarem, Grade 8 student, Tala High School

• **Ended the Program**

- Jordan Smith Cantillo, ALS student, Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma High School, but ended his term as he was discharged from Onesimo Program (did not pass the A&E Test).

AFTER CARE

- 31 students were monitored and supported
- Monthly Fellowships & Annual Retreat

PREVENTIVE PROGRAM

- Youth Leadership Training held on Dec 26-29, 2025. Sixty-seven (67) youth leaders were trained.
- Summer Youth Camp Onesimo (SYCO) - a total of 440 young people in 5 batches
- Supported the educational needs of 15 students in the Macabud community

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION UNIT

- Barya sa Lata, Dala ay Pag-asa" project successfully raised ₱37,925.00.
- Participated in GCF for "Ministry Booth" on October 31, 2025.
- Received a grant as an institutional partner from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO)
- Printed 200 pcs of the English version of Onesimo calendar given to supporters.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ONESIMO FARM AND CAMPSITE (OFC):

2,608 guests came to hold their programs and contributed to the development of the Farm

Program Support

- Venue for Onesimo Youth and Bulilit activities
- Maintained the multi-purpose building, swimming pool, and vehicle – ensured their functionality and safety for use.
- Operated and maintained the vermi-culture, goat, and free-range chicken projects.

One hundred twenty (120) trainees completed a six-day farming program, while one trainee underwent an intensive three-month farm training program

9 University of Rizal System students, completed the required hours of hands-on lessons in the farm and on organic concoctions, vermiculture, SALT 1-4, and related by-products

Permits and Office concerns.

- Acquisition of permits
- Sta. Maria Municipal Assessor's visit
- Member of Sta. Maria Turismo Marilag
- Auditor's visit to OFC

ONESIMO PROGRAM ACTIVITIES SERVED IN OFC

Residential General Reflection

SYCO Batch 1-3

Macabud Retreat

Residential Work Camp

After Care Retreat

CBM Summer Camp

Residential Boys Work Camp

Residential Girls Work Camp

CBM Farm Exposure

CBM Work Camp

OFI Planning

CBM Evaluation & Parents Retreat

Residential Family Retreat Batch 1 & 2

Pelt Retreat

SYCO Leadership Planning

CBM Parents Retreat Batch 1-3

SYCO Leadership Training

ON-GOING PROJECTS

- Goat meat production - 11 new kids added to the herd, 28 Total goats by the end of the year and 5 live goats sold, supporting project sustainability
- Vermiculture - Produce 1,805 kilograms of vermicast
- Free-range chicken - Loss of 106 chickens and 3 missing. Sold 63 heads and donated 10, ending the year with 74 chickens. (10,073 egg harvested, of which 8,052 were sold and 565 donated)
- Food Available In The House (FAITH) - planted cucumber, tomatoes, eggplant, string beans, and pechay
- Production of By-products- banana chips making, atsara, cocojam, passionfruit jam, and coffee
- Fishpond - 1380 fingerlings were purchased in two batches. 245 Tilapia fish were lost; living 1,135 fish by year end.

EMERGENCY HELP & DISASTER RELIEF

- Fire and Flood in the Tondo area
- Typhoon Tino in Cebu

DONATION IN KIND

- Samsung S24 Ultra 256 T.Gray
- DepEd Learning kits for Grades 7 to 10
- 11 units of second hand laptops
- 1 box of bath soap
- Office & School supplies

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DONATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Servants Switzerland
- OJCOS Germany
- Christian Scheider
- Hans & Maria Brumann
- Claudia Abbot
- Teena and Jacques Landolt
- Onesimo Farm and Campsite
- Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office
- Assisi Development Foundation
- Greenhills Christian Fellowship
- Discovery Team
- Jubilee Christian Academy
- Nehemiah Foundation
- Coinbanks
- Wellevate
- GT Foundation
- Filchamp Yissentials, Inc
- Onesimo Program graduates

INFRASTRUCTURES AND ACQUISITIONS

- Deeply grateful for the generosity of the Mr. and Mrs. Bruman in granting the usufruct agreement covering a parcel of land and the residence
- Residential center furniture and fixtures were purchased, including mattresses, electric fans, cabinets, a sofa set, drawers, tables, and chairs.
- Purchased an air-conditioning unit for the CBM office, electric fans for classrooms, an office table, and a chair.
- A new Mitsubishi L300 vehicle was purchased.

MINISTRY SUPPORT SERVICES

- We have a total of 38 workers on the payroll
- Assisted 35 staff families with medical and educational expenses of children and dependents
- Renewed registrations, permits, and licenses in respective municipalities
- Maintained facilities and vehicles, and settled all utility bills
- Maintained transparent financial records of receipts and expenses, audited by the external auditor

ONESIMO WORKERS CARE & DEVELOPMENT

- Psychological Assessment: A Cornerstone of Diagnostic Precision and Treatment Planning
- Strengthening SWDA Foundations: Cultivating Core Competencies for Enhanced Service Delivery
- 3-day Awareness, Lifesaving, Emergency Response Training Program 2025 on Earthquake Emergency Response and First Aid
- Enhancing Family Support: Practical Approaches for Strengthening Mental Health at Home and Finding Meaning and Purpose: Spiritual Guidance for Coping with Life's Challenges
- Strengthening Foundation, Advancing Standards: A Capability Building Series for Social Work Agencies on Quality and Case Management in Adoption and Alternative Child Care
- CPD Activity/Program "Positive Psychology's Implications for Psychotherapeutic Practice"
- Orientation on Standard First Aid

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Disaster Risk Reduction Orientation
- Webinar on Building Inclusive Workplaces DEIB in Corporate HR
- 3-day staff retreat/team building with 37 staff members, facilitated by Ms. Juliet Andaya in Camp Rock, Puerto Galera
- Staff stress debriefing sessions – each team had two days to open up to one another, listen, pray, and enjoy relaxing time together.
- Staff sabbath – a time to step away from work, breathe, enjoy nature, and thank the Lord. Staff spent time away from their daily routines, relaxing and caring for each other.
- Staff attended seminars relevant to their respective tasks to stay updated with government regulations and to gain additional knowledge or affirmation of their current practices.
- Weekly gathering for singing, playing, sharing testimonies, devotions, and praying together.

OTHERS

- Annual General Assembly on June 14
- Christmas celebration was held on December 19
- Onesimo Family Fun Day held on December 12
- Coordination Meeting: once a month, presentation of department and program accomplishments and plans
- Board Meeting: BOT met 4 times.
- Utilities and maintenance of facilities

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

January 1 to December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	27,373,104	33,429,838
Accounts and Other Receivable	61,749	63,814
Total Current Assets	27,434,853	33,493,652
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property and Equipment	131,034,733	123,108,997
Other Non-Current Assets	13,588,988	13,924,299
Biological Assets	218,300	202,760
Total Non-Current Assets	144,842,021	137,236,056
TOTAL ASSETS	172,276,874	170,729,708
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Withholding Tax Compensation	(2)	(13)
Accounts Payable	626,374	375,599
Trust Fund	1,008,690	202,414
Total Non-Current Liabilities	1,635,061	578,000
Deferred Income	29,695,944	30,247,111
TOTAL LIABILITIES	31,331,005	30,825,111
NET ASSETS		
Member Contribution	50,000	50,000
Changes in Assets	140,895,869	139,854,591
TOTAL NET ASSETS	140,945,869	139,854,591
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	172,276,874	170,729,708

ONESIMO FOUNDATION INC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
January 1 to December 31, 2025 and 2024

RECEIPTS	2025	2024
Servants Switzerland	36,381,784	42,916,613
OJCOS Germany Donation	2,976,000	1,822,972
Restricted Property Donation	7,306,950	0
Donation for Disaster Relief	1,118,401	3,218,867
Foreign Friends & Visitors	1,213,953	91,058
Local Donations and Other Receipts	2,276,303	1,091,506
Local Donations - Farm and Camp Site	1,165,501	571,331
Donations in Kind	254,072	0
Bank Interest	19,849	21,135
TOTAL RECEIPTS	52,712,811	49,733,482
EXPENSES	2025	2024
Community-Based Ministries	20,953,207	17,695,092
Residential Care	7,954,129	7,076,548
After Care Program	888,725	818,654
Community Outreach	1,515,843	1,607,076
Onesimo Farm and Campsite	1,244,750	1,490,463
Program Overhead	901,396	1,133,306
Program Staff and Volunteers Development	403,925	399,366
Program Workers Salaries and Wages and Benefits	11,024,927	10,716,988
Resource Development Program	61,736	143,715
Depreciation Expenses of Program Properties	3,286,239	3,268,190
Humanitarian Assistance	61,997	8,000
Disaster Victims Relief	1,118,401	3,218,867
Total Program Activities Cost	49,415,275	47,576,265
Admin Expenses (Including Depreciation)	2,256,259	2,157,217
TOTAL PROGRAM AND ADMIN COST	51,671,533	49,733,482
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	1,041,278	0

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

January 1 to December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	291,785	212,033
Other Receivables	0	375,599
	291,785	587,632
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property and Equipment	2,981,708	2,361,140
TOTAL ASSETS	3,273,493	2,948,773
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts and Other Payables	10,286,815	11,116,524
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,161,557	6,230,228
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,448,372	17,346,752
NET ASSETS	(14,174,878)	(14,397,978)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	3,273,493	2,948,773

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

January 1 to December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
RECEIPTS		
Local Donations and Other Receipts	1,084,975	1,547,989
Bank Interest	107	206
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,085,082	1,548,196
EXPENSES		
Program Expenses	698,933	1,026,862
Administrative Expenses	163,049	170,362
TOTAL EXPENSES	861,982	1,197,224
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	223,100	350,972

GLOSSARY

Onesimo, OFI – other names for the Onesimo Foundation Inc.

Residential – youth-at-risk or in conflict with the law with ages from 14 to 18, cared for in a specially designed 2-year course.

Community/Church-Based Ministry (CBM) – a major Onesimo Program for eighteen (18) year-olds and above. Churches in urban-poor communities partner with Onesimo which acts as resource providers for CBM to provide manpower and venue.

After Care Program - a follow-up program that seeks to help residential clients fully adapt to family life in their communities after their 2-year residency has been completed. The program is led by a senior social worker and an experienced community worker.

Trainee – usually a youth in the first year of the Onesimo (2-year) Program

Client – a term used for youth in the residential program; used to differentiate from the youth enrolled in the CBM program

Kuya, Ate – honorifics given to clients who have completed the first year of the 2-year program. The Kuyas and Ates help take responsibility for guiding trainees through their first steps in the program. They instruct the new ones in the new life, do's and don'ts, and expectations at the work camp. At the residential centers, they serve as models for the trainees. During Summer Youth Camps, they augment the church youth leaders and are given opportunities to enhance their gifts.

Beneficiary – a term used for the youth in the CBM program; used to differentiate from the youth enrolled in the Residential Program

Summer Youth Camps with Onesimo or SYCO (pronounced as /s/ko/) - started when urban-poor youth are invited from various slum communities in Metro Manila. Now as implemented by Onesimo, partner churches from urban poor communities host week-long summer camps at Onesimo's Camp Rock Retreat Center in Puerto Galera, Mindoro, and in Onesimo Farm and Campsite. Onesimo trains camp leaders, and heavily subsidizes camp fees so that urban poor youth may experience God's beautiful creation while being taught God's Word through tailored activities designed to challenge youth to leadership roles in church and community. Coordination meetings for churches and commissioning of youth leaders (with a strict understanding of the Onesimo Child Protection Policy) continue in January & February of the Camp Year. Partnership with churches may go on for 5 years unless terminated due to sub-performance or violations of Onesimo policies.

PELT – Personality Enhancement and Leadership Training 2-year parallel training to Skills and Academics also administered by the OAEF. It has psychological and spiritual components augmenting discipleship which takes place in the residential centers.

OFI - Onesimo Farm and Campsite

ALS A&E Test (Accreditation and Equivalency Test) is a national exam under the Department of Education (DepEd) that certifies the competencies of Alternative Learning System (ALS) learners, giving them an equivalent credential to an elementary or high school diploma. Passing the test allows out-of-school youth and adults to pursue higher education, vocational training, or employment opportunities.

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*"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion,
and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."*

2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV