

# ISLAND OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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NEWS & PRAYER

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*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. We have certainly seen the Lord at work during the months of April & May. Here are some of the highlights. To God be the Glory!*

### Highlights:

April is our DVBS month. It provides a great opportunity for the training and encouragement of our youth, and for the evangelism of the island children.



Training for VBS Volunteers

Vacation Bible School volunteers spent 3 days together in training & preparation. This year's theme was "*Knowing Christ*".



Vacation Bible School Volunteers

The 17 volunteers - most of them students from the islands - were challenged to go out to their assigned mission fields trusting God to use them and meet their needs. They conducted 21 three-day programs and reached out to over 1,500 children.



Vacation Bible School @ Bantigue Island

This is a small island located near Pitogo, Bohol, where we had never ministered before. Grace, who led the team there writes, "There were no Christians in this place, but people there were friendly and hospitable. They said they had not allowed anyone to have evangelism or any religious activities other than Catholic for a long time until now. They were wondering why we were having a Vacation Bible School on their island. But the people were very respectful and open to God's Word. During the VBS graduation, one of the Barangay councilors said he didn't want it to end so soon because his son told him that he had learned many songs, memory verses, and stories about the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross and

took the punishment for our sin, and about God's great love for us. When he shared to us about what his son told him he almost cried. Then he said if we're going to have VBS next year they want to have an extension - not just 3 days but 1 week. Please help us to pray for this island."

***"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, ask the Lord for the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field"***

**Matthew 9: 37-38**

One of the volunteers writes, "We thank God for the opportunity to use our summer vacation for the Vacation Bible School Mission. We are so blessed for the life of the little ones while we're teaching them in every place we went. It helped us build a stronger faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. In everything we thank Him for He is so good to us."

### **Baptisms**

Eight believers were baptized, April 24, at Banacon Island. At Galilee, 2 people were baptized on Mother's Day. On May 22, 4 were baptized at Dap Dap. Praise God for these decisions. Pray that the Lord will bless and use these dear ones for His Glory.



**Dap Dap Baptism**

On May 8, islanders from Banacon, Jagoliao, Alumar, and Mahanay gathered at Dap Dap. The little church built on the edge of a fishpond was full of believers in worship and fellowship together. What a privilege to be among them.



***Getafe Circuit Fellowship – Dap Dap***

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- CLT/BTCP Training June 2-3
- IOM Leadership
- SEC Registration
- Island students wishing to attend High school & College
- Land & building for Ptr. Sam's pre-school at Bilangbilangan
- New pre-school at Butan Island
- Banacon Church ceiling
- Jagoliao generator
- Milona & Malona's board exams.
- Glen's trip to Hong Kong & China
- Galilee sea wall & property
- Cara's health during pregnancy

***"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"***  
**James 5:16b**



**Galilee Sea wall**

It's growing!!! Thanks so much to those who are helping us with this project.

God's grace and peace to you all.

***Steve & the IOM Family***