

CALM PHILIPPINES USA NEWSLETTER
Caring and Loving Mission
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October 30 through November 1 --Youth Camp

Months of planning had gone into the Youth Camp to be held at the Bagongdong Church of Christ in Iloilo, Philippines. The theme for the camp was “Encounter with Christ” and by the time October 30 had come 154 had registered for the event. Juanito Magbanua and others spent the week leading up to camp erecting additional structures to provide shelter for the event and preparing a place to set up tents to provide sleeping accommodations for the young people.

Unfortunately, a few days before the conference was to begin, typhoon Paeng moved into the region. In the two days leading up to the event Iloilo City received at least six inches of rain each day and heavy rain was forecast for the event.

The organizers prayed for relief from the storm’s effects during the conference and decided to proceed, rain or shine. Many were prevented from attending the camp as roads were closed because of the flooding, but 118 who lived near enough braved the storm and attended the camp.

Rain continued to come down on October 30, the first day of the camp, but not as severely as before. They were very crowded in the small church as they couldn’t be outside as planned. They even set up the sleeping tents inside the church building. By the end of the three-day camp the rain had stopped and the sun came out. They reported a successful camp and plan to have another – probably before summer vacation and the typhoon season.



November 5

Feeding events held at Taft North Church of Christ and Banate Church of Christ.



November 6

Juanito traveled by ferry to Buenavista on Guimaras Island early in the morning to be able to preach at the Buenavista Church of Christ.

November 12

Feeding event held at Taft North Church of Christ

November 13

Juanito preached at Banate Church of Christ.

November 20

Juanito preached at the 74th Anniversary celebration at Barongis Church of Christ. It is in Mindanao in the Cotabato province. This is about 800 km from Juanito's hometown of Iloilo City. Cotabato was in the region seriously impacted by Typhoon Paeng with floods and mudslides and a death toll of at least 31 people. The church is in a Muslim community where Muslim terrorists are present. There are often kidnappings, killing and fighting between the government forces and the rebels. Praise God; Juanito was safe through his travels and the celebration!

November 26

Leadership meeting for the churches on Panay Island at the Buenavista Church in Guimaras in the morning. CALM Philippines board meeting in the afternoon.

November 27

Juanito celebrated Thanksgiving at his home church, Taft North Church of Christ. Thanksgiving is not a national holiday in the Philippines as it is in the United States. However, the protestant churches celebrate Thanksgiving. The four big events for the church are the church anniversary, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter/Resurrection Sunday.

CALM Philippines USA Formed

Caring and Loving Mission Philippines, Inc. operating under the name of CALM PHILIPPINES is a registered corporation in the Philippines since 2021. CALM Philippines USA, Inc. is now a registered nonprofit corporation in the state of Pennsylvania, as of this month. The purpose of CALM Philippines USA is to promote and provide financial support to CALM PHILIPPINES.

We pray that this will allow us to increase the support to the work being done by Juanito and others in the Philippines and help to spread the Good News and build the Kingdom. Please join us in that prayer.