

**CALM PHILIPPINES USA NEWSLETTER**  
**Caring And Loving Mission**  
**October 31, 2023**

**Iloilo Bible Seminary**



Iloilo Bible Seminary was launched on October 21, 2023, at a dedication ceremony held at the Taft North Church of Christ. Iloilo Bible Seminary was born out of the vision and work of Juanito Magbanua and the desire to train leaders for the Panay Island Churches of Christ. Developing capable leaders is essential to ensuring the continued work of the churches for years to come.

Studies for the first class began with orientation on October 23, 2023, with nine students, eight men and one woman. Others have been invited to enroll. Juanito – along with Dandy Garino, Joey Pareja, and two others – will provide the instruction. Dandy and Joey are members of the CALM Philippines board of directors. The classes will be held at the Taft North Church of Christ in Iloilo City. A four-year program is planned with the goal of adding ten students each year. In addition to bible classes, training will be provided in Restoration Movement history, math, English, Filipino, philosophy, psychology, counseling, and other topics. Graduates will have a Bachelor of Theology and a Bachelor of Christian Education degree and will be fully equipped to provide leadership to the churches as ministers of the gospel. Having a seminary on the Island will allow them to get an education without having to travel a great distance to the Manila or Cebu Seminaries.



**Medical and Feeding Mission**

The third medical and feeding mission sponsored by CALM Philippines was held at the Lawaan Church of Christ on October 28 by the CALM board, along with doctors, nurses, and volunteers. Each person received health screening, a doctor



consultation, needed medications, and a presentation of the gospel message. A feeding mission next door provided the children with a nutritious meal and a Bible story.

The medical and feeding missions will continue as funding becomes available. Contributions can be made on our website or through GoFundMe found at <https://gofund.me/30b61cca> .



### Tangalan Church of Christ

The Tangalan church has been meeting outside because they did not have a house or other building large enough. We are excited to report that money has been donated that will allow them to build a temporary shelter for worship. Construction will begin in November.



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## **Juanito's Activities**

Juanito and his family had to move to a new rented house as their lease expired at the end of September. Housing is difficult to find but they were able to find a place. Unfortunately, the rent was significantly higher for the new place.

He spent considerable time establishing the Iloilo Bible Seminary, including a trip to Manila to get textbooks. Classes are being held at the Taft North Church of Christ and a section of the church building has been dedicated to sleeping quarters for the students. Juanito teaches at the seminary all day on Mondays and travels to other churches the rest of the week.

He preached at one of the churches every Sunday including helping the Bagacay Church of Christ celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 29 and working at the Bagongbong Church to help them plaster the walls in their church building.

## **Pray for**

- Juanito, CALM Philippines, and the churches they serve.
- The success of the Iloilo Bible Seminary and the teachers and students.
- That funding will be provided to allow medical mission to continue monthly.
- Juanito as he speaks at the Visayas Women's Conference in Bacolod City in Negros Occidental on November 2 – 4.

## **How you can help**

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