

Important Notes from:

• **USC-North Campus, HS Department.**

Through the initiative of the Office of Campus Ministry, some Christian Living Advisers, the NC-CES Coordinator with 300 High School students, an ‘impactful interaction’ with the residents of St. Arnold Janssen Parish (SAJP) occurred. Both students and host parents had their encounter after which the students spent the entire day in the houses of their host families doing household chores, taking their meals with them and sharing moments of just being together. What transpired on that day were experiences meant to extend what they have learned/knowledge acquired inside the classroom about ‘community living’.

More meaningful CES activities took place such as: the annual mangrove planting in Kalawisan, Lapu-lapu City; tree planting in Brgy. Lusaran; donations of school books to both Lusaran Elementary & High School and at the Mangabon Integrated School. All activities were participated by faculty members and students from the High School Department.

In the spirit of Christmas joy, the 3rd year students shared their time, meals and presence with the farmers of PAMATI sa Kinaiyahan, Lusaran, Cebu City as their culminating activity on Social Awareness. Then another bigger event happened when the entire North Campus community headed by their Principal, Ms. Carmelita Datan together with Mr. Manolito Belonguel, Ms. Rizza Bontilao, Ms. Lorna Singco and +Ms. Mary Jean Tecson shared food and gifts to 250 host families at the St. Arnold Janssen Parish (SAJP). They were assisted by Ms.

Juda Quilaton and Sr. Soledad, two active members of SAJP. Both events took place last December 17, 2008.

• **USC-South Campus, Elementary & H.S. Department.**

Active as ever, our CES Coordinators from the South Campus persevered in conducting tutorial classes in Sawang Calero Elementary School throughout the school year; organized the mothers residing at the Quijano Compound, Brgy. Calamba, holding training sessions that is most useful at home and for the community in general. They offered assistance in collecting plastic items for the resident foragers in the same compound so as to augment their daily earning.

Another group of faculty members have organized the Upper Riverside, Sitio PURRAS, Sambag 1 of which the residents are formed into living Christian communities (BEC); formation of Christian leaders and led them to create their own vision (personal & communal); and formation of their own Cooperative. They are also conducting campaign for Zero Waste Management and students were encouraged to collect plastic bottles to be brought to school so as to raise more funds for their CES activities. Student volunteers are teaching catechism and are conducting tutorial classes for the children in sitio PURRAS.

The grade school Faculty members shared ‘Christmas gifts’ to 200 hundred adopted families of Barangay Calamba, Quijano Compound and to their adopted school, the Sawang Calero Elementary School. The high school Faculty members shared their own ‘Christmas gifts’ to the families residing in Sitio PURRAS, Sambag 1. As practiced,

Christmas is never complete unless shared with their adopted/partner communities and school.

- **CES Office.** The CES Staff; attended a meeting on Coastal and Urban Clean-up with Kamagayan, one of the USC Partner communities; assisted JPIC-IDC in conducting study on the beneficiaries of Jansenville on the “issue of selecting the beneficiaries of the JPIC-IDC low cost housing project’.”

The CES Office in partnership with the Human Life International, the Visayas Peoples Resource Development Center and the Religious Education Department organized a forum and exhibit on ‘Human Rights’ last December 10, 2008. The forum was attended by more than 200 students and faculty members. While the exhibits were viewed by different batches of students (College and Basic Ed.) the entire week it was displayed at the lobby of USC-Main campus.

Mr. Al Cane of the VMPRDC was invited to conduct an orientation on Bio Intensive Gardening to BA students and their Instructor, Engr. Pepito Echavez. The plan of launching an “Oplan Hanging Garden” is to utilize the limited space in any household for planting vegetable using the bio-intensive gardening method. Hopefully they will be able to introduce the project to the residents of Jansenville, Lapu-lapu City. The CES Staff and Mr. Cane paid a visit to the target site and meet the leaders to discuss about the feasibility of the project and they received favorable support from the leaders of the community. The same seminar is to be

conducted for the leaders and residents of Jansenville.

- **Commerce.** The Society of Young Business Entrepreneurs (SYBE) celebrated Christmas joy with 200 children and parents from Jansenville, Lapu-lapu City. The event was initiated by Ms. Corazon Anzano, their Adviser and student leader, Ms. Angela Paola Pamares. The real joy mirrored in the faces of the young children is something no any amount of money/material things can possibly equal.

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- **Engineering.** The 200 families from the different sitios of St. Arnold Janssen Parish were most happy to spend one Christmas afternoon with the USC-CES Staff, CES Coordinator and students from the College

of Engineering who prepared food and gifts for them to take home. This is one event where faculty members, students and residents become one Christian community.

- **Law.** The Lex Circle organized a forum entitled: “Beyond the Ballot” which was attended by 60 students and faculty members last December 6, 2008. The forum discussed the deeper issues behind the act of casting ones vote and the other greater obligations of every individual in voting as conscientiously as possible.

- **USC Student Supreme Council.** The SSC Officers teamed up with the CES office in their “Shoe Box Campaign” containing school supplies meant to be shared to 100 Grade I and Kinder pupils in Candulawan, Talisay. The gifts were donated by our NSTP

students from all campuses. A ‘Parol Contest’ was also part of the activity wherein the NSTP students were able to showcase their skills and talents in utilizing native and reusable materials. The colorful and unique Christmas lanterns were hanged at the covered walk-Main campus for display and for everyone to feel the holiday spirit.

- **USC-Registrar’s Office**

A special time was extended by the Registrar’s Office headed by Mr. Romeo Yap and Ms. _____ their Christmas blessings to selected physically challenged persons within the City of Cebu. Most of their guests were without employment and some are working at the Cebu City Hall. This is the second time this same group was invited to the university. The first time was last December 1996.



Students from the North Campus took time in spending a one-day exposure/immersion with their host families, the residents of St. Arnold Janssen Parish,



Student Body Organization of College of Nursing with CES Staff shared “Christmas Blessings” with the residents of Tipolo, Manadaue City



USC-SSC shared their “Shoe Box Campaign” containing school supplies to the children at Candulawan, Talisay City.



The physically challenged were the special guests of the Office of the Registrar who were chosen to share their Christmas joy.

The forum on “Human Rights” attended by students & faculty held at the covered walk; an exhibits/posters were displayed for added information.



Costal & Urban Clean Up in Barangay Kamagayan and surrounding roads of the university were seriously undertaken by our students in coordination with the CES office.