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PARENTS REFLECTIONS ON THE VLCCMI LEARNING CENTER

Mdm Carolyn S. Tejado

"With regards to teaching, even just for a period of time, my two children learned well. Both of them learned how to read and write. There has been great a change to my children. Inside and outside the classrooms are very clean!"

*Jenny Contaoi
Mother of Jay Marck & Althea Lay*

"Through his studies at the Learning Center, my son, Arjo, learned how to write, read, count, color pictures, and best of all, he learned many spiritual songs."

*Merlina Rivera
Mother of Arjo Rivera*

"I observed that VLCCMI Learning Center has a good approach to teach students. The students learned how to pray and know Jesus as Lord. As a mother of one pupil of the Learning Center, I am proud that my son learned to write his full name, how to count, and identify different colors."

*Rose Valdez
Mother of Jerome Valdez*

"I want to personally thank Mdm Carolyn Tejado for the changes she made to my son. She taught many good things to the children. My son knows now how to write and color pictures."

*Brenelyn Carting
Mother of Reymart Carting*



"I am personally grateful to the Learning Center because there was a great improvement that took place in my son, especially in honoring his parents, knowing how to write, and he also learned how to pray. Thank God for VLCCMI TOG Learning Center!"







*Joan Binwag
Mother of Denver Binwag*

"I want to thank VLCCMI Tabernacle of Grace Learning Center for the many things that it taught my son, Denver B. Tomboc. He now knows how to write, count, and receive monthly ribbons of excellence, which indicates that he is learning well. For this, I want to personally thank Mdm Carolyn for teaching my child."

*Mrs. Ruth T. Bitog
Mother of Denver Tomboc*

REDEEMED AND NOW RESTORED

Ptr. Baltazar Tictica, VLCCMI Member



I am Baltazar Tictica from Lamut Beckel La Trinidad Benguet. I am 24 years of age at present. I was reared in a of pagan family. Before, I was one of the major problems in our village and even in my own family, because I used to take things that were not mine. I was a thief in our community. Because of that, I was brought to elders of our village twice so they could decide what would be my punishment. All people in our community perceived me as the worst person in our village. When things went wrong in our village they always pointed at me. In my school, everyday, I was always going to the Principals office for smoking, drinking, gambling, stealing, fighting, not wearing uniforms, and not bringing my ID card.

On Saturday night, March 29, 2001, I heard many voices of rejoicing when I was walking on the road. I was curious. It was from the church. To find out what was going on inside I tried peeping through the window. While I was watching it seemed that there was water pouring on my head and flowing to every part of my body. Then suddenly I began to think what would be my life in the future, how I could change those questions coming to my mind. I started to think of better and good things in my mind. And from that moment the speaker inside the church was explaining how to accept Christ in our life. I began to follow that simple prayer and I felt the Joy in my life just afterward. The next day was Sunday and for the first time I attended a Sunday service. None of the people in the church believed it was me. In a few months I accepted the ministry of maintenance of the church. Six months later I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. That was September 1 Saturday night. My baptism in water occurred in March 2002. Since then I have been thanking God for a new ministry,

becoming a worship leader, Sunday school teacher and a leader in our youth. I'm teaching Public School Ministry (PSM) program of Asia Pacific Theological Seminary. All the people who knew that I was a sinner were amazed at my new life in the Lord.

In January 2006 I went to Bible school with no financing at all. My family could not promise me any help. Even my home church could not support me. Even if I went to study at LUBIC I could not receive help. But by the grace of God I was able to go to Bible school. The Bible school agreed to accept a promissory note from me. I was the first student to attend with this kind of arrangement. Since then, I needed to work to pay for my studies. Here is what I did. After my classed finished at 9:00 pm, I started walking from campus in Baguio city to our place in Lamut. Every night I walked for three or four hours. I would arrive at home at about 12:00 or 1:00 am and began doing homework until 5:00 am. Then I would go to work. This work was hard work until 12:00 noon. Then I would run home to prepare for my afternoon class. But for my last year I decided to live in the school dormitory even though again money was an issue. I prayed to God a simple prayer: "God it is you who calls me; so it is you whom I trust." I thanked the Lord for being so faithful to me until I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in March 2008.

Now I am working in my evangelistic ministry, preaching the Love of God through His Son Jesus Christ. I travel from mountain to mountain. So I call this a Mountain Ministry. To God Be the Glory!

A REFLECTION ON THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF CAMBODIA

Rev. Sam Raguigan, VLCCMI Cambodia



The two decades of the civil war in Cambodia has not only rendered the country's economy crippled and dependent on foreign aides, but more severely, it has caused the loss of the nation's vital manpower and skilled workers. Most of the professionals have either fled the country or been killed during the Khmer Rouge regime. The post-war administration's efforts are still being largely inadequate even in just trying to achieve economic and political stability. Hence, people empowerment and increasing the capacity of its needed manpower is almost left out had it not been for the presence and efforts of international and local NGOs.

But even then, higher education, skills training, and sustainable livelihoods are still beyond the reach of the majority among the poor and the needy. The proliferation of private and commercialized schools has done much in empowering the children of the middle and upper classes, but has essentially left out the children of the poor peasants and workers. Also, the rapidly growing need for cheap manual labor in factories in the major cities is causing the youth from poor families to be

even more deprived of education and training. It is in the light of this dilemma that we have conceived some programs and projects that specifically try to educate and empower children of the poor families of the province of Battambang. One of these programs is the Vocational Day Care and Literacy Center Project which will aim to provide low-cost or even free education for the children of the poor and underprivileged families of Battambang Province.

Presently, we have more than 1,000 English-speaking students, more than 150 students in our Computer Program and a number of students in our Sewing Program. As we train and teach the students, we gain their friendship and trust. Subsequently, we invite them to attend our Bible classes. As they are exposed to the Bible messages, we then invite them to join our Cell groups. Not only we do help them with their computer and language skills, but we also help them come to know the True and Living God! We can be a part in building communities and lives to help students attain their fullest potential as God intended them to be!

PRAYER: IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CHRISTIAN IN THE STATE OF ORRISSA

Pastor Raja Sekhar, VLCCMI India

Greetings to you in Jesus Holy name, this is quick note request prayer for the state of Orrissa. I have for ten years been working in the state of Orrissa. Twenty-five of our churches were persecuted by the Hindu militants, many churches and Christian houses were burned in this disaster, Hindus have been beating

Christians and pastors, there has been looting in the shops and houses and spoiling everything, and Christians run away into the forests to hide themselves from the Hindus. They have no food, clothing, their children suffer a lot. I was there to help with our brothers in their affliction. Please pray for the protection of His people.

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