

October 2009

Praise and Prayer

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of the Philippines, Inc.



Dear IVCF Family,

There are so many needs and concerns these days. Yet we have a God who is good and powerful. He is our refuge and our strong tower. What great comfort! So let us boldly come to our God in prayer and intercession. We can be confident that our loving Heavenly Father listens to our earnest prayers.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness...The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him. It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. — Lamentation 3:22-23, 25-26.

In Christ,

Erickson Velardo
National Director

Western Visayas Regional Unit

1. Praise God for another semester that is about to end. We thank Him for His enabling grace and for sustaining us. We also thank Him for His timely provisions and for touching people to be part of His work by giving their time, money and extra hand.
2. Pray for our students as they prepare for the **Discipleship Leadership Training Camp (DLTC)**. Pray that they will be granted permission by their parents to attend the camp. Pray too that they will be able to submit all their academic requirements on time and also for wisdom in their final exams. Also, pray for financial provision for their camp fee. Each needs to raise P2,500 for the registration fee.
3. Pray for funds to cover for the repair of the roofing of the IVHomes both in Bacolod & Iloilo. When it is raining outside, it also pours inside, most especially in IVHome Iloilo. IVHome Iloilo is quite old and thus, needs a repair every now and then. We are dreaming in faith that we can construct a **new IVHome Iloilo**. This is a very big project but we believe we have a bigger God. ☺
4. Pray for our speakers this coming DLTC Camp: **Di R. Fernandez** will give an exposition on the Lordship of Christ; **Aldwin Fernandez** will lead the Discipleship Track on Spiritual Disciplines; **Mizpah A. Villamor** will give a workshop on Campus Management; **Rachel Grace R. Jentapa** will talk on Missions and Evangelism; **Atty. Dennis Cortes** will speak on Authority of the Scriptures; and **Eumir Villamor** on Personhood and on Cross of Christ. Pray for enlightenment and wisdom as they prepare for their assigned topics. Pray too that they will be able to deliver it with clarity, creativity, and integrity. Pray also that the other invited speaker will respond and accept our invitation.
5. Pray for the Exec Com of the camp. Pray for Over All Director *Vic Gomez* (UPV), Admin Directors *Paul Magbanua* (PNU) & *Rene Villamor Jr.* (USLS), Curriculum Director *Kezia Lois M. Arcolas* (UPV), Secretaries *Bethel Alvero* (CHMSC-Alijis) & *Pebbles Tamayo* (WVSU), and Treasurer *Kynneth Magbanua* (PNU). Pray for teamwork and coordination. Pray too for Camp Staff-In-Charge *Eumir Villamor* as he guides the exec com and oversee the camp as a whole.
6. Pray for **Michell Casiano**, who is our Campsite Managing Staff of Camp Humayan. Pray for strength of heart as she deals with the different kind people in her work. Pray also that more churches, organizations and other groups will use the campsite, so that we can cover for the maintenance and other expenses of the campsite and to generate income for the ministry.



Northern Luzon Regional Unit

1. Please **pray for the preparation of our LCDC** this coming 26 to 30 October 2009. Our theme will be "Survivors" Hebrews 10:23. Pray for the LCDC Exec: Gilbert Balansay, Ruaiah Bildan, and Jeramille Tadeja as they lead the camp preparations and at the same time with their studies (examinations etc.) Pray for financial provision. We need to raise P30,000 for our camp subsidy. Pray for the availability and the preparation of the speakers. Pray for the Lord to prepare the students who will be joining the camp. May the Lord give them open minds and willing hearts to obey. Praise God for His guidance.
2. God is our Jehovah Jireh. We praise God for his provisions. We thank Him for the people He is using to provide for His work. May our good Lord continue to bless them. Please pray for the Lord's provision to pour out into the region. We are somewhat "tightening our belt" for us to be able to pay our monthly dues.
3. Praise God for the **Cell-Group Workshop** we had last October 11 at the IV Home. Pray for the students to be challenged to lead their own cellgroups, or for some join a cell group in their campus.
4. Praise God for our **Praise and Prayer Night** last October 25 where we prayed for the persecuted Church, and some Unreached People Groups. Pray for the Lord to touch the hearts of the students. May they seriously consider their place in world missions.
5. IVCF and IFES is pushing for **student initiative**. We thank God for our student leaders. IVCF Pangasinan is mainly led by student leaders. However, majority of our campuses are in their pioneering stage. Pray for the Lord to raise up missional students in the different campus chapters of IVCF in the region. May we have more student leaders who will be committed in serving the Lord through IVCF in their campuses.



Southern Mindanao Regional Unit

1. **The Lord is stirring up the hearts of Davao City student-leaders.** Praise Him for the newly revived IV Home joint fellowship of students from five different campuses (ADDU, SPC, UIC, PWU, Brokenshire) every Thursday evening. Please pray that all the officers of the new Davao City Leaders' Council will remain faithful to the Lord and will stand united amidst the challenges of student life and ministry.
2. **The resumption of ISCF Davao City National High School is another gift from God.** The school Principal and the Values Head readily approved the continuation of our high school ministry in this school. One fourth year class and one second year class (our 3rd and 1st year ISCF students last year) are excited to participate in the weekly meetings. Praise God too for the start ISCF weekly meeting at Davao Christian High School. Please pray for the growth of our high school ministries in this city.
3. **By God's grace, the campus chapters in Davao del Norte** (ACES, UM, SMC, USEP and KCAST) remain steadfast in their discipleship and witness even though even though their staff is still on leave this semester. Please pray that Darby Aspacio, will receive a clear guidance from God. While taking an indefinite leave, he is still praying and contemplating on whether he will go back to active duty as our staff based in Davao del Norte or to pursue another field of endeavor.
4. **God is providing a new batch of committed freshmen at MSU General Santos,** to the delight of the senior officers. Pray that the MSU student-leaders will effectively disciple their next generation of servant-leaders for Christ. For many years, many of our students and grads in Southern Mindanao have been praying for the expansion of IVCF and ISCF ministries in other schools in General Santos and more broadly in South Cotabato. Please prayer for them.
5. **It's very heartwarming to see an average of fifty to sixty students** every Thursday evening at the newly constructed IV Home in Kabacan, Davao del Sur. As college students mostly from USM Kabacan, they consider IV Home as a center for discipleship, prayer, fellowship and learning from God's Word. Please pray for a deepening commitment to spread the gospel and to disciple believers in the Lord among our student-leaders and GT volunteers.
6. **It's encouraging to know that our campus fellowship in Southern Christian College in Midsayap** South Cotabato is currently meeting at the school gym. With an average of fifty to sixty participants, our students are uncomfortable to gather in a small classroom. Praise God that some of our student-leaders there are also doing ISCF ministry in their campus. Please pray that we can provide training for our student-leaders and GT volunteers in this area which is very far from Davao City.
7. **Thank God for our GT volunteers cum advisers at USM Kidapawan, Davao del Sur.** Through the years, they are ably supporting IVCF ministry in this school. Our college chapter continues to enjoy recognition from the school administration. Please pray for dream of having an IV Home in their area and are making efforts to put up an ISCF in their city.
8. **Please pray for our preparations for LCDC-CTC on October 18-25, 2009.** Please pray for the availability and readiness of our speakers, workshop facilitators. Pray too for adequate financial support from both our regular and new sponsors. Ask God to give us 60 or more campers. Please intercede for the availability of campers, camp officers and counselors as they finish their final exams and school requirements.



Bicol Regional Unit

- 1 Please Pray for **God's favor and financial provision** for those students/leaders that showed interest in joining the Leadership/Discipleship Camp. Pray for permissions from their parents and pastors, for provision and for a heart hungry to listen and learn.
- 2 **We are praying for new donors** who will help us:
 - LCD Project for IVCF Bicol
 - More Donors for IVCF Bicol to provide the Financial need for our Regions
 - More blessing and good health for donors, partners and support for the IVCF ministry in Bicol.
- 3 Please **pray for the IVCF college chapters** in Legaspi City, Naga City, Pili Cam. Sur., Iriga City, Nabua, Partido Cam. Sur., Sorsogon City. May they continue to attract more students in their fellowships. Pray for more opportunities to present the Gospel of grace and truth.
- 4 Please **pray for the prospective NC 09 delegates.** Pray for permissions from their parents and for provision.



Metro Manila Regional Unit

A. Manila Leader's Council and LCDC Prayer Concerns

1. **Camp Date.** Because of the unexpected suspensions and adjustments in the school schedule, it seems that there will be revisions in the school calendar. The designated sembreak schedule may change also, thus, the LCDC camp date may also be moved. Please pray that the camp date be settled immediately as our speakers and other concerned people need the exact date as well. Also, please pray that the camp site may be available for the final date which will be decided upon asap.

2. **Camp Speakers and Counselors.** Do pray for the speakers who we are contacting right now, especially for those who have already accepted and are now preparing for their sessions. The final roster of counselors is almost complete. Some minor things are only needed to be straightened out. Please also pray for these counselors as they prepare for their jobs. It is the final-exams-and-projects season again -- pray for the students as they also study and complete their requirements.

3. **Camp Subsidy-** Please pray that God may continue to move people who can help raise the needed P 85,000 camp subsidy.

B. MMRU Regional Unit

4. **Students and graduates in Metro Manila.** For safety, comfort and strength especially those who are affected by the recent typhoon. May The Lord teach us how to best respond in this time of crisis. May more and more people be drawn to

God and we acutely aware of His grace, mercy and power.



Northern Mindanao Regional Unit

- **Praise God for the provision** of wisdom, strength as we plan and finalize the LCDC schedule, programs and speakers. Please continue to pray for our LCDC (Urgent Call! Will you Respond?) this coming Oct. 23-28. Pray for (36) campers listed as of now. Pray for provision for thier reg fee and fare , that there will be no conflict with thier school and exam schedules. Pray for Ate Elsie as our expositor and the rest of the speakers in each topic.

- **We praise God in how He works** in Ipil Zamboanga ministry with the help of our GT- Andy Rojo, Ethyl Lahoylahoy and Kuya Jun Policarpio. Praise the Lord for opportunities and open doors to start small groups in Western Mindanao State Univ. and other campuses there. Pray for strength, wisdom, provision for our GTs there and student-leaders. Pray also for thier delegates for the incoming LCDC.

- **Praise Him for the commitments and support** of our graduates both to the student and graduates ministry. Please pray for our us as we are working on the constitution and by laws and formal membership of graduates all over NM. Pray for unity, wisdom as we reorganize IVPM and set direction for our Graduate Team. God will unite us in one vision and lead us to the right path. Pray also for our incoming Mindanao IVPM Conference on Oct. 30- Nov.2 in Bukidnon.

- **We are thankful to the Lord for the cooperation** of the students in our fund-raising activities. Praise the LORD for our succesful sacrificial dinner last Sept. 18 and other ways to raise funds for LCDC. Pray for our film showing activity this Oct. 2 here in IV center. By God's proviosion, we will raise Php 50, 000 for our LCDC.

- **Pray for Madel and Jonah** as they are going to visit Bukidnon this coming Oct. 7, 2009; that we will be able to minister to the students and garduates there and also to follow -up the campers for LCDC. PLease pray safe travel for Ate Elsie as she is going to meet the Iligan gradutes on Oct. 20, and Cagayan gradutes on Oct. 21..Pray for meaningful fellowship among the graduates.

- **Pray for preservation and safety** among the IV homers in Ilgan, and as well as the things in the home since they had experienced one stealing incident just last month.



Central and Eastern Visayas Regional Unit

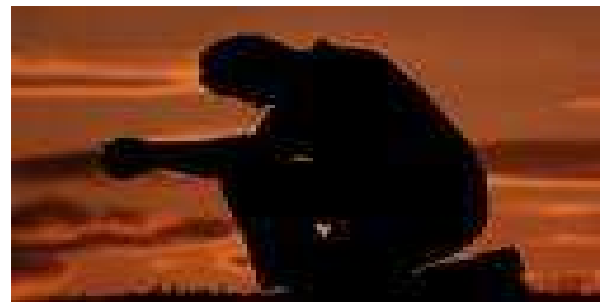
- Praise the LORD for the successful acoustic night and the one day spiritual retreat. Praise God that we were able to raise funds during the acoustic night for the **LCD project** of Cebu IVCF.
- Praise GOD as well for the regional visit of **Ate Elsie Calalang** last September 21- October 3, 2009. The IVCF people in CEV were refreshed and encouraged by her presence and the things she shared.
- Praise GOD for the successful and meaningful **Mission's Exposure** last September 12 & 13. Praise the LORD for the 13 students and grads that joined the said activity. Praise GOD for the opportunity of being able to share the GOSPEL to the residents in the mountainous Barangay of Sipak, Sudlon 1, Cebu City. Thank God as well for the opportunity to lead the Sunday worship service in the local church there.
- Please pray for the **LCDC preparations**. Pray for the speakers. Pray for wisdom, guidance and sensitivity to the LORD as they study and prepare for their sessions. Pray too for the staff, camp exec and counselors. Pray for proper time management as they wisely schedule their time in accomplishing academic requirements and LCDC preparations. Pray for the students who will attend. Pray for finances and parental permission. Pray as well for the camp budget. Pray that we will continue to trust the LORD as we continue to do some work for a cause and other fund raising activities.
- Please pray for the coming **final exams of the students**. Pray for discipline and time management as they study and review their lessons. Pray too for financial provision and good health.



Missions Department

Please pray for :

- Missions Training Programs to be held in Pasay City Alliance Church on Oct 10 and in Ignacia Baptist church in Tarlac on Oct 11. Pray for the youth who are participants for the MTP. May the Lord prepare their hearts.
- For MTP teaching team. Pray for Frank Narra, Billy Goco Jr., and Jhun Castro
- Oct 24-27, MMRU LCDC, Oct 27-30 NLRU LCDC. Pray for Yvette Romero for wisdom for these LCDCs' preparations as she speaks on Missions and Evangelism
- For all her NC responsibilities.



Caraga Regional Unit

This Oct 24-25, 2009 will be our annual LCDC.. Pray for:

1. the God's chosen campers who will be attending the camp,
2. for parents' permission for the campers,
3. financial provisions for the camp's subsidy and campers' fees and fares,
4. for the speakers availability and anointing,
5. The executive committee's and counselors planning, preparations, and execution of activities
6. and the impact of the camp as a whole.

International Fellowship of Evangelical Students East Asia

Indonesia - Perkantas

Praise Please pray for:

- We give thanks to God for the fruitful Leadership Conference for Student Leaders in East Indonesia on 13th-18th August 2009. It has been a real blessing for almost 200 students & Staffs attended. Please keep praying for the advance of God's work in this area, including the pioneering works in West Papua.
- The fruitful Mission Consultation on 1-4th Sept with Vinoth and Karin Ramachandra as our resource persons. It has been very helpful to lay a more solid foundation on the meaning and implication of Integral Mission as Perkantas has been led by many ways to contribute more significantly to the society through her graduates
- The catch of most of the terrorists behind the bombings on last July in Jakarta. Please pray for a thorough solution to suppress radicalism in Indonesia.
- Annual retreat & business meeting for branch leaders from 14 established branches & the national leadership team of Perkantas on 30 Oct to 2 Nov.
- Our efforts to finalize a series of Ministry Guidance (revision or new arrangement) and a series of Regional Board Training & Consultation.

Macao – FCS

Praise and prayer:

- Thank God for the fruitful RSG and Consultation. Many new plans come up after our graceful fellowship. May God guide us to turn to a new phase.
- The young graduates are praying for a peer-group in order to help themselves to face the working place reality. Please pray for their heart, involvement, willingness and health.
- Almost 70% new faces appear on the fellowship gathering at the beginning of the semester. May God help the student leaders to find their needs and gifts. One of the student leaders is seeking ways to start Mainland Chinese group. We connected to one professor who is willing to open his apartment for gathering. It is an old prayer but a new start in the ministry. We pray for the kick-off as well as follow-up and all people involved are all under God's guidance rather than human's will.
- FCS will hold her 3rd General Meeting next February. New Board members will be elected. We pray for God's provision and our hearts for the new management and leadership.
- Please keep praying for the successors in FCS. The two staff are planning to go further study in two years. We pray for God's wisdom and vision to meet the right persons.

The financial status of FCS is still severe. Less than one month expense left in back account. Please pray for our faith and wisdom to share our needs and advantages to others.

Japan – KGK

Praise and prayer:

- Some students decided to believe in Jesus Christ at summer camp. Pray that they can go to Church, and join the Bible Study group on their campus after summer vacation, so that their faith can grow.
- Many Christian students come to reconfirm the spirit of KGK. Pray that they can work as leaders at Bible study groups on their campus.
- A board of directors and staff team are discussing who will be the next General Secretary. They have also reconfirmed and discussed the mission of general secretary. We also want to reconstruct the structure of staff team. Pray that God may give them the wisdom in the process of deciding the important things.
- We are preparing to present the budget of next year at the board of directors in October. It may be in the red, so pray that we can rebuild the fundraising system which can keep the finance safe,
- We will send Aburaki, our office staff to the National Conference of Australia. Pray that she can have the great experience there
- We will have the National Conference in March 2010. Please continue to pray for the students' preparing committee.

