

# *Praise and Prayer*

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of the Philippines, Inc.

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Dear IVCF Prayer Partners,

*"If you knew the generosity of God and who I am,  
you would be asking me for a drink,  
and I would give you fresh, living water."  
– Jesus Christ from John 4:10*

We know that our God is generous. Jesus taught in Matthew 7:11 that our Father in heaven is very willing to "give good gifts to those who ask him!" And we know who Jesus Christ is. He is the Son of God who willingly gave His life for us. If we truly believe these truths, then we should be more confident to pray to God through Jesus Christ. As an exercise of faith, let me invite you now to pray for IVCF Philippines. Intercede for us again. Join us in praying for this month's ministry concerns. Jesus is waiting to hear our requests and He is ready to answer our prayers, as He is always ready to give us fresh, living water.

in Christ,

Erickson M. Velardo  
National Director  
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## Central & Eastern Visayas Regional Unit

1. Thank the LORD for the successful **students' commando evangelism** last Feb 20, 2010 in Cebu Technological University. Praise the LORD for the students who came to know CHRIST through this activity.
2. Praise the Lord for the successful **RAC meeting** last February 27, 2010. Thank GOD for His provision in many ways.
3. Please pray for the **staff & GT retreat evaluation** and planning on March 20-23, 2010.



Pray for GOD's provision, protection and wisdom as we rest, enjoy and evaluate the plans and activities we have had this school year.

4. Please pray for the **students who are considering attending the Kawayan Camp 2010**. Pray for their preparations, financial provision and parental permission.
5. Please pray for our **ISCF Evangelistic Camp** which will be on May 24-29, 2010. Please pray for the preparation of the camp staff and exec.



## Southern Mindanao regional unit

1. Glory to God for the **success of the first half of the IV Home project in Kabacan, North Cotabato**. The four new bedrooms are now occupied by students who actively support IVCF ministry. As of now, our students in Kabacan are meeting in a temporary shelter. Please pray for a minimum of P200,000 donation for the creation of the new fellowship centre which is the second half of the said project.
2. Praise God that the **ISCF ministry in Midsayap, North Cotabato** is now flourishing in four high schools in Kimagango, SCC, Dilangalen and Baliki. Please pray for wisdom, strength and patience for Michael Marcelo and April Joy Trance who both double as IVCF student leaders at SCC and ISCF pioneers in Midsayap.
3. Thank God for the commitment of our **Regional Advisory Council**, not only through their bi-monthly meetings but through their wholehearted support to the student and graduate ministry in many ways. Please pray for unity and divine guidance for all our RAC members: Mr. Gideon Estrella, chairman; Ms. Estrella de la Cruz, vice chairman; Ptr. Ruben Hernani Jr., treasurer; Ms. Joy Aspacio, secretary; Ms. Grace Alegre, auditor; Ms. Reomida Dalipe, Dr. Pres Engkong, Ms. Cheryl Combatir and Ms. Linda Narciso, members.
4. Praise God for the continuing **fellowship of students from 6 colleges in Davao City headed by the Davao City Leaders' Council** every Thursday evening at the Davao IV Home. Pray for focus, concrete plans and upright actions for these current months and the next school year. Thank God for the formation of young grads fellowship at Davao IV Home every Tuesday evening. Ask God to inspire these new grads to help each other grow in the Lord.
5. Please pray for **five college students and five high school students to attend KC and the ISCF National Leadership Camp**. Pray for at least two delegates per college chapter to attend the Mindanao Student Leadership Camp. Pray for all these camps listed on the right that God will impact the lives of all who will attend, speak, serve and support.
6. Please pray for **Ramon Tecson as he makes the Bible Study workshop guide for Kawayan Camp**. Pray also for **Jenny Tecson as she makes the Kawayan Camp Quiet Time**



## Northern Luzon Regional Unit

1. **Praise God for His provisions**; for our Donors who faithfully give for the work in the region. One of our major donors is looking for a new work, please pray for God's guidance and an open door of opportunity for work. Pray too for protection and blessings for one of our major donors who will be celebrating his birthday this March 6.

2. **Praise God for our student leaders**. Please pray for the students that we will send for Kawayan Camp. Pray for parent's permit, financial provision and most of a readiness to learn at KC.



3. **Praise God for our 3 Bible Study Workshops** last Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and 19. Pray for the students to be challenged and find joy in studying God's word individually and as a group.

4. **Praise God for our Heart's Fellowship** last Feb. 12 at Midcity Church. It is a joint

activity with the said church. Pray for strong partnership not only with Midcity Church but with other Churches as well i.e. Bread From Heaven, Touch Christian Fellowship, Baguio Chinese Baptist Church etc.

5. We will be having our **Regional Assembly with the Theme "We're All in this Together" from Nehemiah this March 6, 2009**. Pray for good attendance of graduates and students. Pray for the preparations; for Ptr. Mario Bildan who will share God's Word; for Kuya Sol Gamo, who will give a challenge in giving; and for the staff who will give the ministry and financial report, and annual plan. Most of all, may it be a time of fellowship and worship as one body.

6. **We are in need of NEW STAFF and GTs**. Please pray with us. May our good Lord raise new staff who will work alongside Ara for the coming next school year.

7. **Pray for Ara and Zyla, as they prepare for Kawayan Camp**. Ara is assigned as Special Events Coordinator, and Zyla as Small Group and Sessions Coordinator.

8. Praise God for the opportunity to conduct a series of **Classroom Evangelisms** last Feb. 15 to 17 at Benguet State University. Thank God for Ate Flor David (SVCF Alumni) who opened her campus, and for the students and graduates from UB and UP who participated. Pray that the seed of the Gospel will grow in the hearts of those who heard it.



## ISCF department

ISCF National Coordinator:

1. Please pray for all the **ISCF chapters** as they find ways to channel their graduating students to IVCF chapters.

2. Please pray for the **preparations of the ISCF National Camp on May 16-22 in Humayan Camp, Bago City, Negros Occidental**.

- for the students who will be attending - readiness of heart, financial provisions and parents' permission.
- for the staff as they balance their work in other camps.
- for the P190,000 needed for the ISCF National Camp.

3. Please pray for **Di Fernandez as she oversees** the preparations for the ISCF National Camp. Pray for her preparations, too, for the Bible expositions she will be giving at the IVCF-CEV Sibol Camp (an evangelistic camp for high schoolers) in Cebu on May 25-29.



## Bicol Regional Unit

1. **Praise God** for 9 ISCF in USANT and 30 college students from different IVCF chapters in Rinconada who pledged to lead sexually pure lives and committed to abstain from pre-marital sex after undergoing True Love Waits seminar. We pray that they will hold true to their pledges and will influence other youths to do the same.

2. **Praise God** for Ate Elsie Calalang's fruitful visit to Bicol Region, she visit Rinconada Area Naga City and Legaspi City. She also conducted Spiritual Retreat to our graduates and couples. We are all blessed and encouraged by her presence, example and ministry among students and graduates.

3. **Please pray** for parental permission and provision for our prospective KC 2010 delegate and their preparation for their camp requirements.

4. **Please pray** for incoming evangelistic concert this March 9, 2010 at Bicol University Arcilla hall Daraga campus.



## International fellowship of evangelical students in Europe

- **Europe** has a long history of sending missionaries to all nations, but is increasingly recognised as an important and needy mission field in its own right. Join us in praising God for the IFES InterAction teams who support IFES movements throughout Europe.
- **InterAction workers** face interesting challenges. Some are sent to countries where they do not know the language. Ana, in Siena, Italy, has not let that stop her. She writes about her Italian classes, *'I can see how it is important to be in that place and not only to be learning a language to talk with the students, but also to be given the amazing opportunity by God to speak about the gospel.'*
- Sara in **Paris, France** reports that she and two others have faced the snow, hail, wind and rain to set up a bookstall outside the university. Their mission is to talk with students passing by who are either deeply engrossed in their iPods or rushing to a class. Facing the cold weather and cold shoulders isn't easy but it's worth doing, especially when they meet students like D, who now comes to nearly every Bible study that the GBU (the IFES movement in France) runs.
- Other Interaction workers describe similar joys in the face of trials. Claudia in **Berlin, Germany** is sometimes disappointed that more people don't come to events, but then receives emails such as the following: 'I am so happy now, because I am sure that God does everything for the best. I am so glad that I have a new family here.' Somebody else wrote: 'At the moment I am reading the book that you gave me I'd like to discuss it with you when I come back to Berlin!'
- Please pray for **InterAction workers across Europe**, that God will encourage them, sustain them in their ministry and give them times of refreshment.
- **Give thanks with us for the students whose lives are being touched by the gospel** as they meet with InterAction workers and attend events. Pray for student leaders as together with staff they seek to demonstrate a love that is contagious and draws others to the God who is the source of all love.

