



Leyte-Samar Center for Change Foundation, Inc.

celebrates

24th Founding Anniversary

Theme: **ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**
Colossians 3:17

February 20, 2026

“All For the Glory of God” Col 3:17 is the theme for Center For Change this year, and for our 24th anniversary celebrations happening this very day 20th February 2026. Wow! I think the T Shirts look amazing, as they parade to begin the celebration.



As usual after the parade, comes the flag raising competition from the four teams.



Next are the cheer dances. Yellow team moving onto the field.



Onto the sack race.



And look who has turned up on our 24th Anniversary - Pastora Grace - doesn't she look great. God certainly has restored her to good health.



Off and racing. Perhaps yellow team are the favorites as I have most photos of them.



Go Red team!



Every team a winner.



But how to distribute the prize fairly? Wow fruit with a few lollies and biscuits thrown in. There are prizes first to fourth - no-one misses out.



Everyone wins with a family night celebration at the ARK. Faith II girls with one of our working girls back for the celebration and Mimi's daughter I see.



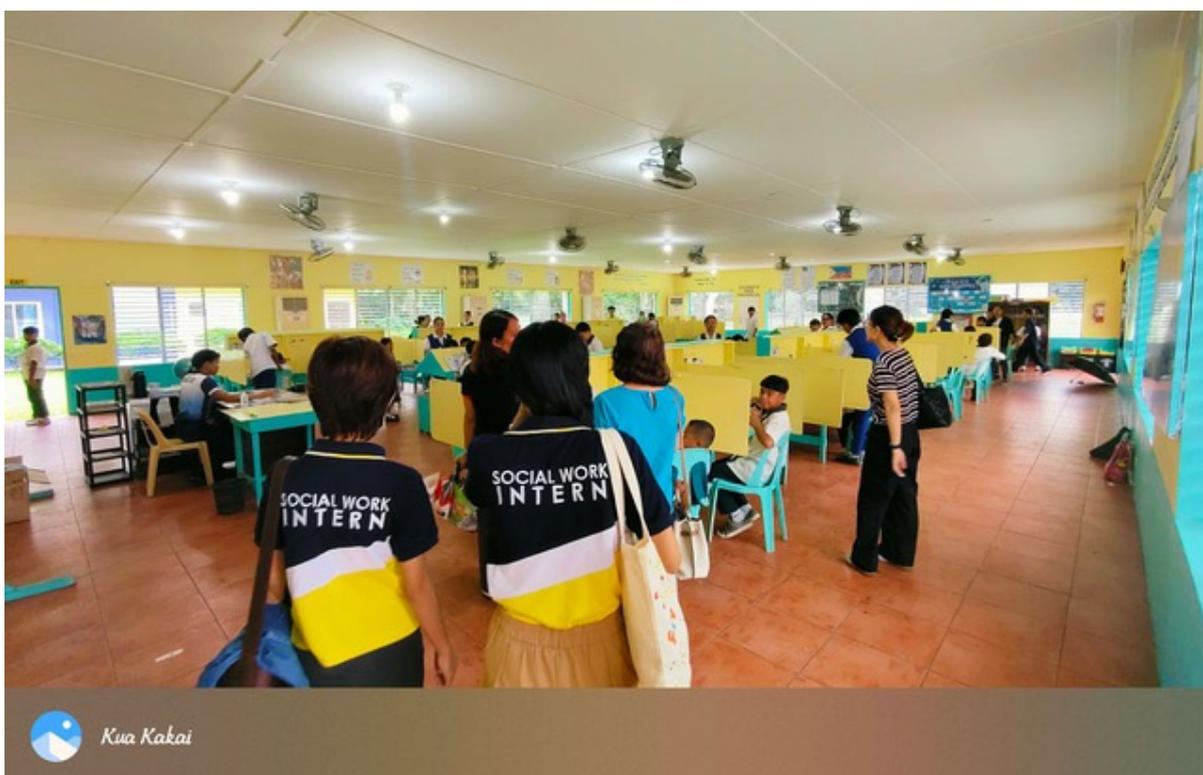
Our Founding anniversaries are always a great fun day. But then again there are lots of fun and games at Center For Change. One local lady celebrated her birthday with the children recently, and there was much fun and many new games to play.



And the favorite is always fried chicken and spaghetti. What's not to enjoy!



But it's not all fun and games - there is school work to be done. Our two social work interns visiting the big school room.



Our youngest students receive the acknowledgement of their participation. “Ready to learn” “Kind heart” “Most helpful” “Little Leader award”. They are off to a great start.



Pickleball seems to be the in thing, and the president of the Pickleball Association gave some equipment to the school.



And then the kids needed to learn the game.



Of course there is work to be done, and we are thankful that Stephanie from a Coworkers Project with Christliche Fachkräfte International (CFI) has joined our team for three years to help us achieve in the area of sustainability with our agriculture. How good is that! For a long time we wanted someone to assist in this area, and we see Stephanie as an answer to our prayers. One of our former boys, Arman is assisting her together with Emilano who has helped us over the years.

Oh Stephanie is away today working on her visa, but here is a photo from last week when she was visiting a farm in Villa Rosas. The farm is owned by one of our good friends and church member. By the looks, we may go into chickens again. Sometimes feed costs as much as buying the eggs. But I do believe this is a little native hen.



And yea, the chapel continues to progress. Praise God for all the help we have received with this project. It is really starting to take shape now. I am not sure it will be ready for Adam and Andronica's wedding in May - but all things are possible.



For myself, I am ready to return to the Philippines, so my next update will be from on the ground at Center For Change. It has been a good season here in Australia. One I was not looking for, but God knows how to direct our path when we commit our ways to Him. There have been many wonderful times over the past almost 18 months - time with family, time to reflect, time to connect with new people and old friends alike, but mostly time out to be unhurried and talk to the Lord on a variety of things.

It's nice to be with family in the happy times and the sad times. Although we knew my niece Vicki Martin was struggling with her health, still it was unexpected that she would pass so quickly at the time no-one was expecting it. I was glad to be visiting my sister soon after and to be one of the many who came together for a "Celebration of Her Life". She certainly touched many lives, and had many friends all over the world. She was much loved and will be greatly missed. May God comfort the family members who have been in daily contact for the most of their lives. Praise God for the many wonderful memories, as they continue to hold Vicki in their hearts, and recall so much of what they shared together over the years. I think fireworks will be the main event every new year from now on for all the family and her many friends.

Again, thank you each one for standing together with us in the ministry of Center For Change. God is faithful, and we praise God for the many of His faithful ones who have continued to walk this journey with us. God bless you all!

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