



Central Baptist Church



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To Our Fellow Laborers in Christ;

Central Baptist began work with the Bacong Christian Fellowship (Southern Baptist church in the town of Bacong, near Dumaguete City, the capital of the province of Negros Oriental, Philippines) and Pastor, Josue Cadiao in 1996. Pastor Joed Rice had gone to the Philippines with a number of other preachers from across America as part of a mission effort started by Gene Williams, former President of Luther Rice Seminary. Upon arriving in the Philippines, each minister was paired up with a Filipino pastor, and Pastor Joed was assigned to Pastor Josue in Bacong. Brother Josue had moved his young family to Negros from their native island of Mindanao for the purpose of doing mission work there. January of 2020 will mark 22 years of partnership between Central Baptist and what is now the Negros Southern Baptist Association of Churches (NESBAC). From the humble beginnings of a congregation that consisted of half a dozen young girls, gathered under the shade of a Mango tree... to multiple associations, churches, pastors, a school, day camp, and a thriving missional ministry through WMU, God has done an AMAZING work!

We had the opportunity to mark the 20 year anniversary with a trip to Bacong on January 9, 2018. We were there for two weeks, visiting the ministry churches where Pastor Rob Parsons preached and performed illusions, Brother Richard Shields assisted people with their medical and financial needs, and Renee' Parsons taught classes and juggled. We participated in a region wide celebration where Pastor Rob was the key note speaker. Typically, we take a group from the region every two years back to Bacong. However, during the trip, Cristy, Pastor Josue's wife...who is also the NESBAC WMU director, and on the board of the CPWMU (Central Philippines WMU)... asked if Renee' could come back in April of 2019 to the CPWMU as key note speaker for their 16th Annual conference, and bring women from Kentucky with her. After much prayer and planning, Renee' has accepted this special calling.

This event will occur on April 24th-26th, 2019, and will consist of women from nine associations, most of which are still struggling from the after-effects of Typhoon Yolonda which hit in 2013. There are already 200 women signed up for the conference, which will shine a light on their continued struggles as well as focus them on delving deeper in their walk with Christ. The theme of the conference is "Getting Closer, Growing Stronger", and the base Scriptures are Deuteronomy 6:3-7 and Joshua 1:6-7. The cost to go per person is 3,000.00, but the need there is an estimated 8,000.00. Renee's earnest desire is to go teach and provide the necessary aid as well.

To this end, Renee' Parsons and Sonya Newman have embarked on a speaking tour of churches, women's groups, schools, community organizations, and anyone who is moved by this ministry in the Philippines. Sonya is a talented singer and actress, and the Admin of the Hope Central "TRIBE" ministry.

If you are interested in booking Renee' and Sonya for your church or event, please contact us by email or phone. We covet your prayers, and are thankful for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ!

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy. For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

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