



## CTTP opens 2026 with nationwide prayer and fasting

As one church, Christ to the Philippines, Inc. (CTTP) began the year with its annual three-day Prayer and Fasting, held on January 7-9, 2026 with the theme “An Invitation to Follow”. Drawing from Matthew 4:19, this year’s prayer and fasting called the church to reflect on Christ’s invitation: “Come, follow me” — and to start the year with renewed devotion.



CTTP Sta. Lucia of North Tagalog District (first photo) and CTTP Jagna of Bohol Cluster (second photo) gathered at their respective local churches to pray together during the Prayer and Fasting week.

Local churches gathered their respective congregation together, uniting in prayer for the church, the nation, and the shared mission of discipleship. The prayer and fasting highlighted the daily call to follow Christ, the cost and marks of authentic discipleship, and the necessity of discipleship as the foundation of leadership.

Fasting was observed not merely as abstaining from food but as setting aside natural cravings and distractions to be more sensitive to God’s voice and leading. Through prayer and fasting, CTTP emphasized consecration, community, and obedience to Christ’s call as the foundation for the year ahead.

## CTTP Nagcarlan and CTTP Batasan convene for transitions in the National Office leadership

CTTP Nagcarlan and CTTP Batasan joyfully conducted their first-ever joint meeting as the National Technical Team at CTTP Murphy Mission House on January 10, 2026. This meaningful gathering took place in line with the ongoing transition of the National Directorship, currently led by Ptr. Voltaire Pablo and soon to be assumed by Ptr. Johnny Espejo.



Guided by a spirit of unity and service, 30 representatives and leaders from Nagcarlan, Batasan, Katuparan, and Murphy came together to discuss the purpose and direction of the National Technical Team. The meeting began with introductions and fellowship, allowing team members to connect and build stronger working relationships. The CTTP Nagcarlan team presented the main purpose, current members, and functions of the National Technical Team, providing clarity and direction for the ministry.

To ensure smoother coordination and execution, Nagcarlan and Batasan counterparts were formally identified for each functional area. This step reinforced shared responsibility and continuity of ongoing work between the National Office and the local churches. The meeting agenda focused on strengthening systems, clarifying roles, launching strategic projects, and preparing for upcoming activities of Christ to the Philippines. Key events were also discussed, during which tasks and responsibilities were prayerfully assigned. Planning for the 47th National Convention took up almost half of the meeting.

This collaboration between the churches marked an inspiring and God-honoring beginning, reflecting a shared commitment to serve the Lord with one heart and one purpose. It is a timely encouragement to all CTPP ministers and members to continually uphold in prayer the implementation of these initial plans, as well as the preparations for the leadership transition, trusting the Lord to guide and sustain the ministry in the days ahead.

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## Participants get water baptized during the Casiguran Reset and Retreat

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The first CTPP Discipleship Reset and Retreat of 2026 was held from January 30 to February 1, 2026, at CTPP Casiguran, Aurora, with 31 participants including teachers, young people, and leaders.



Aside from the normal set of programs, a highlight of CTPP Casiguran's Reset and Retreat was the water baptism of four (4) women who publicly declared their faith in Christ. Rev. Sherwin Sandoval facilitated the orientation, while Rev. Johnny Espejo and Rev. Voltaire Pablo III officiated the ceremony.

Other participants also shared their testimonies which focused on renewed passion for prayer, deeper understanding of discipleship, and encouragement from fellowship with other believers. Many expressed gratitude for the chance to pause, reflect, and realign their walk with Christ as they start the year. *Read the participants' testimonies in the next section of this newsletter.*

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## Guess the theme of our upcoming 47th National Convention!

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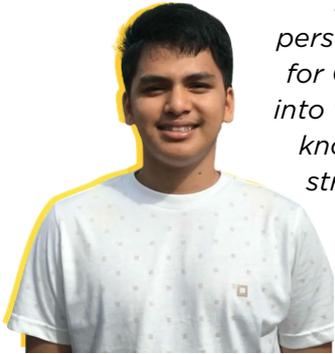


Two images, one mission — can you see where it's pointing?

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# Testimonies and Insights

## Resets and Retreats



*The highlight for me was the personal reset: a deep reverence for God's Word. Before jumping into works and ministry, we must know who is our true source of strength and why we do what we do. Intimacy with God comes first—without it, we fall into performance, burnout, and a life that doesn't reflect Him.”*

**—Jaryl Donque, CTPP Casiguran**

*During our retreat, God reminded us that He is the Head of the Church, and we are His Body. Just as a sickness in one part affects the whole body, unconfessed sin in any member impacts us all. We saw how hidden sins and personal baggages, when surrendered to God, help us grow spiritually. We need each other—not just in quantity but in quality disciples—building true community that equips us to reach out to others.*

**—Rizza Francia Soriano, CTPP Casiguran**



*One of the most freeing moments of the retreat was confessing my sin to others—it broke the power and hold it had over me. Starting today, I'm encouraged to deepen my faith and relationship with God, overcoming every hindrance as I walk in true freedom.*



**—Armando Valencia, CTPP Casiguran**



*Matagal na naming inaasam na magkaroon ng seminar sa aming church. Dahil sa kalayuan namin sa iba pang churches ng Christ*

*to the Philippines, bihira kaming makadalo sa mga programa at seminar na isinasagawa ng NTD. Kaya naman lubos ang aming .*

*pasasalamat sa Panginoon nang dalhin Niya sa amin ang Reset and Retreat... Mas lumalim ang aking pagkakilala sa aking sarili at sa iba kong kapatid sa Panginoon. Bilang isang church leader, napakalaking tulong sa akin ng mga topics na aking natutunan, lalo na sa larangan ng Discipleship. Sa ngayon, mas malinaw na sa amin kung paano pangasiwaan ang aming mga D-group members, mula sa Knowing Christ hanggang sa Going Forth with Christ... Ang seminar na ito ay nagbukas ng mas malalim na ugnayan, pag-unawa, at pagkakaisa sa aming church. Sa ngayon, sa tulong ng Diyos, sisikapin namin na maisabuhay at maipatupad ang aming mga natutunan mula sa seminar na ito, para sa ikaluluwalhati ng Diyos at sa patuloy na paglago ng aming church.*

**—Lynne Soriano, CTPP Casiguran**

*Thank you for reading!*

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