

PUBLICATIONS STORY

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The idea was started when 5 young people thinking how the children ages 10 to 16 in the Church be challenged to study hard after enrolling for high school and some teens ages 17 to 20 preparing for the College last June 2010 school year be advised to give their best in their studies. These young people knew that it would be better to encourage the students and telling that the knowledge from studying hard is from the Lord and it is wiser to be dependent to Him.



During the opening of the school year, the children were very busy and excited to go to their schools. The teens were very challenged in their courses. Some of them were telling us that it was a competition among their fellow students. Some are not giving their time to study hard because for them it was just the beginning of the semester. We observed that they miss to acknowledge the most important essence of being a student that is to enjoy it, experienced it by giving their best.



We want to create some gathering and fellowship for these fellow church mates but we thought that it was just an idea and not easy to make it. We don't know how to pursue and financial support is needed.

Two weeks later, the Church has a Vision Conference led by Ptr. Nonoy Suarez, associate staff of Harvest. We attended it and we learned about the Seed Project principles, its objectives and preparations. We've been blessed, so we decided to do the gathering and reach out believer and non-believer students ages 10 to 20 through Seed Project entitled "**SCHOOL IS COOL**".

We made **SCHOOL IS COOL** a comedy fellowship. The Project Committee whose young people testified that they enjoyed their school days because of the wisdom from the Lord, prepared a program with singing action song of "MAHAL NA MAHAL KITA PANGINOON", (I'm so in love with you, Jesus") with theater comedy acts with backdrop of classroom, library and canteen, and costumes of students, teacher, librarian, janitor and a canteener to recognize that the atmosphere was the school. We bring back the old jokes to build good fellowship with the non-believer teens. After we have set the time of laughter, a 23-year old license teacher spoke the Word of God about studying hard and depending on God because wisdom was from the Lord.

We ended the gathering by taking a recess time of sandwich and iced tea. We also have time of making friends with other teens. 45 participants are reached from this seed project. After this event, 50% of them involved in the children ministry training, discipleship and attending regularly in Church Service. The other half was follow up through building more good friendship.