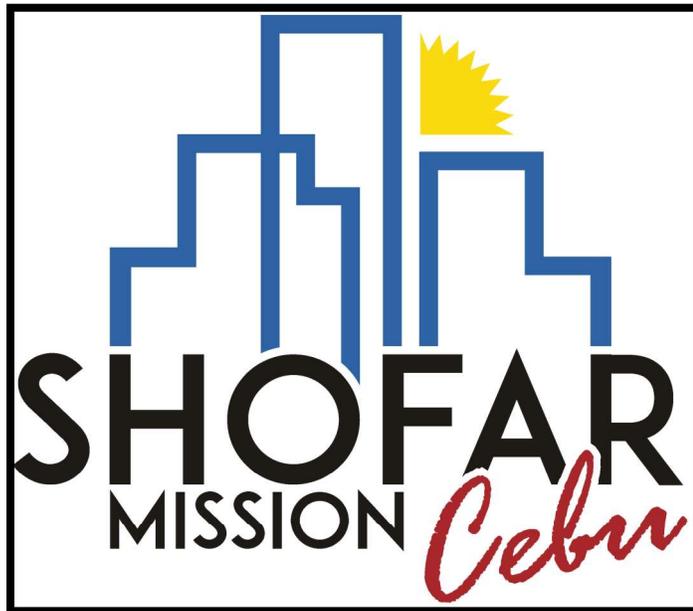


Shofar Mission

Update

The 2017 short term mission team from the USA to the Philippines has recently returned home. 18 members of this years mission endeavor completed numerous outreaches and ministries before packing up to return to the USA. This years team conducted the 2017 Youth Disciples Camp, a medical outreach, jail ministry in the Toledo City Jail, multiple children's VBS programs, a youth oriented basketball camp, a missional children's outreach in Inayawan, Pastor's conferences in Luzon, and more! *Whew!* We're tired! But what a blessing it is to fellowship and minister with brothers and sisters in the Lord...especially those in the Philippines. We're already looking forward to 2018!



The 8th annual Shofar Youth Disciples Camp was held in May this year! Each year we have consistently grown larger than the last and this year was no different, for this year in 2017 we hosted the largest camp we have ever had. With 120 plus attendees, we were maxed out and filled the grounds and housing at Spring Park Mountain Resort to its limit! This year we were blessed to have US school teacher and Youth director ANDY DYER as our speaker, with video help from D.A. HORTON and

the AWAKEN youth series.

Our efforts each year is to present a first rate youth gathering at a very low price, making available the camp experience even for those in lower financial situations. Because of such, we are able to minister to kids from the barangays, to the city, to the rural mountain areas, and bring to this population of young people a living and dynamic Lord. One that they can share in and share with others. Not

merely the God of church, but the God of life! Not just the God of Salvation but the Lord of their disciplined walk!

Our camp financial assistance has come from the support participation of Shofar Missions financial benefactor in the USA, JESUS FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS CHURCHES in Menomonie, Wisconsin and Duluth, Minnesota. This cost is, as you might expect, quite significant, as the registration fee for the camper is only around 1/10th of the cost of having each camper attend. So the

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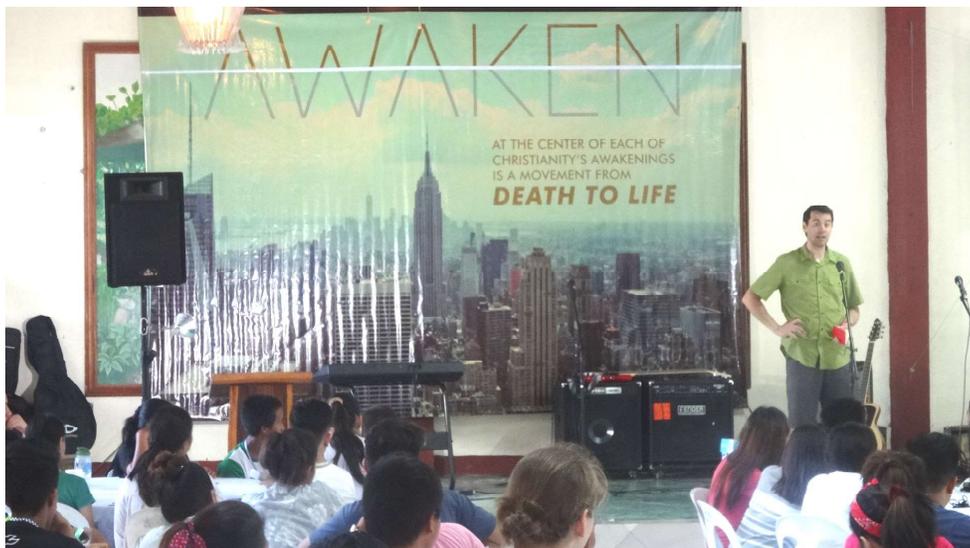
8th Annual 2017 YOUTH DISCIPLES CAMP

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rest of the financial expense must be provided from an outside source.

This year's camp also was blessed by a cooperative effort from both American and Filipino staff and camp counselors. No camp could ever be held without them! We want to thank all those who volunteered and served in the camp operation, and by doing so served Christ and furthered the kingdom of God! A team of 18 came from the USA and an equal number of young staff from the Philippines joined together to bring a multicultural aspect to our camp. This makes the Shofar Camp unique and firmly centered around the aspect of discipleship and growing in faith maturity in whatever country one belongs. This premise fits in with Shofar Missions overall philosophy and goals which is to equip, support and strengthen the local Philippine Christians and Christian churches.

God willing, Shofar Mission will continue to provide for this yearly youth camp in



the years ahead. We do ask for your prayer support and cooperative efforts to assist us in the smooth operation of future camps, especially the registration process and the financial support for campers to attend. We desire to see the youth themselves unite to raise their registration fees each year, which gives them the responsibility aspect of commitment to the camp, as well as the added bonus of forming unity and a stronger local youth group because of their corporate efforts.



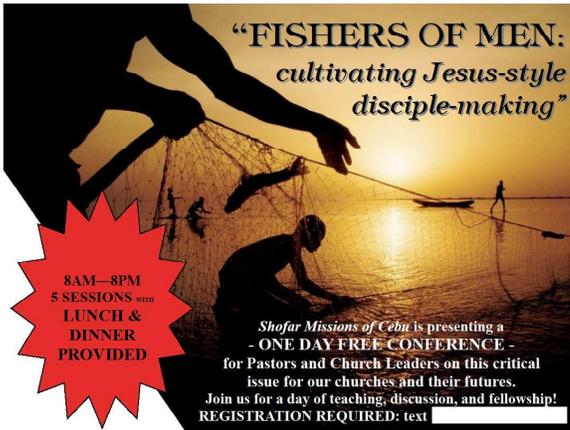
Shofar Missionaries to the Philippines

Shofar Missions has short term teams that visit the Philippines each year, but we also maintain two young missionaries in Cebu full time. These missionaries maintain and pursue Shofar Missions endeavors year round, and are establishing full time ministries on University

Campus's (STREET LEVEL CAMPUS MINISTRIES), publishing our street 'zine "WORD ON THE STREET", providing local weekly coffeehouse bible studies, science/creation curriculum classes for local private and public school situations, and service to other established missions operations in our area. These missionaries can be requested for assistance in your ministry pursuits! We are a 'para-church' organization which essentially means we exist to support you and further local native ministries.



FISHERS OF MEN: cultivating Jesus-style disciple-making”



This year's American team brought to the Philippines a pastors/leaders conference entitled "**FISHERS OF MEN: cultivating Jesus-style disciple-making**" which centered on the model Jesus gave us to raise up leader's within our churches and ministry efforts. This aspect of discipleship training encompasses a different ideal and different methods than simple peer to peer discipleship. As such, this is often not given the attention it should have in churches worldwide and especially so in the Philippines where tragically the church is often centered around the pastor, and rises and falls on the pastor, and sadly often ends when the pastor ends!

We see in scripture that Jesus spent the vast majority of his time with just a few people. If you add up the amount of time Jesus spent with the apostles, you would find that this group consumed most of his time and energy. It has been estimated

that Jesus spent up to 90% of his time with the 12! They were together constantly. They traveled together, shared meals, experienced mutual hardship, and lived together day after day. As His crucifixion and death drew closer, Jesus spent even more time with his small group and less time with the great crowds that sought him out. Evidently Jesus believed that investing his time in a few people was the most strategic investment of his few years on earth.

In our attempt to answer this need, the visiting American team with Shofar Mission presented several one day pastor/leaders conferences which included multimedia, full group and small group discussions, and pulpit teaching by Pastor Tim Dodson, the director of Shofar Mission, as well as from some of our US pastoral leadership. These conferences were presented free of charge... to both the attendees as well as the hosting church. All expenses were covered by Shofar Mission.

The conference encompassed 5 sessions with meals and fellowship. Along with the conference, members of the American team presented children and youth ministry and our leading women also taught groups of other leadership woman in a context and fashion that would equip them for the challenges they face in serving God and their churches.

These conferences were a great success and we look forward to providing similar conference situations to multidenominational local church groups throughout the Philippines in the years to come. If you are interested in hosting a future conference, please contact us for future scheduling. These conferences are a major focal point for Shofar Missions as we exist to equip and support the local churches, regardless of denominational affiliation. If you hold to the sovereign position of scripture, then we can agree to meet over that scripture and together grow and serve to further the kingdom of God as a whole, not just our local fellowships!



Radio and TV

SHOFAR MISSIONS AND JF BELIEVERS CHURCH in the USA maintain a significant radio and TV presence on Cebu! Shofar TV is on Cable Channel 37 in Balamban, and Shofar radio programs are broadcasting on DYTD 92.7FM mid-island in Loay.



SHOFAR MISSIONS conducted an area medical outreach this year in **Camp 8 Cebu**, which is a small Barangay mid-island near Lutopan. The Camp 8 Barangay office was gracious and blessed us with their assistance to our mission. The medical outreach included an American doctor and nurse, and Filipino medical staff. Our goals were essentially diagnostic in nature...checking for high blood pressure, diabetes, etc, but reading glasses were provided free of charge for those who needed them. Thank you to the Baptist church in Cantabaco and Pastor Dennis for their assistance and participation! Shofar Mission is planning future medical outreaches!



Medical Outreach



Each year our visiting American teams come prepared to come along side Filipino ministries to assist, bless and further the work of the local churches. This year Shofar Missions conducted an area children's and youth outreach in the Inayawan area of Cebu City for a local

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church there. Our teams love to interact with these groups of children, where they can teach, model Christ's love, and hopefully plant some "seeds" that will be 'watered, nurtured, and cared for' by the local hosting church after the visiting American team has returned home!



Over the years these outreaches have been presented in various forms; from concerts, to youth group meetings, to visiting interchurch youth organizations, to spontaneous community outreaches like the basketball outreach we conducted this year near Fuente Osmena area of Cebu City. Shofar Mission also presented children's VBS programs at several locations this year. These ministry outreaches are prepared for in advance and financed and operated by the visiting American team members. If you

would like us to visit your area in future to conduct a local outreach, let us know!



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