

# ORO BIBLE COLLEGE

## TWO GRADUATES' STORIES



**Charmina Dilag Takiang** came to Oro Bible College in June 2013 to study for a Bachelor of Arts in theology. She and her family attended the Mindagat Advent Christian Church in Malitbog, Bukidnon

Province. The family income was from farming, and Charmina had younger siblings who were still in school. With no financial support for school, she applied in the self-help program at the college and worked in church members' homes so she could pay her bills and buy her food and other needs.

In her third year of studies, her father was diagnosed with a malignant lymphoma and underwent treatment at the government hospital. On her anointing for internship, her father and mother attended the ceremonies and gave her their blessings. She spent the first five months of her fourth year in college doing her internship at New Life Church, Iligan City. Before her internship ended, her father died.

*In spite of the tragedy that came to her and her family, Charmina rose above her grief and discouragement. She worked diligently to finish her degree. On March 23, 2017, she graduated from her course with honors. People cried as she gave her student address during the commencement exercises as she testified of God's*

faithfulness and goodness in the challenges that came her way.

After graduation, she accepted the call to serve as a church worker at New Life Church, Iligan City.



**Eric Evasco**, from Tudela, Misamis Occidental, finished a technical-vocational course in computer, and then went to Cebu City to work at a computer company. While in Cebu, he was actively involved in the ministries of the Covenant Evangelical Free Church.

He had a girlfriend whom he planned to marry.

While working, Eric's mother became sick and had to undergo surgery. As his mother was recuperating, he felt the call of God to become a pastor and the need to be trained for the ministry. As he meditated on the Word of God and as he prayed, it was clear, God was calling him. When he told his fiancée about God's call on his life, she was opposed to his answering God's call and becoming a pastor. He was so devastated; he prayed for God to touch his fiancée's heart, so she would understand his commitment to serve God full-time. But her heart was hardened, and she sought consolation in the arms of another man and broke off the engagement with Eric. Devastated, he tried to win her back, but she rejected him.

*The Lord works in mysterious ways. As Eric was praying for guidance and provision, an*

opportunity opened for him in the form of a scholarship. His sponsors wanted him to enroll in a Bible college in Manila. Eric told them that God had impressed into his heart for him to study in Mindanao. It was heavy upon his heart to come to Cagayan de Oro and the Lord led him to Oro Bible College (OBC). As he was walking down the street, he saw the signage of OBC. He entered, inquired, enrolled and ultimately graduated with honors. After graduation, he was called to pastor a church in Cavite City, Manila. He will be working with Presbyterian missionaries from Korea.

*It is so amazing how God has led the steps of these two graduates of Oro Bible College. The administration, faculty and staff praise the Lord for using OBC as an instrument in fulfilling his plan for his church and for his kingdom. To God be all the glory!*

*(Submitted by: Nely A. Gamayon — OBC Director)*



*First row are the graduates of class 2017. Charmina is second from left. Eric is second from right.*

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# PRAYER & PRAISE

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“So if the Son sets you free,  
you will be free indeed.”  
(John 8:36 ESV)

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# PRAY

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1. For the evangelistic team of six members as they travel to Croatia this month. Pray for the many beach-goers to be receptive to God's Word of truth and love in Christ.
2. For the many duties (teaching, discipling, medical care and filming) that our US team (World Outreach Africa/Europe Area Director Bryce Whiting, Dr. Cynthia Lee, ACGC Director of Communication Justin Nash and photographer Jason Boyette) will have during their time in Malawi.
3. For a person or couple to serve with Christian Mission in Naratchakwai in Thailand.
4. For this year's Penny Crusade, which provides a large proportion of the funds for our Advent Christian mission work.
5. That our ACGC World Outreach Prayer Network will gain more prayer warriors.
6. For healthier churches worldwide.
7. With us that needed support to replenish the Hunger/Emergency Relief fund will be provided.
8. For Coordinator of Educational Ministries Meredith Broadway, that she would honor God with her tasks, her speech and her use of time.
9. For AC camp leaders, who will be leading various ministries throughout the summer.
10. For students and kids attending AC camps this summer, that the Lord would move in their hearts for maximum spiritual impact.
11. For AC Summer Ministry Teams as they travel throughout the month.
12. For college students that are home on summer break, that it would be a time of refreshment and growth in the Lord.
13. For Beth Larkin as she begins her new role as Coordinator of Women's Ministries.

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# PRAISE

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1. God for the relational connections made at the Digging Deeper event in Morganton, N.C.
2. God for brothers and sisters in Christ who are working diligently to produce God-honoring and Bible-centered curriculums and publications.
3. God for a successful week of summer ministry training last month.
4. The Lord for believers who give generously and sacrificially to our AC outreach ministries.
5. The Lord that a good group of members already make up the October team to Honduras.
6. The Lord for our mission supporters who have made it possible for funds (from the 2017 Bread of Life mission project) to be sent to 14 outreach ministries to assist in their feeding programs.

## Please pray for the following ACGC Directors' and Coordinators' Activities

### *Meredith Broadway, Coordinator of Educational Ministries*

- July 2 – 7: Piedmont Camp, Blowing Rock N.C.

### *Beth Larkin, Coordinator of Women's Ministries & Event Operations*

- July 10 – 14: Camp NOMACCA/Northern Maine Churches

### *Matt Larkin, Director of Student & Family Ministries*

- July 10 – 14: Camp NOMACCA Teen Camp
- July 27 – August 5: Croatia

### *Steve Lawson, Executive Director*

- July 27 – 28: Appalachian Region Meetings

### *Justin Nash, Director of Communication*

- July 13 – 23: Malawi

### *Dawn Rutan, Director of Finance*

### *Jeff Walsh, Director of World Outreach*

- July 1 – 2: Goodwins Mills Church, Dayton, Maine
- July 27 – August 5: Croatia