



GBKP CANDIDATE PASTORS RESIDENTIAL TRAINING



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July 9, 2023 - September 2, 2023

Director's Message

Dear Batak Protestant Church Leaders and Ministry Partners,

Horas! Mejuah-juah! Ya'ahowu! Mabuhay!

On 13 June 2023 marks my 10th year in this beautiful country of Indonesia as your missionary. And in this 10th year faith-journey my calling has been clearer, stronger, truer and more personal. For 10 years, I have loved this country especially the Batak people and I cannot imagine life going back to my country, the Philippines, or even be sent to another island and tribe in Indonesia! I know in my heart and spirit that the Lord Almighty gave me this "special calling" for such a time as this. (You were born for such a time as this. - Esther 4:14) Also, I always believe with all my heart that the Batak people are unique and promising for the propagation of the gospel and expansion of God's kingdom here on earth just as stated in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations and then the end will come".

With this, I am very thankful for the privilege you have given to us to train your "Calon Pendeta/ Vikar/ Candidate Pastor" in our APIIS/ PIC Indonesia Training Center in Wisma Tabor HKBP in Parapat for a month or two. I always believe that this generation of church leaders and workers should be thoroughly equipped for ministry effectiveness and relevancy in this 21st century as we live in a volatile, uncertain, complicated and ambiguous world. I also believe that empowering and equipping our "Calon Pendeta/ Vikar/ Candidate Pastor" is one of the critical aspects in the leadership of every Batak Protestant church in ensuring the spiritual growth and maturity of the saints with the goal of equipping them for the work of the Lord. Hence, the four pillars of our training were carefully thought and weaved to meet needs of every participant in this 21st century- Christian Leadership, Digital Ministries, English, and Biblical Evangelism. Other special topics on Lutheranism and Team Building were also taught to the participants.

As we want to be a blessing to all of you, this program is offered free. We provide free accommodation, food and training for one month or two months. However, a higher sense of commitment and discipline is also required in every participant during the training.

Thank you for being our partners in this huge mission in Batak land. By God's grace and mercy, I assure you of my solid commitment and prayers in every ministry partnership we have. Let's keep on empowering and equipping the next generation of church leaders and workers in Batak land that will impact Indonesia and the whole world!

Your Missionary and Friend in Batak Land,
Cristine



OPENING PROGRAM

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The fourth residential training at the APIIS/PIC Indonesia Training Center started with a welcoming program and dinner for the GBKP Candidate Pastors on 9 July 2023.



A warm and encouraging message from Pdt. Dr. dr. Paul Choo- Sihombing was played on screen to welcome all participants. Ibu Herawaty Bangun of the GBKP Oikumene Department also graced the opening program and the general orientation with a welcoming message from the Moderamen.



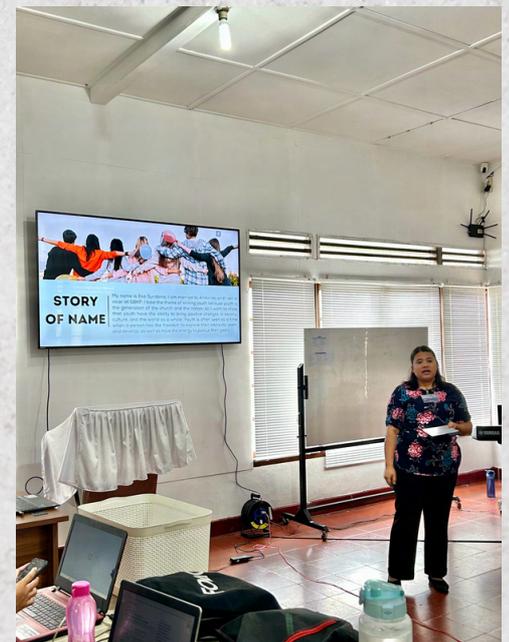
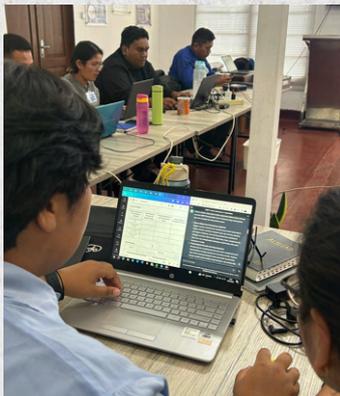
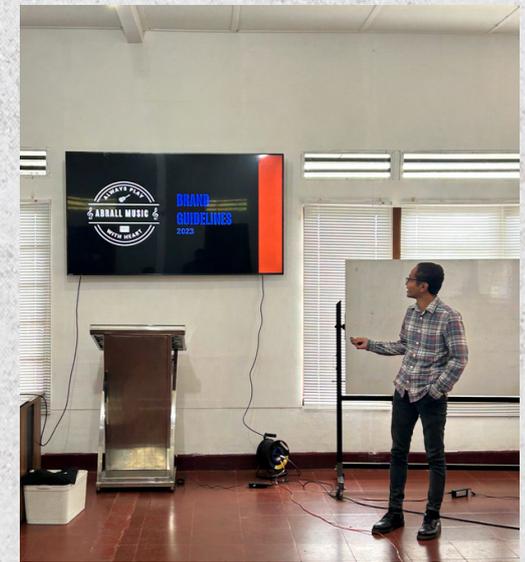
Led by Pdt. Dr. dr. Paul Choo-Sihombing and facilitated by Miss Cristine, students delved into pertinent Christian Leadership topics for the 21st century. The sessions will equip them with practical skills and values essential for impactful leadership.



Insightful and meaningful discussions were conducted in the Evangelism Class where the core concepts of evangelism and the importance of the Holy Spirit in one's life were highlighted.

Digital Ministries Training

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In the Digital Ministries Training Class, participants learned various topics, such as Digital Citizenship, Online Communities, and current technology for both mobile and desktop, including Canva, Zoom, YouVersion, and AI tools for generating content and designs. These tools will help equip the participants for the work of missions and ministry.



The enthusiasm and eagerness of the 19 GBKP Candidate Pastors to learn and apply their English skills are evident in their vibrant expressions and active engagements. Their sessions varied from conversational English, basic Grammar, and sentence construction.

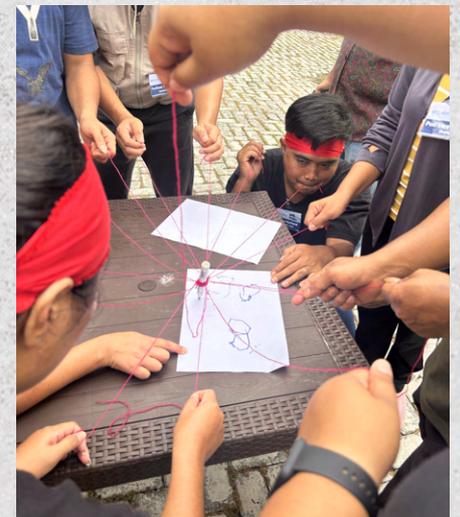


In their English Sessions, each group was assigned a collective task to deliver different types of English presentations through speech choir, a drama performance, or an English song medley, where every individual has to actively participate.



Team Building

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During the training, team-building activities were carried out to encourage participants to cultivate teamwork, and afterwards, reflect on their team-building journey with a focus on leadership, trust, collaboration, and consistency.

Other Activities

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Bible Night



Batik Day

Music Night

Samosir Outing



In between classes and sessions, fellowships in different forms were led by the participants where they get to practice their leadership and technical skills through practical activities and applications.

Closing Program

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The participants were given Completion Certificates for their one month residential training in the Center. Special Awards were also given to outstanding students.





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