

GCCP Community News

Opening New Doors



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These are without a doubt unprecedented times. Due to the widespread concerns about the spread of the COVID-19 virus, churches around the world have closed their doors in efforts to protect their members from the infection, leaving no more room for physical gatherings. Little did we know, God was opening doors to make God's Word more accessible beyond the four corners of the church building.

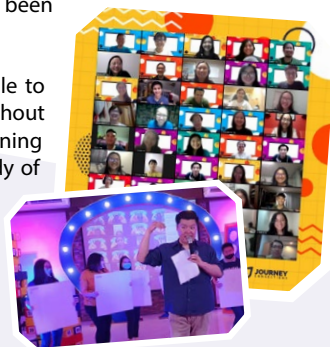
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The new normal has challenged GCCP to step up and step out, allowing the church to reach out to people in ways that seemed unimaginable eight months ago. GCCP's church sermons, which for years have been available to listen to and download from our website, are now



available in video format as well, easily accessible for everyone from different parts of the world through Youtube. LifeGroups meet online and are continually being used by God to provide community and spiritual support to believers. Baptismal classes are also being held online, and all physical church programs and fellowships have now been shifted into a virtual one.

This shift allowed more people to be discipled and taught the Word of God. Without limitations like traffic or conflicting schedules, our Spiritual Training and Enrichment Program (STEP) drew hundreds to a deeper study of the Bible and Christian doctrine. Our high school and college fellowships (Ignite and Journey) have gained more attendees online mainly because students no longer have to rely on their parents to take them to and from the church for fellowships. Praise God that more and more people of various ages are gaining more understanding and knowledge of Jesus Christ!



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