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## LIGHTHOUSE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP) INITIATES SHARE-A-GADGET PROGRAM TO AID STUDENTS THIS PANDEMIC

Even in this pandemic, one of the essentials that any person can invest in is a quality education. We have seen how teachers and students have prepared for and have adapted to online classes this year despite the many challenges. With this, the Lighthouse Educational Assistance Program (LEAP), one of the arms of The Great Lighthouse Foundation Inc. (TGLFI), has responded to serve continuously and to be of helping hand to our financially-challenged but determined and diligent young people of our Lighthouse Works.

With the shift to the online platform, LEAP initiated a new program called "Share-a-Gadget Program" for its scholars. This new program aims to support those students who cannot afford to buy gadgets for online classes. This is a two-pronged approach wherein the student may inquire from LEAP for any available gadget. In parallel, those brand new or second-hand (yet in good running condition) gadgets can be shared by any Lighthouse member or partner with LEAP. Then the committee will check both parties' inquiry in order to match the needs of the students for their online classes to the registered gadgets. To date, we have raised PHP4,000 and registered nine (9) gadgets such as laptops and smartphones. We are very much



thankful to our workplace people and adults who shared their resources in order to equip our students who are in need. Lighthouse members who would like to share their gadgets too may approach their district sentinels who can inform and coordinate with the LEAP Committee.

This school year, LEAP supports four (4) bright and committed scholars. By God's grace, this ministry has already supported almost fifty (50) beneficiaries since 2006. We'd like to thank and acknowledge all our Lighthouse members and partners who unceasingly gave their offerings and resources for the benefit of these students so they can pay it forward later on. To date, we have raised more than PHP45,000 (since May 1 up to September 30, 2020). We are praying that even in the midst of an economic crisis, God will bless this endeavor in order to allow our beneficiaries to not only excel in their studies but to be faithful and responsible Christians in their church ministries, homes, schools and future careers.

*By Greg Ege, Jr. (LEAP Director)*

## TGLFI Rizal Chapter Donates Alcohol Dispensers and Helps Distribute Printed Modules for High School Students

The Great Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. (TGLFI) Rizal Chapter through the efforts of the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church Cainta Congregation has partnered and contributed to some institutions focusing on different efforts.

TGLFI Rizal donated five (5) alcohol dispensers to the Philippine Medical Association of Rizal. Muntindilaw National High School (MNHS), Benjamin B. Esguerra Memorial National High School (BBEMNHS), and Taytay Senior High School (TaySen High) also received two (2) alcohol dispensers per institution.

To provide further support to BBEMNHS and TaySen High, the Foundation is also engaged in the hauling and distribution of printed modules for the students by supplying drivers, workers, and vehicles. The modules are brought by our manpower to the different kiosks of the Department of Education located in the nearby municipalities and barangays. The students will claim the modules, answer them in a specific period of time, and bring them back to the kiosks. This time, TGLFI will get the modules from the kiosks and deliver them to the schools for teachers' checking and feedback. As a result of this extended help, TGLFI Rizal is given a weekly slot to teach values to Grades 7 through 10 students at BBEMNHS. Recorded lessons will be prepared to be shown during online classes.

BBEMNHS has been a partner of the Foundation for almost a decade now. TaySen High and MNHS are additional schools to the campus ministry. - *Alfonz Chopitea*



## TGLFI Continues to Facilitate Relief Endeavors for Covid-19 Response through Project Joseph

To date, TGLFI has garnered cash donations totaling PhP1,314,534 while cumulative in-kind donations have reached an estimated value of over PhP2,000,000. TGLFI continues to thank all the generous hearts who partook in these endeavors since the beginning of the community quarantine period. Below is the summary report for Project Joseph cash donations received as of September 30, 2020.

Total Donations Received	PHP 1,314,534.79
Family Grocery Packs - Distributed (P 1,000.00 per relief bag)	PHP 452,659.64
Purchase of Rice and Chicken	PHP 99,299.00
Cash Assistance for Families (P 1,000.00 per cash per family + charges)	PHP 88,300.00
Cash Assistance for Churches (29 Churches with 597 Families)	PHP 244,600.00
Cash Assistance to Pastors (20 Pastors from Lighthouse BBC & Affiliated Churches)	PHP 400,000.00
Incidental Expenses (transportation costs, meals, plastic bags)	PHP 22,754.60
Total Donations Given	PHP 1,307,613.24
<b>Remaining Fund</b>	<b>PHP 6,921.55</b>

Through these donations, a total of 550 food packages were released to 406 recipients most of which are from Lighthouse BBC Tatalon Ministries and community residents. 32 families also received cash assistance.

As already been highlighted in the past TGLFI Newsletter releases, we are also grateful to all in-kind donors whose groceries and food contributions with a total estimated value of over PhP2million were also distributed to the marginalized members of the community. Included in which are 6,500+ kilos of frozen chicken donated by the Baptist Brothers valued at approximately PhP1million. Our other institutional partners such as UNILAB donated alcohol, medicines, and vitamins; Asia Brewery and Nature Spring donated water and beverages; Redjuice-Ezential Corp. sent rice, bread, and PPE set; Support Our Troops Phils. sent rice, bread, sardines, and PPE sets; and Asia Wide International Imports Inc. gave Portable Knapsack Sprayers.

Aside from Project Joseph, we are also in partnership with the Philippine Medical Association (PMA) in distributing food, alcohol, face shields, and PPE to our front liners in Metro Manila Hospitals and nearby provinces.

10,000 pieces of facemasks from Ideal Ventures Merchandising Inc. were coursed through Bishop Reuben Abante and has been donated directly to various hospitals in Laguna in partnership also with PMA. Unilab also extended help directly to all PNP Chaplains (front liners) by providing them with boxes of Vitamin C. This coordination was made possible through the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church.

Again, TGLFI is truly grateful to all generous and willing hearts who supported these programs. We praise God for your continued and valuable partnership especially in this time of unprecedented health and economic crisis.

By God's grace, TGLFI will continue on its endeavors to reach out to the community where each Lighthouse work is situated during and after this pandemic is over.

Any help or donation to the Foundation are welcome and very much appreciated.

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## **Being a Beacon of Light in Multimedia Arts – A LEAP Scholar Testimony**

**Christopher John E. Utrillo**

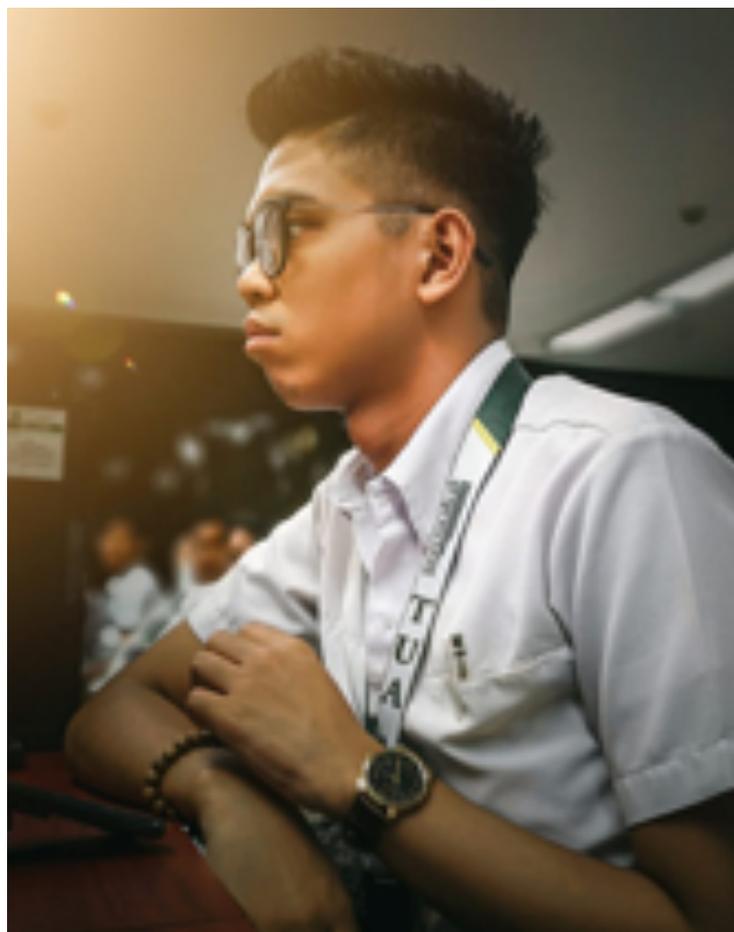
**4th Year – BSIT Multimedia Arts and Animation  
Trinity University of Asia**

Last May of 2017, I was still reluctant to go back to college, but then I realized I needed to finish my studies for my family and for my future. My mom suggested that I consider LEAP and although I was anxious in applying, I took the challenge. I applied on 25th of June—which is also my birthday—and got approved after being interviewed by the LEAP committee.

At first, I was happy that my application was approved and then I was daunted by my past for my failing grades and the fear of not maintaining a good grade keeps me up at night. Being able to study again is a big challenge for me. I was not ready at that time. I was afraid. I cannot help but to ask myself, "What if my studies affect my ministry or the other way around? What if I failed a course? What if I don't keep this up? Where would I find the strength and courage for this?" And it dawned on me, "What is the grace of God for? What are His promises for?" So, I studied hard and served God harder despite the myriad of challenges—one of which is to be able to work and serve through GCTV and the Media Ministry while studying. Another challenge is that I was elected as Vice President for our College Council at that time and I was overwhelmed by the amount of work I had to do. Then sophomore year came, and I challenged myself to join other organizations. So, I joined a peer facilitator institution and a year later I joined my school's student publication newspaper. Thankfully by His Grace, I was able to maintain my target grade for

almost 4 years. Up to this day, I am still amazed on how God brought me where I am right now.

One thing I look forward to in the future is to be able to do what I love for my family, work, and ministry and to be able to make myself known not because of what I can do but because of how the grace of God manifested in my life. I also look forward to traveling to my "bucket list" places around the world and take pictures and videos and be able to share them to the world. I know this is still a long-shot aspiration of mine since I'm still on this journey, but I would also like to put up a school of design and arts for children and out-of-school youth in the future if God allows me. Currently, I am one of the video editors and graphic designers of GCTV and the Lighthouse Media Ministry and I'm also a bassist of the Lighthouse Chamber Orchestra.



# Legal Aid Ministers & Partners (LAMP) Offers Legal Services to the Indigent Starting this Pandemic

As narrated by Preacher/Atty. Moses Rivera

Back in 2013, Bishop Reuben Abante saw the need to have Christian Lawyers not only in our society, but specifically, in our ministry. It then supported one of our own preachers and pastoral staff, Moses Rivera, to go through Law School at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM). By God's great working, he was able to graduate in 2017. In the same year, he took the Bar exams and passed. He then worked as an underbar for Reyes Tacandong & Co., the fastest growing tax firm in the country. Afterwards, he joined MOST Law, where he was able to acquire experience and training in Litigation.

During the Pandemic and while helping for Project Joseph, Atty. Moses Rivera was reminded of the social justice mantra that "those who have less in life should have more in law". This revitalized his desire to start a Legal Aid Clinic under the auspices of our Foundation. So, despite the challenges and uncertainties brought by the pandemic and the lack of funding and resources, the Legal Aid Ministers & Partners (LAMP) was born.

The Legal Aid Ministers & Partners (LAMP) is a new arm of The Great Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. (TGLFI) for the purpose of addressing the legal needs of indigent people in our Lighthouse Family of Churches and the community. Since its inception in August 2020, it has clocked in about 70 hours' worth of billable services. These include legal consultation, letter drafting, and even court appearances for about 76 clients both from within the Lighthouse Family of Churches and outside. Services rendered covered various area of law like Land Titles & Deeds, Labor Law, Corporate Law, Taxation, Administrative Law, Family Law, and even Criminal Law.

As our beloved Pastor believes that we should stand as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, LAMP has also been helping our Pastor as a resource person in various societal issues and pieces of legislation like the SOGIE Bill and the Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Bill.

Currently, it utilizes love gifts & donations to sustain its operation. God-willing, it will be able to generate enough funds to conduct legal aid clinics for Lighthouse Churches and affiliated ministries all over the country.



**HINDI MAKALABAS?**  
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*That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Eph 3:17-19*

The passage clearly indicates that we should manifest God's love at all times. Recognizing His love provides that He must dwell in our hearts through faith. A principle that can only be achieved if we operationalize our faith, i.e. allowing His Word to work in our lives: "DAPAT MAY PAGKILOS". The Great Lighthouse Foundation, Incorporated (TGLFI) strives to be earthen vessels of Christ's love by allowing the institution to reach out for the needy, especially those severely afflicted by the pandemic. As we endeavor to bridge this gap, all of its arms are working diligently to secure the much-needed resources to "communicate" and/or transmit the same in an organized and timely fashion. Through God's amazing grace, and the collaborative efforts of its members, officers, donors and sponsors, the Foundation has accumulated total cash donations of Php1,314,535.

The Lighthouse Educational Assistance Program (LEAP) remained focused in providing educational assistance to the underprivileged and exerted all their efforts to sustain the needs of the students. They managed to raise some funds and donations in order to provide laptops for our LEAP beneficiaries. During this COVID-19 crisis, our educational system adopts the blended e-learning program, thus making these technical gadgets (computer desktops, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, etc.) an essential tool for learning.

The newly established Legal Aid Ministers and Partners (LAMP), has joined TGLFI to provide legal assistance – full legal services and counselling. The services are made available internally and externally, but more importantly, to the poor constituents of our society. On the other hand, our TGLFI Rizal as operated by our Cainta Mission continue to share their blessings to their members and neighboring communities.

In this most trying moment of our lives where there is no certainty and everything is about volatility, we can only rest upon God's infinite love. But understanding His love gives us the reason to be more active and given in His work, for His divine love can only be comprehended if He dwells in our hearts, and His Word operative in our daily lives.

**Dr. Enrico L. Torres**

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