

Cornerstone End of Year Newsletter

June 2021

Celebrating God's Faithfulness!



Meet our teachers and **THEIR**
stories-**OUR** stories!

Stories of **HOPE** in the midst of a
Pandemic,

Stories of **GOD'S FAITHFULNESS** in
our lives!

Stories from our teacher's **HEART!**

Noemi Posadas



Meet Mrs Noemi Posadas

Mrs Noemi Posadas is one of our senior teachers at Cornerstone. She started working at Cornerstone on September 2006.

Mrs Posadas is one of our Business teachers for Grade 11 and 12 students.

She teaches Principles of Account, Principles of Business, and Economics.

The Bible Verse that helps her in life is:

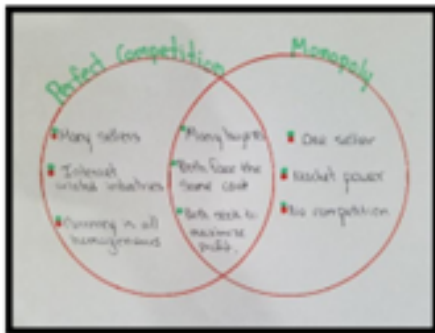
I can do all things through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

Hobbies:

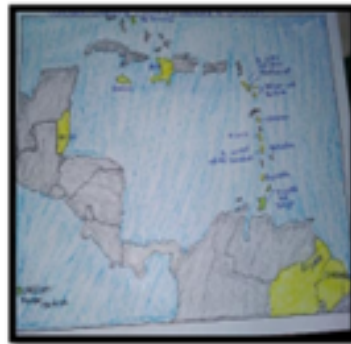
1. Gardening – flowers
2. Baking and cooking
3. Sewing – *** She is learning through you tube videos.

God's Faithfulness During School Year 2020 - 2021



School year, 2020-2021, brought all partners in education many challenges. Many of us struggled with technology but at the same time God's faithfulness was evident in all aspects of life.

Families were brought close together, new entrepreneurial ability arose, engagement in technology was evident at all ages and we learned to live day by day praising His name for keeping us safe from the deadly virus, Covid-19. Praise and glory be to his name!



Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

Deuteronomy 7:9

"I enjoy serving my students in all aspects, especially in the biblical perspective of planting the seed and one day see that seed sprout and grow. My greatest satisfaction is to see them excel and become productive members of our society" -Noemi Posadas

Moises Medina



Meet Mr Moises Medina

Mr Moises Medina is one of our senior teachers at Cornerstone. He started working at Cornerstone on September 2007.

Mr Medina is one of our Science teachers for Grade 11 and 12 students.

He teaches Biology, Chemistry and Integrated Science

Roger Briceno



Meet Mr Briceno

Mr Roger Briceno is one of our senior teachers at Cornerstone. He Started working at Cornerstone on September 2012.

Mr Briceno is one of our science teachers for Grade 11 and 12 students. He teaches Chemistry, Physics and Integrated Science

The Bible Verse that helps him in life is: Psalms 16

One of the favorite Quotes he likes is: " Pain is temporary, victory is forever".

Hobbies:

1. spearfishing
2. hunting
3. making music
4. cooking

His favorite phrase is: "Fail to prepare, prepare to fail".



"This academic year has been very unusual. Despite the many challenges, God's faithfulness is eminent. Being at Cornerstone enables me not only to be a teacher but also to teach for transformation. My students enjoyed doing the biblical integration activities so much. A senior student even shared the following, "Doing biblical integration activities is very relaxing and for a little while I forget all problems and stress." These circumstances allow me to share God's word and to give testimony of His unfailing grace and love. I was able to notice how they participated in profound learning experiences despite not being in the classroom physically. My students have also been a blessing to me. Especially when we discuss about biblical through-lines. They allow me to see their perspective about creation that I sometimes overlook. I feel very motivated and purposeful to be part of Cornerstone Presbyterian High School."

"Christian education allows me to share the gospel through lessons and gives me the opportunity for active "-Roger Briceno

Kristi Mai



Meet Miss Kristi Mai

Miss Kristi Mai is one of our teachers at Cornerstone.

She started working at Cornerstone on January 2016.

Miss Mai is one of our Math Teachers for grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 students.

She teaches Mathematics.

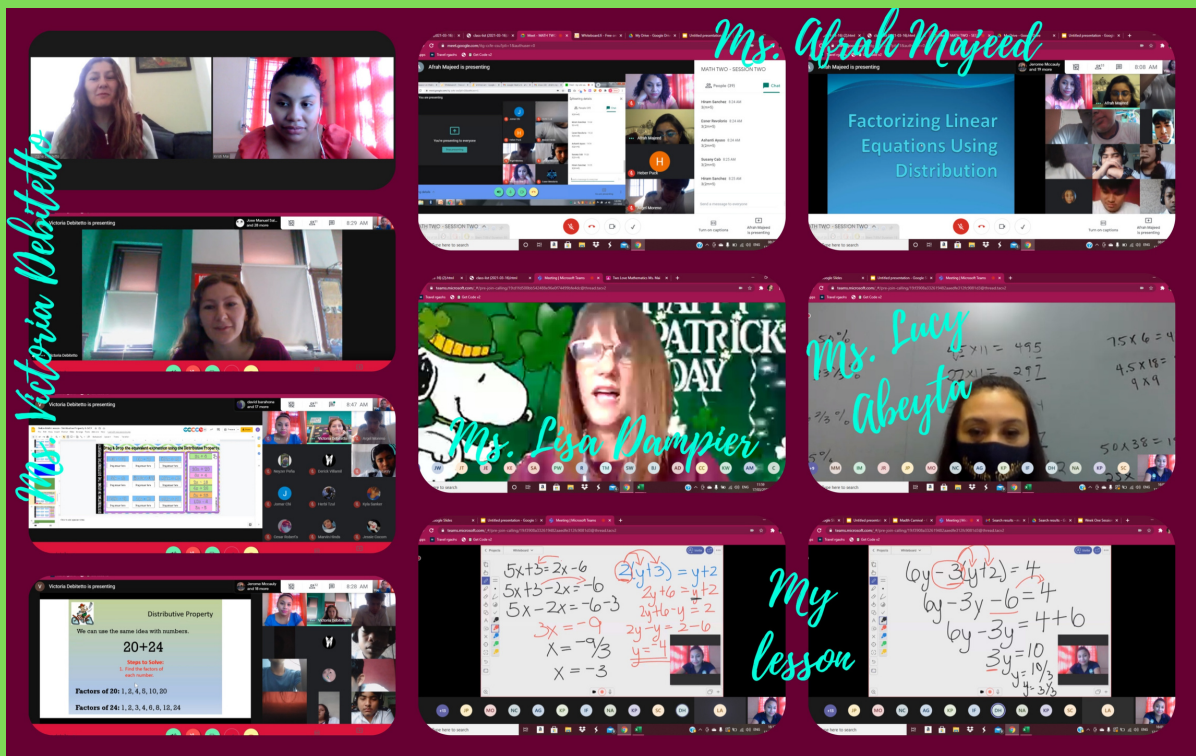
The Bible Verse that helps her in life is: "Faith can move Mountains." Matthew 17: 20

One of her favorite Quotes: "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." – Dolly Parton

Hobbies:

1. Baking
2. Painting
3. Arts

"I love teaching because every day is new; you never know what you'll discover when you go into a classroom, and I get to witness what my kids can do both in the classroom and in their future studies and lives." -Kristi Mai



Covid – 19 affected Cornerstone just as it did to many other schools but as a staff and as a school, we tried our best to make the most of the difficult times especially for our students. Participating in remote learning for over a year now is not easy on the teachers and even more so on the students. We just had to make most of every opportunity the Lord set on our path.

It was a bit difficult to keep students interested in Mathematics in the classroom and then even more virtually when there only looking at me through a screen. When the school principal gave the idea of having invited guests to our virtual sessions, I thought to myself this is the time to make the hard times count. I went onto Facebook and posted in a Math Teachers Group, hoping, and praying other teachers out there would be interested. And to my surprise I got tons of people who thought it was an awesome idea and wanted to help. I got responded to everyone that got in contact with me and we started scheduling dates, time, topics and some even had suggestions to switch classes or join classes for lessons. Which I thought the Lord is Good! He is amazing look at all the opportunities just waiting for me and my students.

I am grateful to the Lord for all the connections, friends, learning and teaching opportunities he gave to me and my sophomore students.

Giselli Lin



Meet Mrs Giselli Lin

Mrs Giselli Lin is one of our teachers at Cornerstone.

She started working at Cornerstone on September 2018.

Mrs Lin is one of our Math and Science Teachers for grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 students.

She teaches Mathematics and Biology.

The Bible Verse that helps her in life is: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever. Hebrews 13:8

Hobbies:

1. Cake decorating
2. DIY
3. Arts and Crafts
4. Video Editing



Place a sticker in the column that you think you deserve.

	Doing My Best	Doing OK	I Could Do Better
Paying Attention During Google Meets			
Participating During Meets			
Completing Assignments			
Taking My Time On My Work			



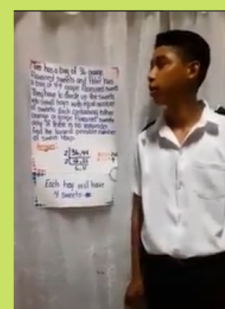
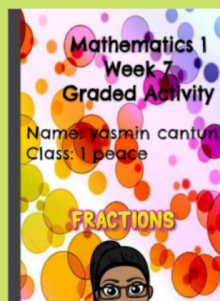
ISAIAH 58:11

THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU ALWAYS; HE WILL SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FRAME. YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED GARDEN, LIKE A SPRING WHOSE WATERS NEVER FAIL.



2020-2021 was a unique academic year. The pandemic forced us to make many adjustments in our lives. We moved from our traditional classroom set-up to distance learning. Nevertheless, our students displayed continuous efforts to improve themselves day by day. I am proud to say that my form 1 and form 3 students viewed this new mode of learning as a new opportunity to grow academically and spiritually. With the help of God, they continued excelling.

Mrs. Lin



"I teach because it fosters growth in me and provides me with the opportunity to show students that they are valued and capable of achieving greatness" Mrs Lin

Juan Patt



Meet Mr Juan Patt

Rev. Juan Patt is one of our teachers at Cornerstone and one of our Pastors in the Presbyterian Church.

He started working at Cornerstone as a full time Bible teacher on September 2019.

Mr Patt is our only Bible Teacher.

He teaches Bible to all the grade level (9-12)

The Bible Verse that helps him in life is:

Galatians 2:20- I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Hobby:

1. play the guitar



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Form 1

Today we celebrate God's faithfulness to our CPHS students. He has taught our students about HIS story and His plan for His church. A student asked- "So God knows everything that will occur? Even my own future?" Reflections like these have made students ponder on the Majesty of God and to understand that their story is part of God's story.

Melquiadez said to me, "Sir I do not have a Bible and I can't even know how to use a Bible. Can you help me? It is so rewarding to see how our students learn as we teach them about the Bible. Students have learned the importance of Scripture by learning the biblical stories of Old and New Testament. They have seen Jesus through each story of the Bible. God's word has touched their hearts (rebuked) about their style of life and some have turned (correct) their ways to walk and have a relationship with Christ.

Form 4

Our first activity for second semester was to record a video about themselves sharing if there is discrimination in the church nowadays after we studied about the separation and division between the Jews and the gentiles.

It was enriching to hear their honest responses but one that caught my attention was a student who shared her joy when invited by one of his friends to her church. But while being there nobody spoke to her nor greeted her. She felt so bad that she promised never again to return to a church. After the lesson on the characteristics of a biblical church she was able to understand the weaknesses and faults a church has but that God's will is for her to serve Him in spite of the failure of man. Now this young girl is visiting a church with one of her classmates and feel happy to have found a family of believers. Praise the Lord !!

"God has called me to influence the life of a child eternally"-Rev Juan Patt

Lizbeth Matu



Meet Mrs Matu

Mrs Matu is one of our teachers at Cornerstone.

She started working at Cornerstone on September 2019.

Mrs Matu is one of our English Teachers for grade 9 and 11 students.

She teaches English.

The Bible Verse that helps her in life is: Colossians 1:10

So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Hobbies:

1. Listening to music
2. Cooking
3. Reading
4. Planting

"I love teaching because I get to teach my students life long lessons."-Lisbeth Matu



As I look back at what the school year 2020-2021 brought for me, I must say that I was able to see God 's marvelous works in each of my students. Their dedication, their perseverance, their enthusiasm, their hard work and their faith were all displayed each and every day. This school year was a challenging one for each and everyone of us; however, we were there for each other. My days were brightened when I was able to see that many of my students were trying their best to succeed despite the fact that at home, they were having their own challenges. The lack of devices, the lack of internet services, and the lack of face-to-face instructions did not impede them to succeed. For this and for all the thing we were able to learn from each other, I must thank the Lord.

Psalm 59:16 But as for me, I shall sing of Your strength; yes, I shall joyfully sing of Your lovingkindness in the morning, for You have been my stronghold and a refuge in the day of my distress.

Julissa Worrel



Meet Julissa Worrel

Mrs Worrel is one of our teachers at Cornerstone.

She Started working at Cornerstone on September 2019.

Mrs Worrel is one of our English teachers for grade 10 and 12 students.

Shamir Ramos



Meet Mr Shamir Ramos

Mr Ramos is one of our teachers at Cornerstone.

He started working at Cornerstone on October 2019.

Mr Ramos is our Information Technology Teacher.

He teaches Information technology to grades 11 and 12.

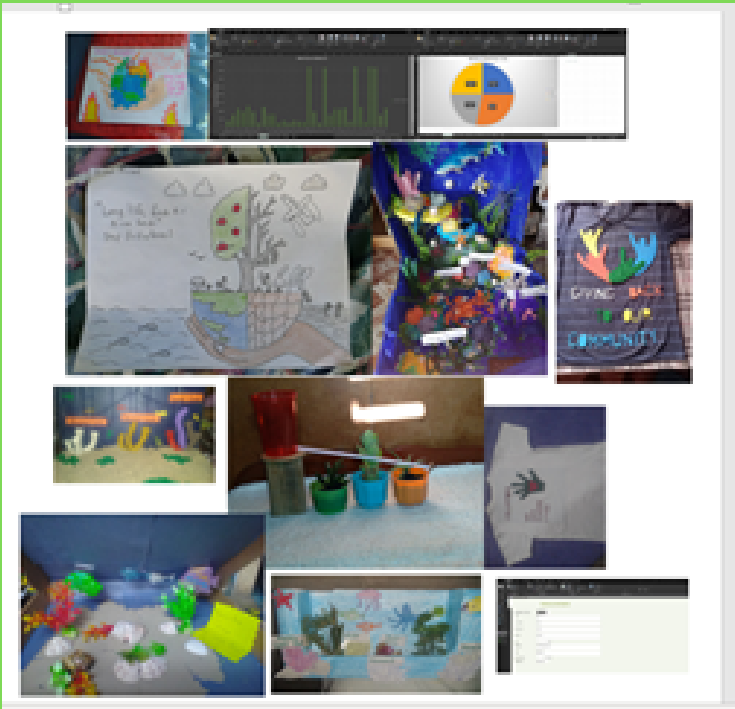
The Bible Verse that helps him in life is:

Proverbs 18:10- The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Hobby:

- 1.reading about trending and innovating technologies
- 2.mow the lawn in his yard
- 3.running to maintain a healthy body

"I love to teach because I love to see students grow up in knowledge, character and attitude that will potentially help them as a stepping stone towards thier goals. Knowing that, fills my heart with satisfaction." -Shamir Ramos



We have come to the end of this school year! I am very satisfied with what the students have accomplished. I must say that I am impressed by the way students learnt to adapt to present technology and use it as an important asset to accomplish their academic goals. I am content to be one of the many witnesses among the CPHS staff to see development and improvement in the students' knowledge and skills with technology. I know that at the beginning using technology to get engage in class was not a good choice for many. Now I can say that using technology as a school learning asset is inevitable.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. - Philippians
4:13

Jessica Fernandez



Meet Mrs Fernandez

Mrs Fernandez is one of our teachers at Cornerstone.

She started working at Cornerstone on January 2019.

Mrs Fernandez is one of our Business Teachers for grade 11 and 12 students.

She teaches Office Administration, Principles of Accounting and Principles of Business

The Bible Verse that helps her in life is: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philipians 4:13

Hobbies:

- 1.help in marriage counselling
- 2.aid vulnerable women

Yazeni Tun



Meet Miss Yazeni Tun

Miss Tun is one of our teachers at Cornerstone.

She started working at Cornerstone on January 2019.

Miss Tun is our Belizean Studies teacher for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 students.

She teaches Belizean Studies and Social Studies.

Her favorite Bible Verse is: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

Hobbies:

1. exercise
2. sing
3. sew
4. explore nature

"God has placed me in this career to reinforce my talents; to build a Christian community and instill love, patience and humility; I am honoured to serve him through this solemn ministry."

Yazeni Tun



It was resounding in the old continent and seen through the news. It started to spread like wireless transactions and many were not afraid. It moved so quickly that we did not expect its visit . Our tourist COVID-19 changed our life style in 360 degrees. The separation from students to teachers was not easy at all. However, there was no way to escape from the rules and regulations of the country to continue reunited as the normal. I sensed the deep concerns of students along with the teachers thinking about how the lessons will be carried on and how the children will be able to grasp the different subject contents. Though, the admin team were well equipped to orient us, which was a blessing. Heavy hearted, I slowly began to gear up to work along with the students. Maybe at first, I was uncertain as human nature but God’s presence was always there. Reversing memories, it was a Monday virtual lesson that for the first time I felt my heart beat was like an antique morning alarm because of the exposure of zoom, google classroom and etc. I also noticed the panic and desperation of students. I cannot adequately express my sentiments towards the first semester but it was sad. Parents, teachers and students were learning to drive through those unpaved roads, due to many reasons and the end results were dull. There was no one to blame because we were all in the apprentice process.

Strategies were scrutinized for the second semester and the roads were polished. As, you can see in the picture above, the pre covid and covid assessments done by the students depicted a vivid real-life painting like Leonardo Da Vinci Arts. It was evident how students used God’s resources for their spiritual and academic growth. The living conditions of students and parents were not perfect but one thing God will not do is abandon his children. So, I will always frame and cherish in my heart the talents portrayed by the students all along the way.

Office Staff

Meet our office Staff



Meet Miss Melisa Patt.

Miss Patt is our school secretary.
She started working at
Cornerstone on January 2020.

Her favorite bible verse

Jeremiah 29:11: For I know the
plans I have for you," declares the
LORD, "plans to prosper you and
not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.

Hobby:
Gardening

Meet Mrs Angelica Gonzalez.

Mrs Gonzalez is our school bursar.
She Started working at
Cornerstone on July 2018.

Her favorite Quote - "A life of

purpose can only be fulfilled when
we put God First and make Him the
center of our lives"

Hobby:
Riding Bicycle
Cooking



Graduating Class of 2021



To God be the glory for this school year
2020-2021.