

# PLANTED FOR A PURPOSE

Honoring God's Faithfulness in the First Anniversary of Focim Valenzuela

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*“Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.”*

— Psalm 92:13

Some celebrations simply mark the passage of time. Others invite reflection—moments to recognize God's faithfulness and the lives transformed along the way.

The first anniversary of **Fullness of Christ International Ministries (FOCIM) - Valenzuela** became one such moment. More than a milestone, it was a testimony of God's work, the unity of His people, and the growth of a ministry truly **“Planted for a Purpose.”**

“On **February 23, 2025**, believers gathered in **Valenzuela City** to celebrate what began a year earlier as a small but faithful step of faith. The ministry grew out of **Titus Home Church**, which had been nurturing and multiplying several satellite home churches through the efforts of **Ptr. Hilda Lactao, Sis. Hedy Leah Marcelo, and Sis. Benessa Calmada**. Together, they shared a vision: to worship God, grow in His Word, and build a Christ-centered community in Valenzuela.

## A Celebration Centered on Worship



The anniversary began with the singing of the National Anthem, acknowledging the nation where God planted this ministry. From there, the focus turned fully to the One who sustains every good work.

Through heartfelt praise and worship, the congregation lifted their voices in gratitude and reverence. The moment served as a reminder that every ministry begins with God and flourishes only through His grace.

As one reflection during the celebration expressed:

*When God plants, He sustains.*

*When He sustains, He strengthens.*

*And when He strengthens, His people flourish.*

## Testimonies of God's Faithfulness

A highlight of the program was the **Thanksgiving Testimonies** shared by **members of FOCIM Valenzuela**. Their stories revealed how God had been at work—**strengthening faith, restoring hope, and transforming lives** through fellowship and discipleship.

The **youth of FOCIM Valenzuela** also presented a **special number**, reflecting the commitment of the next generation to serve the Lord. A **musical offering** from the **Lacap siblings** further blessed the congregation with a heartfelt expression of praise.

**Video greetings** from members of the wider FOCIM family added encouragement and reminded the church that the Valenzuela ministry is part of a larger spiritual community united in purpose.



## A Word that Strengthens the Roots

The celebration's message was delivered by **Pastor Daniel Guinigundo**, Youth Pastor of FOCIM. Preaching from Scripture, he reminded the congregation that spiritual growth does not happen by chance but through a life firmly rooted in Christ.

***"Flourishing is not accidental,"*** he said. ***"It is the result of a life planted, rooted, and sustained by the Lord."***

His message urged the church to remain steadfast, trusting that the same God who planted the ministry will continue to nurture it in the years ahead.





## Moving Forward in God's Purpose

The celebration concluded with a prayer of dedication led by Rev. Pastor Diwa Guinigundo, committing the leaders, workers, and future of FOCIM Valenzuela to the Lord.

The theme "Planted for a Purpose" continues to define the ministry's journey. What began as a small gathering of believers has grown into a community devoted to worship, discipleship, and sharing the Gospel.

As FOCIM Valenzuela enters its second year, the church moves forward with renewed faith, trusting that the God who planted this work will continue to sustain and strengthen it.

For when God plants His people in His house, they do more than endure—they flourish.



## Unity Behind the Celebration

The anniversary also reflected the dedication of the church community. In the weeks leading up to the event, members of FOCIM Valenzuela contributed their time, talents, and resources to prepare for the celebration.

Support also came from the mother church, FOCIM Mandaluyong. Members of its tech team, worship team, and dance ministry offered guidance and practical help—mentoring the local worship team and assisting with the technical setup that helped the program run smoothly.

Their partnership demonstrated the spirit of family within the FOCIM community.