

## GCI MEMBER PROFILE

# Gio Lizares

### Tell us about your role in GCI.

I am currently a Ministry Intern at GC Bacolod, Philippines.

### What skills do you bring to the role that make you a good fit?

I have a background in psychology, and I'm studying pastoral counselling at the moment. So, I would like to say that I bring my counselling skills plus some experience in soul care. (Soul care is counseling that includes spiritual practices and addresses spiritual needs such as hope, identity, faith, and calling).

### What do you want people to know about working/serving here?

I want people to know that serving in GC Bacolod is kind of a rekindling environment for missional living. We can listen to the Lord to hear what he desires for us to do. In this season, we are hearing from the Lord that GC Bacolod is to be a church of healing for people, where people can experience his wholeness.

### What excites you about this role?

This role excites me and makes me nervous at the same time. It is the luxury of opportunity. But I also need to be attentive to where the Lord is leading me. Being intentional is difficult because it could possibly overwhelm me. But when I do get to choose opportunities that I am really passionate about, it inspires me to go forward in passion with heart.

### What are the challenges?

This is my first time having a definite and intentional role on a pastoral intern. It's the self-imposed expectations to do more to make the church grow and be successful and to build things organically. There came a time when I was overwhelmed thinking about these things. But the Lord, with the help of key people and leaders, helped me to see that it's okay to take one step at a time.



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### What are some core values that guide your life and influence your approach to ministry?

1. Always leave space for play.
2. Listen to God and act on it. This will be the best compass in your life.
3. Gradual progress is progress. Today, big leaps and huge decisions are idolized. But it's important to see the pain, beauty, and results of incremental progress. It sure is the steppingstone for big leaps!
4. Do not forget yourself. It's not being selfish viewed in the right way (God's way). In fact, taking intentional time to love yourself and love God will be your best effort in loving people.
5. Mission opportunities are everywhere. Look for it and participate in it.

***I am a good example of how God can turn things around and how he can change and transform lives.***

### What is something people don't know about you?

I'm a future Youtuber. I haven't seriously pursued it yet, but it has been on my mind and heart for quite some time.

### What hobbies or pastimes bring you the most joy?

Currently, running, bonding with my parents, friends, and family, and pickleball bring me joy.

### What else is important for our readers to know?

I have co-founded a ministry alongside Pastor Justine Parcasio called OVRFLW and am joyfully witnessing God's movement in that ministry. I'm a future licensed guidance counselor. I am a good example of how God can turn things around and how he can change and transform lives.

## Get to know Gio



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