

SARAH JEAN CUYAG

My name is Sarah Jean Cuyag, I come from the island of Bohol, and have lived all my life in the small village of Ubay, Bohol. Our island is famous for the unique geological formation known as the chocolate hills and for the Tarsier known as the smallest monkey in the world. I am 19 years old, born on April 29, 1990. I came to the ministry inspired by my Grandfather who is a pastor and who was evangelized by the early Presbyterian mission to the Philippines. It was the Presbyterian mission that planted the first Protestant churches on the island of Bohol.



I am an only child of a single parent. My mother who raised me worked long hours as a seamstress and cared for cows and goats to earn enough money for us to live and for me to go to school. She has been an inspiration to me, teaching me the value of dignity and perseverance despite our constant struggle with poverty.

Through her dedication to the church as her source of strength and support, I came to love the church and dedicate my life to serving others as the church has served us.



have been an active member and leader of our church youth



organization, the Christian Youth Fellowship. Through activities of our church youth organization I have learned how to lead and facilitate bible studies, spiritual retreats and youth camps. I enjoy youth work at this time in my life.

My local church helped me and at the same time I was a work scholar in my first and second year of seminary, and with this blessing from my local church I worked very hard to maintain honor student grades. But I was told this year that the church could not support my studies any longer and I was planning to stay in Bohol and work with my mother. I was so happy to learn that the Swarthmore Scholarship was available and that I would be awarded the scholarship. Through this scholarship I can continue and I thank you all so very much.



I understand that this scholarship is asking me to relate closely with the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, to communicate regularly and share stories of Bohol and the Church in the Philippines. I will do this to the best of my ability and also work to maintain my honor student grades. I am so thankful to all of you and would like to start communicating with you. My email address is: jheasanra@gmail.com

May God Bless You All,

Sarah