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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
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**CONDUCT OF BIBLE DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITY IN SELECTED
PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN EASTERN SAMAR**

Attached is a letter from Mr. Leo L. Lofrancio, MD, Member, the Gideons International in the Philippines, seeking permission to conduct bible distribution to public elementary schools in the Municipalities of Salcedo, Mercedes, Guiuan, Calicoan and Homonhon Island in Eastern Samar.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

You may send your queries to:

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Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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Dear Ma'am:

Good day.

I am Leo L. Lofrancio, MD, a member of The Gideons International in the Philippines, Catbalogan Camp. With due respect, I am writing to humbly seek permission from your good office to allow our organization to conduct a Bible distribution activity among public elementary and secondary school students in selected areas of Eastern Samar, specifically in the municipalities of Salcedo, Mercedes, Guiuan, Calicoan and Homonhon Island.

The Gideons International is a Christian organization devoted to making the Word of God accessible, particularly to young people. Our purpose is to help students gain moral grounding, spiritual encouragement, and values formation through the free distribution of New Testament Bibles, which will be provided at no cost to the students or to the schools concerned.

In line with this initiative, we respectfully request the assistance of your office in providing the names of public schools and the estimated number of students from Grade 4 up to Grade 12 in the identified areas, to enable us to prepare and plan accordingly.

We assure your good office that this activity will be conducted with utmost respect for school policies, schedules, and all existing Department of Education guidelines, and in close coordination with school administrators and local authorities.

May we respectfully seek your favorable consideration and approval for this request, so that we may be allowed to carry out this mission of sharing God's Word and contributing positively to the moral and spiritual development of our students.

Thank you very much for your time and kind consideration.

Respectfully yours,


LEO L. LOFRANCO, MD

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