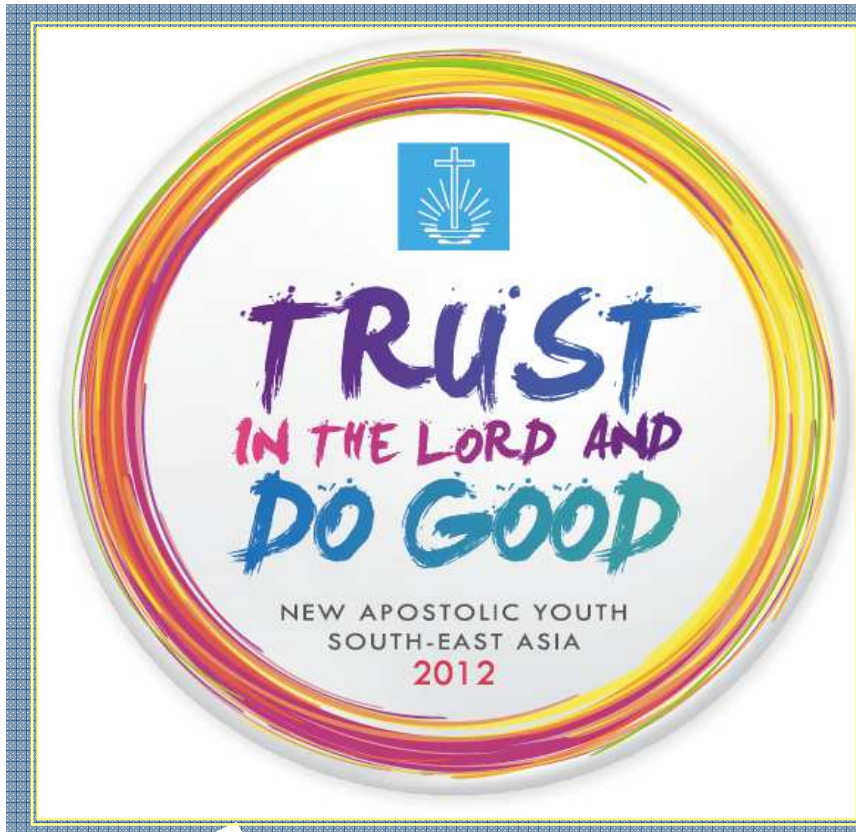


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The new YOUTH BADGE 2012

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"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work in faith, labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father"

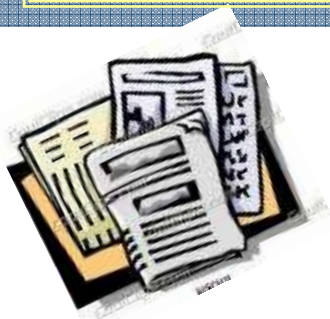
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Dist. Apostle Hebeisen and Bh. Yang together with Kristine and Pr. Kim

Korean – Filipino
Engagement Couple



EDITORIAL

Dear Youth

HAPPY NEW YEAR, you might already have seen the new Youth Badge 2012. "**TRUST IN THE LORD AND DO GOOD**" goes the message. Yes, that is what we want to do together. First trust in the Lord. He alone knows our situation and our destiny. He wants to lead us, let us follow. Then doing good. It is serving. The Chief Apostle told us in a video conference in December '**SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS**' it is a quotation from Psalm 100:2. It says there also what gladness is. Singing. The Christmas concert was the prove, much gladness was created by singing and music. Continue this good work. Serving is to be available. To help in the congregation, to pray for others. Noah built the ark that was serving. Thereby he also served himself because he and his family was saved. Abram was obedient, that was serving the Lord but it served also himself, he became very rich. Serving the Lord means also serving yourself.

Let us serve each other; "**TO STAND BY ONE ANOTHER**" This is implemented by taking three necessary steps:

1. TO APPROACH ONE ANOTHER LOVINGLY
2. TO TREAT ONE ANOTHER LOVINGLY
3. TO STAND BY ONE ANOTHER

The Love of Christ, is our binding power, this shall always live in us, whenever we deal with each other.

Have a very **blessed NEW YEAR**. It will in many ways be a challenging one but remembers. If God is for me, nobody can be against me. God is for us, in His Love, in His Service, His fellowship, the communion with Christ. Never miss it.

"Big hug" and loving greetings,

Urs Hebeisen

District News Update

Christmas Carol Concert

Every year, New Apostolic Church held its annual concert to give thanks for the past year of blessings and give back the glory to the Lord. This year December 17th Christmas concert had a theme of “Glory to God and Peace on Earth” from Luke 2:14.



Everyone was in high spirit as the concert started with an organ solo entitled “Jesus Take Our Hand”. This was followed by the Las Piñas choir filling the place with their voices with songs; “The Power of Your Love”, “Come and walk in the light of the Lord”, and “Da best ang Pasko ng Pilipino”. Continuing the night of music, a trio had their best singing “Hesus” and “As long as there’s Christmas”.



As the different groups shares their best, the children’s choir had their share of voices when they sang “Kaleidoscope”, “Go Tell it on the Mountain”, “Hark the Herald Angel Sing, “Tayo’y Umawit” and “Give Love on Christmas”. An “Ode to joy” was performed by a clarinet and violin duo.



Everyone enjoyed as the orchestra plays “Glorious Light”, “The First Noel”, “Go Tell it on the Mountain”, “From Heaven Above I Come to You”, “The Hope”, “Canon D” and “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”. A solo performance of “What Child is this?” followed.



The choir amazed everyone with the song “Simply Alleluia” followed by “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”, “Noche Buena”, “Pasko Na Naman”, “Christmas Medley” and “African Noel”.



For the finale song all the performers were gathered at the stage and sang, “Ngayong Pasko”.

We all gave thanks to God for the success of this year-end Christmas Concert. Glory and honor to our dear heavenly Father!

Youth Seminar

December 03, 2011, Saturday, the youth in Makati Congregation gathered for the Youth Seminar that was held at the New Apostolic Multi-purpose hall conducted by Pr. Connolly.

We started the seminar with a prayer. Priest Connolly started by mentioning all the topics that will be discussed. Each group was given a topic to explain, each topic has to be represented with those words and a representation will explain the three (3) words decided by the group.

After each group explained, Priest Connolly discusses topics relating to our inputs, every youth is attentively listening to Priest Connolly. After seminar Priest Connolly gave surprise for all youth, he gives us a health book as a gift and he treated us in Café Lulu. Every youth were happy and thankful to God and will remain in their hearts the joy of happiness.

Youth Christmas Fellowship

On December 18, young people gathered at Merville Country Club for the Christmas Fellowship. There were lots of food prepared by the youth and some were shared by the Brothers.



Program was prepared to make this event memorable. The first part of the program was the games. The youth were divided into three (3) groups. Each group presented their group name with their own jingle. They played bottle and straw game,

RETIREMENT:

Shepherd Ernesto Silvano is a legend. Everybody knows him, everybody loves him. He was born on 31st December 1950. On 10th February 1985 he was sealed in Las Piñas.

Sh. Silvano served as Priest, Evangelist and Shepherd, a total of 18 years in the ministry.

Serious diabetes weakened him and on 18th December 2011 the District Apostle granted him an honorable retirement.



pass the cheese ring, and the card game. Everyone enjoyed each game.



After the games, every youth brought out their gifts and they were happy exchanging gifts and thankful to receive the gifts that they got! It is happy to celebrate Christmas with other young people who gave their time for this kind of celebration. After receiving their gifts, they joined together in the table with the food they have prepared. They eat together and sharing stories while they are eating.

The fellowship ends with a group sharing and discussions about their own experiences in life. Then they took a group picture as a souvenir.



We give thanks to all Ministers who gave sponsor for our Youth Christmas Fellowships.

Wishing you all a Blessed New Year and may we all continue our good works with the Lord.

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
JANUARY 2012

NEW YEAR SERVICE January 01, 2012 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DA Urs Hebeisen	Sunday January 08, 2012 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church Pr. Cris Ronquillo
Sunday January 15, 2012 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church Dev. Rolex Navarro	Sunday January 22, 2012 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DE Erlendo Depaz
Sunday January 29, 2012 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church Pr. Chris Requilme	

Midweek Service every
Wednesday at 8:00 pm

EXPERIENCE OF FAITH

"God is there!"

Our Family No. 12, December 2011

The time in which our fathers and grandfathers suffered under the conditions of World War two is long gone. Only seldom do we still hear anything about it. Nevertheless, there are some very striking events from that time that can still today help us see the great effect of God's love.

My father was captured by the Russians quite early in the war already. He had to endure six hard years of deprivation and want, without knowing whether he would ever be able to return home. I am not even going to talk about hunger and physical suffering here. That is something which many people had to endure at the time. I would like to focus on the love and care of God, even though it may have been nearly impossible to recognize at first.

The German prisoners of war were repeatedly assured that those who performed their task well would be the first to be released. My father managed his work despite hunger and need - always buoyed by the encouraging thought that he would soon be able to return home.

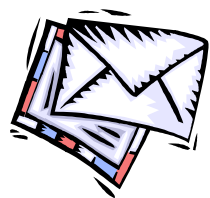
Let me summarize: Six times he found himself on the way home to what was then East Prussia, together with a number of other prisoners. And each time he had to return to the Russian prison camp, 1,000 kilometers away. One can easily imagine that even a mentally strong person would find this very difficult to take. He often asked: "Dear God, have you forsaken me?"

By the time he came back to the camp for the sixth time, he was quite sure that he would never see home again. He went to his assigned spot in the camp, bent his knees, and prayed more or less as follows: "Dear God, I now know that I will never return home. That is probably Your will. Nevertheless, give me the strength to cope with everything." By the time, he had all but given up on ever seeing his wife and two sons again - the only thing that had kept him going all those years.

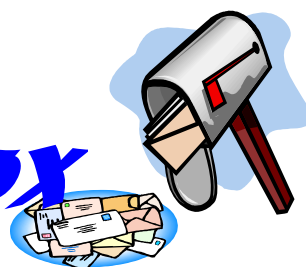
This prayer on his knees was more of a stammer. It is hard to believe, but when my father got up again, the sun began to rise. This reminded him of Jacob and prompted him to echo his words: "I will not let You go unless You bless me." He felt a lot better after that and got up to go about his daily work for some cigarettes among his few belongings and, in the process, the hymnal he had received on his Confirmation fell into his hands. He opened it up randomly, looked down, and read: "All my sorrows and afflictions shall in time by God's will cease."

He took this as a message directly from God and firmly believed that the hardship he was experiencing would soon come to an end too. Six weeks later he was finally released and allowed to go home for good. It is important to note that even the fact that his hymnal had not been taken away from him can already be regarded as a miracle in itself. Nevertheless, he looked for his hymnal for days afterward, but could no longer find it. He couldn't explain it. Presumably it had fulfilled its purpose...

What a tangible experience of God's nearness - even in the darkest hours! /W.E



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