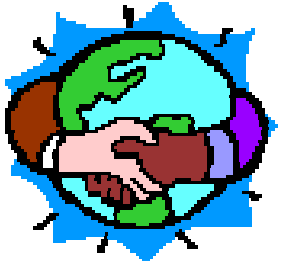




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The LORD will guide you continually,
And satisfy your soul in drought,
And strengthen your bones;
You shall be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

Isaiah 58:11

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EDITORIAL

My dear Youth, Brothers and Sisters, friends,

Whom do you trust? Sure you have your family, your friends those who you love. You trust them. You want to trust them. Can you really? Do you trust yourselves or maybe you realize even yourselves can fail yourselves. Sounds funny, doesn't it. Yes, we know, even though we try so hard. Failure is always around us and even most loved ones at times disappoint our trust, yet trust between human beings is indispensable for harmonious coexistence.

Trust in humans can be disappointed. Trust in God, however guarantees security. In Psalm 118:8 we read *"it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man"* That shall not mean we distrust all our fellowman, that would create a lot of unrest and make relationships impossible. It is just that trusting God, the Lord, trusting in His promises shall be above everything. We know, He does not fail us.

Today we have a tendency to trust in our **lifestyles, idols** and stars and want to copy them. **Opinions** are often trusted and yet tomorrow already forgotten. **Technology** is today trusted just as the people trusted in the tower of Babel thousands of years ago. **Growth** and **power of money, positions** and **personal abilities** are trusted more than anything else in our society. Only God is reliable. Our trust in God is ultimately our faith in Him and that creates fundamental strength in our lives.

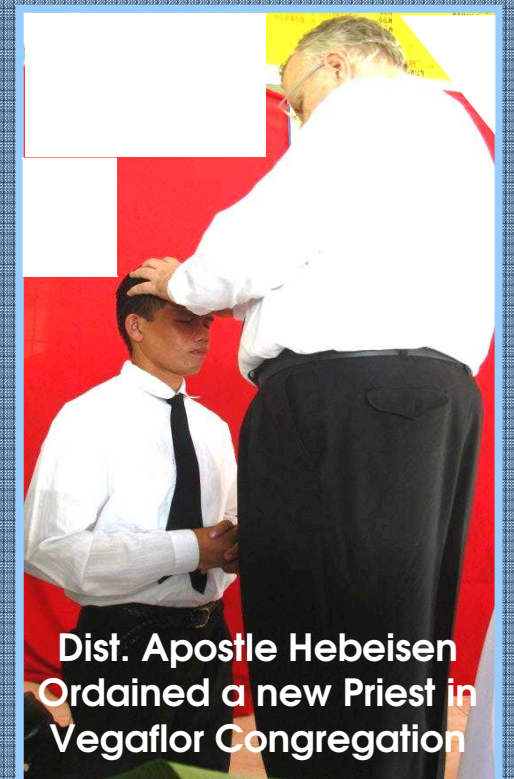
Only God, our Heavenly Father, His son Jesus Christ

- Accept us as we are, even when we make mistakes
- Never asks too much, never more than we can do
- Never cheats us but stands by even when not all wishes can be fulfilled
- Helps us to put on the new man that we can stand before God.



Those who rely on the Lord can really experience him and understand and know His ways. *"They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth, and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him, and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he has care for his elect"* Apocrypha, Wisdom of Salomon 3:9

Urs Hebeisen



Dist. Apostle Hebeisen
Ordained a new Priest in
Vegaflor Congregation

District News Update

Orchestra: in its' quest for newbie's

As many say, tomorrow is a new beginning, same goes for the orchestra, and they are in search for individuals who are interested in learning and playing the musical instruments. The Makati congregation is growing and it's high time to invite individuals to participate in serving God by playing their hearts out. Last January 7, 2012 an announcement was made that the orchestra was inviting newbie's to be trained in playing, reading and joining the orchestra. It was headed by Priest Sammy Silvano, who will be teaching the future conductors/conductress and guitarists. The orchestra members that participated were: Evelyn Delota to be assisting the flute players, Randy Silvano for piano, Clarice Tuazon for violin. It was indeed a very interesting event not only for the young people but adults as well. Surprisingly on January 14, 2012 a lot of individuals may it be children's, youth or not, participated in the event. This event will go on for months till the time that the newbie's will participate in playing for the orchestra.

The training started January 14, 2012. It was a successful event and a lot of people participated. It turned out those individuals were really interested in joining but was so shy to ask. Most of the male children went thru the guitar lessons, some adults aim for piano lessons, and most of the female youth went for the violin lessons. The teachers of the different instrument lessons were enthusiastic about sharing what they've learned from the very beginning up to what they're experiencing now. They hope that this will be the start of a lot more individuals that is interested in joining the orchestra.

The orchestra members, is still open to individuals who are still interested in learning, it will never be too late to learn anything as long as you love what you'll do. They are very thankful for those who are supporting this event, and hope that this will be a start in making the orchestra bigger for future performances.

Youth: attaining zero distance in 2012

Zero distance, this means that there will be no differences between individuals, that there will be no such thing as acting alone, but being one and overcoming obstacles together. Last January 14, 2012, a youth meeting was held to have a fresh start for this year. This meeting also aims in making individuals realize that doing what is right and just is honorable. The past years was also assessed whether the aim for the last few years were attained. Overall the youth organization was improving every year.

It was also included in the meeting, the first youth activity for the year which will be held in Quezon province. The youth planned for the whole activity such as what to bring, where to stay, what to prepare and what to do for an intermission number. This will be an event to behold and watch out for.

In the latter part of the meeting an election was held for the new batch of Coordinators of youth and it was decided that no minor will be included in the list. The Youth Coordinators that was elected were: Alora Manlangit, Leonora Manlangit, Racil Tagoc, JP Alipao, Marjery Ido, Genalyn Mosura, Dianne Morales, Nory Calingcag and Clarice Tuazon.

These set of individuals will be the one assisting the youth leader in attaining zero distance for the year 2012. This will be a year to look forward to.

Luzon South Youth Day

Youth day is one of the most awaited events of the New Apostolic Church especially for the youth. Through this, all youths from different congregations within the region, gathered with one *GOAL* and *PURPOSE*. It is a time of youth sharing and bonding, as well as to gain new experiences in life together with the other youths. The relationships within the circle of our youth will become stronger and the additional knowledge and experiences will be added to their life.



Last February 4-5, 2012, Luzon South Youth day was held at Brgy. Vegaflor, Multi Purpose Hall, Lopez Quezon Province with a theme, "Trust in the Lord and do Good". Youth participants from distant and nearby South Luzon District such as Calabanga North & South, Goa, Catanauan, Albay, Naga, Daet, Lopez Mountain and Makati Congregation gathered.

Each district has their own experiences while on their way to the said venue of the event, especially for those who came from a distant district.

The youths from Makati Congregation, gathered in Makati church and left at around 1:00 o'clock in the morning of February 4, 2012. They arrived in Magsaysay Congregation at around 7:30 in the morning. After lunch, they travelled again for about one and half hour. The youth arrived to the said venue at 12:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

As part of the event, the youth stop at Vergaña Congregation for a tree planting activity. Thereafter, they walked together for about 3 kilometers to reach the actual venue. The youths from different sub-districts gathered in the Vegaflor Multi-purpose Hall and welcome each other.

In the afternoon of February 4, 2012, registration of participants in every district started. Different games were prepared by

the hosts' district. Everyone was very cooperative and actively participated in games. They felt at ease and at home with each other.



At night, youths gathered in the Barangay Hall for a youth discussions. Brother Samuel Hebeisen, a son of our District Apostle Hebeisen and Brother Charlie, a youth from Korea, were put into a "hot seat" for some questions. Youths from different congregations actively ask questions for the two brothers. The two brothers responded the questions happily and the discussions end joyfully.

After the discussion, each district practiced their presentation for the next day activity. After their dinner, one by one they went to sleep.

February 5, 2012, youths woke up early for the preparation of the Sunday Divine Service. Some of the youths have their own way for their morning exercise and some go to "Batis" to take a bath. Each youth has their own initiative.



At around 09:00 o'clock in the morning, DA Urs Hebeisen together with Ap. Catan and Ministers from distant and nearby districts of Luzon South as well as Ministers from Indonesia arrived. The Divine Service started at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

The unforgettable message of the Devine Service was "Better to Trust in the Lord". In everything we do, trust and lift up everything to Him.

After the Divine Service, lunch was prepared for the Ministers by the hosts' district. Each youth has their own food to eat too.

Sunday, afternoon activity started with a prayer. The activities were really fun and interesting. Each district presented their presentation. Some of the presentations were Dancing, Singing and Recital. Every youth shared their hidden talents and skills. District who got the 3rd place was Goa who presented a dance number, 2nd place was Calabanga North and South, a dance number also while the 1st Place was won by Makati Congregation with a song numbers with matching game "find a letters".



At the end of the activity, the hosts distributed the certificates and prizes to the winners. They also prepared special gifts for the ministers which is a *native bag* of Quezon.



The youths were very happy for the two days activity. They met new friends, experience new things and fed with spiritual foods. They went back home with new gladness in their hearts holding and keeping the blessings they received from the altar of grace.



Youth Monthly Schedule

March 04, 2012 - Youth Coordinators Meeting
March 11, 2012 - Youth General Meeting
March 17, 2012 - Youth Service

**Mid-week Service every
Wednesday @ 8:00 o'clock in
the evening**

EXPERIENCE OF FAITH

When the Lord is for us...

Our Family No. 2, February 2012

I am a single mother. As most single moms will know, bringing up children alone – without the financial and emotional support of the father – is very challenging.

It is very sad that children are very often the victims of acrimonious divorces. I have made this experience. Peace can emanate from one party, but Satan – the destroyer of peace – will ensure that the other party stays angry and unforgiving. For me this meant a nine year divorce war. None of my attempts at peaceful negotiations have been successful. I was beginning to feel the Lord was withholding His blessing from me. But I could not understand why. I figured if I approached this battle with a peaceful heart the Lord would look upon me with favor. But because the positions were so entrenched our divorce became ugly, forcing me to take the appropriate legal steps to ensure that my ex-husband lived up to his parental duties.

Lengthy and emotionally and financially draining court cases dragged on.

I am self-employed and one day I was driving in my car on my way to see a potential in the industrial are. As I was driving I was reflecting over my struggles in life and I was lost in thought. My heart was very heavy that day. I was burdened to the point of despair. I really wondered whether this was all worth it. I could at that point identify with people who had lost the will to live. I could feel with them. I just did not have the emotional, physical, mental or financial resources to continue. On the one hand I was fully aware that I had everything to live for, but once you sink to that level, you assess things completely different. This sense of having lost all hope and even one's faith in God on account of despair can only be understood by those who have been in that position.

I drove down the street where I believed my client's business was to be. On the corner of the street I noticed another company which could turn into a potential client. I decided to stop and pop in and investigate who the owner was so that I could engage in setting up a business meeting. I had time on my hands, as I always preferred to be very early for appointments. The receptionist was warm and friendly, and told me that the gentleman that I needed to speak to had just left the premises, but would be back within a couple of minutes. She told me that I was welcome to wait in the company's boardroom for him. I was prepared to do just that.

I walked in and sank down in one of the comfortable chairs. As I looked up I stared straight into the face of a smiling Chief Apostle Leber. It was posted in a display unit above the seating area. I jumped up and walked over to the display unit. It was a large photograph and the only one in the display cabinet. There were other items – all of plastic – but only one photo adorned the entire cabinet. My heart was overjoyed. I was speechless and very emotional. This had to be a company owned by a brother in faith.

While I stood there still utterly baffled a man walked in and introduced himself as the owner of the company. He was a very pleasant man – and unmistakably German. I shook his hand and asked him – I could not help myself – whether he was New Apostolic? He answered, "No." I asked him if he knew who the man in the photograph was. He answered, "No." I was shocked and confused.

He asked me how he could help me and showed me his range of products in the display cabinet. Again I asked him why he had only one photograph in his display cabinet and of a man he did not even know. He asked me how come I knew the man in the photograph and what connection I had to him. I told him that this was a photo of our Chief Apostle. I explained to him that he is the spiritual head of the New Apostolic Church worldwide. The man explained that he utilized a special plastic to preserve photographs and this was the best example of a photo that he could find to put on display in his cabinet.

After a lengthy chat – and making the discovery that I did not have the correct machines for him – I left and sat in my car... and wept. This encounter had not been about business. This had been the Lord comforting me – as only He could – with His highest servants smiling down on me at a time when I had given up all hope. This was no coincidence: it was our Lord the Comforter. I will never forget this as long as I live. The strength this experience gave me was what I needed to pick up my cross and continue. The Lord had granted me the wisdom to see that there is a time, a place, and a season for everything. Those who had tried to destroy me the Lord had fended off with His angels. How could I not give Him praise and thank Him, now?

When the Lord is for you who can be against you? I had asked the Lord to bless me – not with natural things – but with compassion and wisdom. And I do believe that the rest will follow. I went on a mission to produce business, but the Lord knew what I really needed: comfort. He grants us what we need. All we need to do is ask Him and trust Him. E.W. / sab



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