



NAC YOUTHLINK



40 1972-2012
years in the Philippines



ONENESS IN CHRIST NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 9th December 2012
10:00am - Divine Service
6:00pm - Christmas Carol Concert
Followed by Christmas Fellowship
ALL INVITED

EDITORIAL



Dear Youth,

Magic Christmas, every year a great attraction and in today's consumerism a high season for buying. As children of God it is **our task to keep the true Christmas** alive. The remembrance of Christ's birth. God loved man and sent His only Son. Never shall this be forgotten in the many activities of celebration.

The Shepherds were visited by the angels. It was unique and unexplainable. Did they now discuss and reason what this all means? Maybe have some explanations of common sense? Or other things to do of more personal interest?

No, they recognized, they understood and said. Let us go. They acted and really went to Bethlehem and saw, experienced what they were told. Likewise we shall also recognize that God is at work in word and sacrament in the divine service. Then also act, in other words become doers of the word and put it into practice. Only then we can experience all the great deeds that God performs.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL. MAY THE JOY AND PEACE ABIDE WITH ALL IN OUR FAMILY AND CONGREGATIONS, IN COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE WANT TO PROCLAIM AND REJOICE THAT JESUS CAME TO MANKIND, COMES TO US IN THE DIVINE SERVICE AND WILL APPEAR AS OUR BRIDEGROOM AND LEAD US INTO THE FIRST RESURRECTION

Christmas Greetings and best wishes for a prosperous and happy NEW YEAR.

Yours,

Urs Hebeisen

Special Interest Articles:

- *Experience of Faith*
- *District Apostle's Letterbox*
- *District News*

"Not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing"

1 Peter 3:9

Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber with Chief Apostle Helper Jean-Luc Schneider in Israel



District News Update

YOUTH SEMINAR WITH PR. CONNOLLY

The seminar is composed of two parts, first, the service for the departed, then Unity among youth.

It was asked why service for the departed is important and our responsibilities, as youth and as a child of God. We had service for the departed once in a while. Pr. Connolly emphasized the difference youth can make. *The prayer that is the most important tool we can use to show these souls that we care.*

The youths were grouped into four and also had their share of thoughts. The representatives for the groups are Mardion and Junnaliza (group 1), Brian and Virgil (group 2), Harold and Levenry (group 3), Edward James and Eric (group 4). During the youth sharing, different reasons came out of discussion such as; that service for the departed is important because it is the means of praying for the souls, it is a way of forgiveness for the soul, it will be a way for peace for the soul, it is a way to help the souls because they can't pray for themselves anymore and it is also an invitation to the lost souls, to reunite with God and also to prepare them for the coming of Christ.

The youth also shared their responsibilities as a child of God for the service for the departed. That they should not only invite souls but also should prepare themselves in the process and that it should be a continuous process.

The second part of the seminar is the unity among youth. This can be seen from the body language. How active the youth are and the special bond they created. According to Pr. Connolly the reason why unity is difficult is that there are always individual differences, preferences, people disagreements, beliefs and interests. These ideas were supported by youth too. Pr. Connolly advised that youth should never give up, and if conflict arises we should talk about it. For in the end we will all learn in the process. The most important message he gave was "Be careful of the spirits that divide you. It is like the barbecue sticks, if you break it together it won't snap and when you know some spirits will break you apart, don't accept it."

And he ended it with the fellowship of youth.

* * *

ONENESS in CHRIST

The Christmas Concert Preparation

Spirit of Christmas is everywhere. You can hear Christmas songs played on the radio, you can see Christmas trees and colorful lights in every house, parks, streets and big establishments. Everyone is busy and excited for the most celebrated season in the world.

As we celebrate the season of love and giving, Makati Congregation is also busy preparing for the upcoming Christmas Concert as part of the 40th year Anniversary of the New Apostolic Church in the Philippines.

Sunday School Children and Religious Instruction students stayed overnight in the Church and continue every Sunday afternoon after the Divine Service to practice songs and music with their recorder and Angklung. They are very excited to present their songs with gladness and joy in their hearts.

The Orchestra members reserved their Saturday night to master their musical pieces for the coming Christmas concert. Even though some of the orchestra members could not attend the concert, the remaining members still want to give you beautiful Christmas music that brings you a wonderful experience of Christmas.

Makati Choir members are also excited to sing all the songs of praise for the birth of our Jesus Christ. They are spending the whole afternoon every Sunday to practice all their songs. Like the children, they are all excited to sing and offer you wonderful music of Christmas.

Everyone is invited for the upcoming **Christmas Concert** on the **9th of December 2012**. Let us all celebrate this holiday season with songs full of joy and adoration.



Choir Practice

DISTRICT APOSTLE HEBEISEN with the CHIEF APOSTLE in ISRAEL



To visit the land where our Lord Jesus spent His time on earth is beyond any doubt very special and enriching. The Chief Apostle called the District Apostles to assemble for the second annual meeting. Many topics were discussed which will be further elaborated with the Apostles.

In his opening address he quoted 1. Peter 3:9

“Not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing”

It is an advice how to treat one another in the congregation and such applies all the more to the ministers. Let us not be involved in verbal quarrelling. See to it that all brothers and sisters are treated in an equal friendly manner, showing great understanding for them and approach them unbiased. Certainly not always easy but the only way for true pastoral care.

Conflicts and arguing, even using harsh words bring no results. But let us grant blessing by strengthening faith, enliven hope in particular for the return of Christ and to foster the love among one another.

In Nazareth where we have a beautiful little church but only a small congregation the Chief Apostle conducted a divine service with the bible text:

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the

things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.” 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

To look at the things which are not seen – this has to be learned. There are many things in our life of faith which make their full value only recognizable by looking at the things that are not seen:

- The fellowship among one another. If we look at the things which are seen, then this is a fellowship like any other also. However, if we look at the things that are not seen, then we detect: This is the fellowship of the children of God, i.e. those who have received the gift of Holy Spirit and are thus permitted to foster a particular relationship with the Lord.

- A divine service. It is to be seen that it is about a gathering of people. Not seen is: Here, God reveals Himself to men.

- The prayer. It is to be seen that we are folding our hands and that we have a humble attitude. Not seen is the fact that here we can speak with God.

- Holy Communion. Seen is a ceremony where everyone is receiving a wafer. Not seen is the Lord's presence in bread and wine.

In all these examples nothing special will be perceived if we only look at the things which are seen. The true value is made accessible by looking at things which are not seen!

* * *



ONENESS in CHRIST

Christmas Carol Concert

9 December 2012

at 6:00 o'clock in the evening

New Apostolic Church

**2704 Gen. Capinpin St. Bangkal
Makati City**

ALL ARE INVITED!!!

EXPERIENCE OF FAITH

All-inclusive angel protection

Our Family No. 11, November 2012

We always pray for the protection of the angels as a matter of course. And we don't really expect an all-inclusive package of protection either. But sometimes the heavenly Father has a special eye on us and is exceedingly kind. This is what we experienced.

This year as in past years, we planned to spend our summer holidays in Austria. In order to escape the worst of the traffic on the highways, we wanted to set out in the wee hours of the morning. We got up at two o'clock in the morning. After the car was packed we prayed once more and then we were off. My three daughters were seated in the back, and my wife was in front passenger seat, her head resting on a pillow leaning against the window, trying to get a little more sleep. After about three and a half hours I noticed that I was slowly becoming tired. "When we get to the next rest stop it will be time to take a break," I thought to myself...

The next thing I remember was a crash, some screeching, and loud clanking noise. At full speed I had crashed into the truck beside me.

All I could still think to do was hold on to the steering wheel. As if by miracle, my car slid past the truck, and both our vehicles came to rest on the paved shoulder of the road.

A strange calm settled over us, my children got out of the car on the passenger side, and my wife climbed through the window, since the door would no longer open and all the windows were smashed. We all put on our warning vest and I took a look around the car. The entire front right end was impacted, the front tires were pointing sideways, and the rest of the car looked as though it had just been scraped over a huge cheese grater.

In the meantime, another truck had pulled over behind us to keep the traffic away from us, while another driver put up a warning triangle and called the police and ambulance. Only then did my legs slowly begin to feel like jelly, and I sat down on the guard rail. I did not even want to think about what would have happened if the car had begun to skid or even rolled over. I could actually end my story right here. After all, it would be hard to imagine a more impressive experience of angel protection! But it is at this point in the story that all-inclusive package come in which God had developed for us.

Not even ten minutes later, the police and ambulance had arrived at the scene. All the paramedics were able to detect were few light bruises where the seat belts had pressed against our bodies. I had burned my thumbs a little when the airbags inflated. Without the pillow at her head, my wife would likely have suffered some serious cuts to her face. After the accident had been reported, a tow truck quickly arrived and took us to the nearest garage.

After a few telephone calls we had arranged a suitable rental vehicle. Our belongings were hastily bundled into a taxi-van and not half an hour later we continued the drive to our destination in rental vehicle.

During our holidays I called my insurance company. The friendly employee told me that we shouldn't worry about anything. They were taking care of everything. The sudden shock and fright of the accident was soon forgotten, and we enjoyed our holidays. And indeed, we had hardly come home when the telephone rang and I was told that our car (a total write-off) would even be sold. The claims processing took its course, and the insurance company even secured a good deal for the purchase of a new car. Now, barely three months later, the new car is parked in our driveway and our gratitude for the precise, made-to-measure work of our heavenly Father is enormous. Not only were we protected from physical harm, but the financial damage is also negligible, thanks to our insurance.

I am well aware that angel protection does not always happen this way – and that we often fail to notice how the angels protect us – but when God helps, He always does it right!

T.M.

The Monthly Newsletter of the
Youth of the New Apostolic Church
Philippines

2704 General Capinpin St., Bangkal,
Makati City, Philippines
Tel No: 63 2 845-2052 - 62: 63 2 889-4010
Fax No: 63 2 845-2077

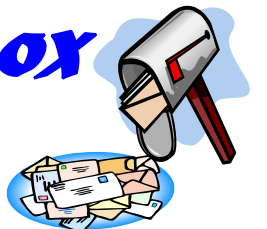
Home Page:
<http://www.nac-philippines.org/>

E-mail:
administration@nac-philippines.org

District Apostle Letterbox



Do you have questions in mind and
waiting for an answer?



Now it's your time to get an answer!

Just send your question directly to District Apostle Hebeisen or send an
e-mail to Dist. Elder Depaz

(loloy@ledelice.net), Genesa Azarias
(genesa_azarias@yahoo.com) and to our Administration Office
(administration@nac-philippines.org)