

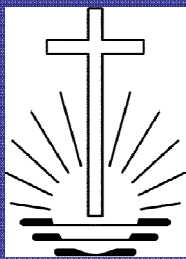
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1 Thessalonians 1:2-3



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Grace, a symbol of change

June 02, 2013 at 10:00 AM – It is a rare divine service that was conducted by a guest from Indonesia Evangelist Ferry Soetikno. We don't usually have guest to officiate the service which makes this a lot special. The text word is from **Isaiah 54:10: "Though the mountains be shaken, and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed."**

Our Evangelist Ferry Soetikno talked about one of the important things from the text word, grace. "Grace is neither a jargon nor a banner," he said. Grace is not an unfamiliar word and symbol for people receiving it. It sanctifies and inspires our virtuous impulses. We must have joy to receive what God has given us. We have to have our child-like faith and always be thankful to God's grace. We have to take benefit of every promise God has given us. We have to hold fast on what we have, to prove that we are worthy until the day He comes, because with God's grace, we are who we are.

There is also a guest Priest Agus Zetioboedi. His message was brief but meaningful: "Let's keep our hope that God will keep his promise and the Lord will send his son and take us home". This is one of the divine services that you'll feel no matter what the nationalities, in God, we are one. With this heartfelt occasion, we sure felt the spiritual guidance and faith our Evangelist Ferry Soetikno bestowed on us.

Editorial



Dear Brothers and Sisters from among the Youth,

Chief Apostle Schneider had his first Youth Service in Berlin, the Capital of Germany **"Let us do the work of faith, labor in love and be patient in our hopes"** he said in reference to 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3. A few very important statements in this service I would like to share with you:

We believe in our calling. The Lord has chosen us to bear fruit (John 15:16) and Paul admonished to glorify God in your body (1. Corinthians 6:2) How do we deal with our body and our health? Alcohol abuse and drugs are not only damaging our health but reduce also our capability to serve the Lord. What kind of testimony is that? When we are drunk naturally much more could be mentioned here in this regard. Just think about the waste of time with online gambling. Not a testimony of accomplishment.

We labor with love, that means service out of love and not with calculated expectations. Looking into the internet we can see how many people spend time at the computer for no other purpose but to portrait themselves, because they think that everybody should know what they do and what they think. It is nice when young Brothers and Sisters come together to undertake something to help their fellow men or gather to pray together. It is labor of love and a different testimony than given in social media. Time can be utilized in so many better ways.

Have patience in your hopes. Patient for God's blessing. Young Joseph had to wait 13 years. You should have patience within yourselves and not giving up even when failure occurs. The Lord continues to trust you.

Young people expect changes and improvements in many ways, even maybe in the congregation or among fellow Brothers and Sisters. We know however that the Lord wants to lead and guide His church; He does not want to push nor pull. We are called to have patience for a godly development in all things.

Wish you much experience in all your works of faith, your labor in love and patience in your hopes.

Cordially Yours,

Urs Hebeisen

DISTRICT NEWS UPDATE

Father's Day



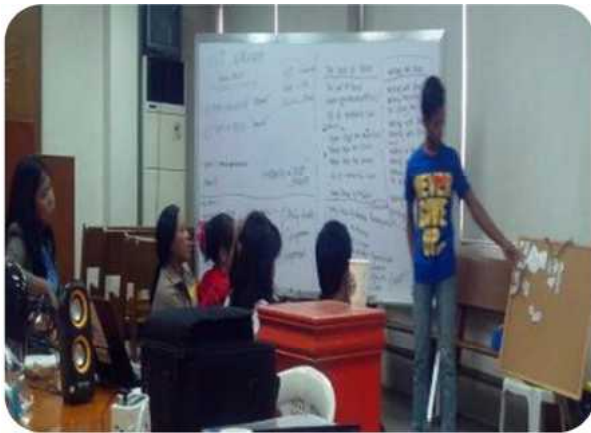
Sunday, 16th June of 2013, held on Makati, father's day was celebrated.

The text word was about Being a first born, it was from *Romans 8:29*: "For whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the firstborn among many

brethren". District Elder Depaz told us the message of the text is about those who have been called to be first born, we aligned our lives by the return of the Lord, when our calling will be served and be fulfilled. After the divine service, all fathers were requested to be seated in the front for them to see the performance that the Sunday school children, youth and orchestra prepared for them. Each performer had a very nice intermission number which really touched every father's heart. The youth also prepared a souvenir gift for all fathers.

Being a Father is not an easy task. There are no manuals, no warning labels, and good examples, or does it exist? Come and here how the heavenly father redeems the human father and equips him for leading with passion, power and praise.

Sunday School Teacher's Seminar: Church=Joy



First Saturday of July 2013, Our District Elder Depaz and Pr. Muda conducted Sunday School Teachers seminar in Makati Congregation, where the teachers shared good ideas, and about those recycling materials that is used in teaching, according to Pr. Muda in Classroom Management we have time limit for teaching, storytelling, discussion, activities and also taught them the right way to pray. And in Sunday school, teaching should level with the age of children; make sure that they are already prepared, to avoid distraction of discussion.

We have Seven Intelligence that learners can be categorized, according to our District Elder Depaz, some are linguistic or logical which is constantly questioning, Spatial which can learn easily when it is in one room or own room, through musical, singing is better to them to remember the topics, and other must be easy for them to refresh their minds and remind those things when teaching them with moving or action called bodily kinesthetic, some are through groupings or interpersonal and there are some who want to be alone or intrapersonal. One of our Sisters in faith encountered her son who asked: "Mom why are they doing sign of the cross before and after praying at School?" She explained to her Son about our faith as a New Apostolic Church-Christian that there's a big difference. According to her, Guiding and listening to our kids about their experiences outside is very important so we can give our piece of mind to our children and they will know the best thing to do. The New Apostolic Church holds great respect for doctrinal statements of other Churches. In 1 Peter 3:15: "But in your heart set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect".

District Elder Depaz said, "Let our children ingrain their heart and mind that **Church=Joy** so that they are happy and always excited to come in our Church. We should encourage them to do some activities. The illustration below shows some activities to be prepared:

Mark 10:14-15: When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth: anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." When do we say that we have peace? If we are safe and secure, we should have confidence in God and if we are complete. So why Worry? Be happy!



Youth Caravan

July 14, 2013 at 8:00am, youth were gathered together in Makati for their youth caravan to Antipolo. They arrived in Antipolo, greeted the congregation there and sing hymns of our church. We photocopied hymns so that the congregation can also sing with the youth.

The divine service was conducted by District Elder Depaz; the text word is from *1 Corinthians 12:14-16* "For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body that would not make it any less a part of the body".

Our District Elder Depaz shared about the first youth day by our Chief Apostle in Germany with a text word from *1 Thessalonians 1:2-3* "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father". It is about teen addiction, it is about drinking alcohol, which was not good for the body, and was also the reason why they don't have time for the word of God. Instead of having time to read the Bible to have more knowledge about Gods' word and his work and time to go to church. District Elder Depaz talked about gambling and using drugs which causes not giving importance to God's word. He also said about faith in God and to the promise home. District Elder also added about internet addiction, that we should limit ourselves in dwelling to those stuffs but be more into Gods' divine service. In times when we encounter problems we must come to the Lord, this was a nice message from Pr. Requime.

After the divine service, we taught the children some songs for them to sing. Then we went to Abuyod for the divine service. After the divine service, District elder prepared some activities for youth, it's called self test, a lot of youth failed but learned. They are happy that they made the two congregations happy and with that they felt oneness and unity.

Youth Meeting

June 16, 2013, Sunday after the divine service all the youth in Makati gathered for the youth meeting. The meeting starts with a prayer by District Elder Depaz, after the prayer District elder told us to go to our group in making youth link and each group will report about how their articles were made and he also discussed about making youth link and that we should submit it into the assigned date and strictly no extension. He told the group of Nory that they made the latest article from previous issue but forgot to put some pictures in the article of Pentecost. He warned the next group that they should not forget to put pictures in every article. After discussing about the youth link he discussed the upcoming "YOUTH CARAVAN" that will be held in Bagong Nayon, Antipolo and in Abuyod that they'll visit the church. After that he announced that there will be a Youth day in Bicol or in Pangasinan. He asked the youth where do they like to go? But many youth raised their hands and majority wants to have the youth day in Pangasinan on November. He also noticed that many youth are not joining the youth day because some youth have no money and most of the youth are students so he decided to save money every week by saving 15 pesos every day from their school "baon" and save it so if there's youth day they'll have money and they can join without reasons of having no money.



YOUTH DAY in Tangub City



Empowering the youth is one of our major goal here in Tangub City District. Youth activities like Youth Day/ fellowship can really develop a sense of belongingness and harmonious relationship with one another. It can also developed not only their hidden talents and skills but most of all it can also enhanced their self-confidence and gradually increased their spiritual growth by means of involving youth activities that can surely cultivated their souls.

Last July 20, 2013 for the very first time the Tangub City District became a host and organized a youth fellowship that was held at Function Hall 2 Maloro Beach, Tangub City. The said event was attended by our beloved District Apostle Urs Hebeisen together with his ever beautiful wife Sister Lucienne. We also have visitors from Visayas like Apostle Catan and Bual and of course that would not be completed without the presence of our dear Apostle Desoloc from Caraga. There are 98 youth from different districts gathered and participated the said event. Many games played to develop the spirit of friendship and unity. We had parlor games, Quiz Bee, NAC Jingle contest and a lot more! We also gave leadership award to those who are very active leaders and committed in serving the youth ministry. Winners in every collaborative activity are also being awarded. One of the highlight is the youth's night in where the youth are going to showed up their hidden gifts and talents from God by means of youth presentation per district. Many were amazed and surprised for such a unique presentation made by the Tangub City District. It was their very first time to saw such a unique variety show that composed of modern dance, singing, acting, puppet show, Hawaiian dance and a lot of surprises just to make that night worth memorable. That night is such a wonderful memory to be cherished and treasure. Everyone enjoyed the program very well. According to them the memories and happiness that they had experienced in Tangub City is really worth and very unique. All guest and visitors enjoyed much in the said youth day celebration not only to such a very organized program for the youth but also with the food and accommodation. They learned a lot and they are being inspired now to serve the Lord and glorify God for such a very, very successful event. Of course that program would not be realized without the support of our District Apostle Hebeisen and to all who supported the event. Thank you so much for all your support and participation. Looking forward to see you next youth day.

Experience of Faith: A Forgotten Prayer

It's a Saturday night, before the children went to sleep; we prayed like we always do, it's called "Connecting Prayer". We formed a circle and all of us will pray individually, it's like connecting our prayers by praying each part of the prayer. After we pray everyone will go to their place and sleep. At 3:00 in the morning a strange noise just woke me up and I thought it's the children snoring but the sound continued and it become louder and louder until it frightened me to the point that I have to cover my face with blanket and then I felt something behind my back and that noise turns to crying.

My heart beats faster and faster that I don't know what I should do in that situation. Then I remembered my sister who passed away, she is the one who cried behind my back. In the middle of my Fright, I prayed to God and include the lord's prayer but when I pray the lord's prayer I wonder why I can't pray the lord's prayer but then I try it again until I pray it three times before I complete that prayer and the strange noise stopped and no one is behind my back. After that experience, I just thought that we forgot to pray for the souls in eternity and my Father tells me that it's service for the departed that day and I didn't thought about that. After all it is the prayer that should not be forgotten.



Question and Answer



Good day District Apostle! I am one of the youth in Makati congregation, and I always join in the circle of youth but I wonder why other youth are not joining us even though there's no reason for them not to join us. My question is how can we encourage them to get involved within the circle of youth to maintain our oneness and unity?

In every circle of people, associations, clubs and of courses churches there are those in the inside, those around and other outside.

The answer is actually easy. Those inside must reach out side. The motto is EACH ONE, REACH ONE. Building up a personal relationship, keeping up communication, extending personal invitation, making all participate not just a few. That is one way. Then of course also how activities are planned. Are there always the same people involved? Or maybe there are some groups who try to be among themselves. Always the same are talking together. It takes a lot of personal involvement to help to bring them in who stand outside. Thank you for helping along in this very important task.

Yours

Urs Hebeisen