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# NAC Youth Link

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My dear Brethren in the Youth,

The year might not be that new anymore when you ready this editorial. Nevertheless accept my best wishes.

Every year we have a badge which we distribute at Youth events. After "one faith – one goal" in 2013 we feature this year the quotation from Luke 17:21 "The Kingdom of God in you".



The Kingdom of God is the Lord Jesus. He shall be in us and thus work in us and through us.

We entered into the year 2014 with a word from our Chief Apostle: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatian 6:2) and he has given us the New year's resolution "with love at work" There are different versions in the English language e.g. "Labour in Love", "Labour with Love", "To the work with love" yet it all means the same: Our preparation for the return of Christ is by acting in love.

May also the Youth join together this year, to be at work with love, meaning:

- We help the afflicted
- We show solidarity
- We help along the work of God
- We do good to those around us
- We are prepared to forgive

Thank you for your collaboration and your support. May the law of Christ be fulfilled in us and the Love of God be perfected in us (1. John 4:12)

Best wishes for all your personal plans this year. God be with you and bless you. Ask for it.

**Cordially Yours** 

Urs Hebeisen

#### PANGASINAN YOUTH DAY



Last November 16, 2013, Youth Day was held at Manambong Pangasinan. It was participated by the youth of some congregations in Luzon. (Makati, Baguio and Pangasinan).

The program started by prayer led by District Elder Depaz, after that Pr. Isacar Lacao of

Pangasinan and Deacon Darwin Manawis of Baguio led the program as the Masters of Ceremony. There were lots of games and performances that everyone enjoyed.

In the evening our District Apostle Hebeisen arrived together with the ministers in different congregations. That night the different delegations of youth performed their presentations and then followed by an amateur singing contest which every congregation had their own representatives and a Question and Answer between DA Hebeisen and the youth.



## HELPING TOGETHERNESS

Last November 12, 2013, Super Typhoon Yolanda conquered the Philippines which is



considered as the second deadliest typhoon on record, killing at least 5,000 people. The typhoon caused catastrophic destruction all over Samar and Leyte where it brought tsunami like waves and floods. almost wiped out Tacloban City.

were shattered, houses were washed away and millions of people have been affected and left homeless. But the worst part of it all, thousands of lives

have been taken away. Bodies were everywhere, on the streets, houses, and parks. The horror caused by the

typhoon is evident and in every calamity, emergency assistance is a must to stop the bleeding. As a New Apostolic Christian we are all concerned for the victims especially the members of our church. So NACSEA Relief, together with our brothers, sisters, and even children prepared basic needs such as rice, canned goods, mineral water, clothes and medicines that may help them. "The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."



Buildings



### **AGUSAN DEL SUR YOUTH DAY**

Last October 19-20 2013, the CARAGA Youth Leaders of New Apostolic Church conducted a Youth Day and it was



held in the Butuan Central Congregation. With the theme: "Living, Loving and Sharing Faith". The main purpose of this Youth Day is to organize the local youth of different congregations especially Agusan Del Sur which has many youths but not yet organized well. Actually, the main venue for the said event was supposed to be in Bayugan Comprehensive High School which is the center of Agusan Del Sur but due to some circumstances the venue was changed to Butuan Central Congregation.

The 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013 was the arrival of the youths from the different congregations, registration and opening of said

event. At exactly 1:30 pm the program started with opening prayer led by Apostle Desoloc and followed by his opening remarks. Activities included lecture for the youth that tackled the fundamentals of being New Apostolic Christian, Ten Articles of Faith and History of New Apostolic Church. The lecture was very important for us to learn more about basic information about being New Apostolic. At 4:00 pm there was orientation for elected local youth leaders from different congregations. Afterwards there was dancing. Due to power interruption the next activity was delayed but the program went on with presentations and open forum with Apostle Desoloc.



On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October we started our day with devotional led

by Apostle Desoloc followed by exercise. After devotional and exercise the next activity was the preparation for the main event which was the divine service for the youth. After the divine service, we had lunch and after a few minutes we prepared for the games. The games started with a prayer and the instructions and rules for the mechanics of the games were given. Although the games were quite difficult the youth accomplished and enjoyed the games. Next was the awarding of prizes and certificates. To end the activities, the youth sang "Give Me Courage, Oh Lord" followed by closing prayer.



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#### Experience of Faith: A new beginning

"Come to the lord, come just as you are" whether weak or strong- and praise the grace of God which makes us strong.

Upon hearing this story from our brother in Christ, I was so touched and felt sorry for him but at the same time I was so thankful to God that He helped this person throughout his misery.

This happened few years ago when his wife left him and their three young children without any reason why.

At that time, he felt like it was the end of everything. He was so worried about how to explain to his children the absence of their mother. He was afraid that his kids might get hurt so bad. He was totally depressed by that time. He even asked God why He let this thing happened and what he had done wrong as a husband.

A couple of days later, our District Elder gathered for a meeting all Brothers and Priests at Makati Congregation. He joined the meeting to get at least a bit comfort. He said he was depressed at that moment to not even think that it was a shame as a man to open up such kind of situation towards his brothers in Christ. But he didn't hesitate to tell them how hopeless he was that time. Throughout the meeting, everybody gave some piece of advice and tried to convince him that it was just a test of life and nothing is impossible with God, so just keep on praying and never give up. Somehow, those words helped him lessen the burden inside his heart.

A year after, he met a woman (his partner at present time) and to make a long story short, they fell in love with each other and made a new life together with his children. This woman makes him realize that God is really good and merciful and that the advice given to him by the brothers was right. /j.m./



# **Question and Answer**



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

Just send us your question and we will give you the answer!!