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The
Kingdom
of GOD
in you.

Luke 14:21



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Editorial



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Youth,

Evil days refer to difficult conditions of time. Whenever the opposite of wisdom – namely foolishness – appears, there are always undertones of unbelief.

Wisdom has nothing to do with intelligence or high education. It is to recognize and to understand the will of God. The will of God is to help all mankind to be redeemed.

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is” (Ephesians 5:15-17)

Let us endeavor to make wise decisions. Wise decisions about our life, not just follow any foolish idea which comes our way. Sometimes we are inspired by very human thoughts and we fail to ask for the will of God. Youth must make decisions for the future. Where to go, where to settle, get married, which job etc. Decisions we do not want to make without the Lord.

When you are looking for a job abroad, be not driven by the prospects of making more money. Examine carefully and ask the question: Will my soul be taken care of? Sins forgiven and access to Holy Communion? There are many countries where congregations can be found. Many however are a spiritual desert. Then ask the Lord to find a place where He can bless you. This is the right approach also when looking for a partner in life. The perfect human being does not exist. But the Lord knows with whom He can bless you.

Those who seek, ask and knock will recognize and understand the will of God and follow it. The Lord grants them fellowship with Himself and can also provide contacts and friendships that encourage them along their path of faith:

- Absorb the word of the sermon
- Allow to be led
- Trust in divine inspiration.
- Strive for oneness with Jesus.

Cordially Yours

Urs Hebeisen

PASSIONATE LEARNERS



Laguna East Congregation

In the Christmas concert of Makati Congregation held last December, one of the visitors that truly had a remarkable performance was the Laguna East Congregation from Salang Bato. A group of kids with just little red Christmas hats and harmonic voices caught the attention of the audience. The orchestra, choir members, and especially District Apostle Urs Hebeisen were really impressed and because of their clear enthusiasm in music the orchestra leader of Makati proposed to visit them in Laguna to teach them how to play musical instruments like recorder and violin.

Last January 26, 2014, the orchestra leader, Clarice Tuazon together with her family and one orchestra member, Evelyn Delota travelled to Laguna for the planned lesson. A member of New Apostolic Church from Germany who watched the Christmas concert in Makati last December was so impressed with their performance that he donated the violins and flutes used in the lesson.

After the divine service, the lesson was held with an introduction in reading notes and how to play the instrument. The music teacher of the kids was really moved to see how enthusiastic these kids are in learning music. These kids have passion and drive to learn fast. Because of their clear diligence and dedication, lessons will continue once a month with the assistance of the orchestra leader of Makati.

YOUTH ACTIVITY



Feb 15, 2014 was one of the best days for us since we had the chance to listen to the beautiful message of God's word at the altar. Right after the divine service, Makati youth went to their different groups like choir and orchestra practice.

But before that, there was an announcement that there will be a meeting for the youth. The meeting was about regrouping the youth for the

Youth Link. We started with a prayer followed by an exercise. Each one took any amount of tissue that DE Depaz passed around. We were anxious because we didn't know what will happen next. The game was to describe the person sitting next to you using the pieces of tissue you have. The youth was regrouped for Youth Link and details and responsibilities were discussed.



After the youth meeting Sister Lucienne asked some youth if they want to help in making recycled calendar envelopes. Sister Lucienne supervised with the help of DE Depaz. We had fun helping each other. It was one of the best Sundays we had.



Card & Envelop making of Makati Youth together with Sis Lucienne



Makati Choir and Orchestra group picture...



MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Music in a church as we know is another form of praising our Heavenly Father. Therefore, it should be nice and presentable, not just to please the minister or the members during divine service, but above all to bring praise, glory and honour to our Heavenly Father.

In order to enhance the music of our orchestra, their leader Sister Clarice Tuazon made a proposal to hire a professional music teacher for them and each member agreed to contribute a little for the payment. They are very thankful and happy for the opportunity of having a professional teacher. It's really a big help to them since they know only the basics about music. They enjoyed a lot listening to the discussion of their teacher.

Recently there has been an increase in members joining the orchestra who are also willing and dedicated to learn. Orchestra practice is being held inside the church right after choir practice. Everybody is welcome to join any group. Just contact the leader and ask for details.



Orchestra Practice



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Experience of Faith:

OVERCOMING HINDRANCES OF LIFE

When typhoon Yolanda hit our place in Ormoc just last year and vanished our shelter and resources there, I felt like God has forgotten me and my family.

At my young age, I've already separated from my parents and worked at a restaurant after I graduated from high school. I did not go to college due to our financial problem, but then I did not put any blame towards my parents even though that is my greatest dream in life. I just keep on praying that somehow someday I can go to college on my own.

Few years later, still, those dreams of mine did not come yet and I started to accept the fact that maybe God has another plan for me. Even though I'm a bit disappointed, I'm always thankful to God for all the blessings and for keeping my family safe and in good health.

But then something unexpected happened when super typhoon Yolanda hit our country and left a huge damage and killed thousands of people. Our place was declared under state of calamity. I was too scared back then about my family's situation. We had no contact from them for almost one week. Many horrible thoughts came up in my mind at that moment. Did they survive or are they safe? Did they eat already? Where did they sleep during the night? I kept on praying to God and begged him to keep all my family safe.

Weeks later, we already have contact from them saying that they're all safe and we don't need to worry. But they said all houses there vanished. Despite of what I heard, the only thing that I'm so thankful to God is that they're all safe and no one got hurt. Somehow it makes me feel blessed and lucky even though we lost our house. The fact that my family is safe is by grace and mercy from above.

Months after, my co-workers gathered what we called here as "*Bayanihan*" (heroic/noble) deeds. They decided to give all their Christmas bonus as a donation for our family and for rebuilding our house. Our boss at work also gave some help. And more blessing was coming when the New Apostolic Church also gave support to our family there.

Indeed God is merciful and good! Despite of all the tragedies that happen in our life, God has His own way to help us overcome. We just have to keep on praying and have faith in Him and then everything will be alright. **J/M**



Question and Answer



1) Is it okay in our church to allow a person who got separated from his/her spouse, to marry again even if he/she is still married to the original spouse who is still alive?

No, to marry again is only possible once a divorce has taken place. In the Philippines there is no divorce possible unless the marriage is nullified. The law provides however a relief from marriage when the other spouse has disappeared and cannot be found for a certain period of time. Please contact me with details that we can look in the case.

2.) Is it okay in our church for members to receive communion from other Christian denominations?

No, we do not encourage that because in other churches Holy Communion has a different meaning.

Holy Communion is also a meal of profession. Since each denomination has a creed on its own it would mean that one professes the doctrine of such church.

In the New Apostolic Church partaking in Holy Communion means to profess faith in the authority of today's active Apostle's ministry. Non church members are invited as guests provided they are baptized with water in the triune name.