# NAC YOUTH LINK



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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Youth,

September is the preparation month for **THANKSGIVING**. This special festive event in the Church calendar dates back to the very beginning of mankind, ever since they realized that they owe THANKS to God. Much could be said about the history of THANKSGIVING but in today's modern times we want to give THANKSGIVING as special dimension.

There is so much to be thankful for and we often forget that we owe it all to God who never came to us empty-handed. Our calling and election by grace, the love of God in His word and sacraments through His servants, the earnings of Christ in forgiveness of sin, that power of the Holy Spirit and the promise of Christ's return besides a11 the natural opportunities and faculties, health and vigor, the air we breath, the sun which shines for us, the rain and our daily bred. Why shall we not be thankful?

Let us prepare for this great day, which this year is on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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Preparation starts in our heart but then let us not come to our Heavenly Father empty handed but come with our firstling's offering as did Abel, of whom it says: "the Lord respected Abel and his offering"

Our District Apostle wishes you and your loved ones joyful a Thanksgiving Day at the altar of the Lord. May it be a heavenly atmosphere in which our Father and His Son will delight have to fellowship with us and to bless us. Our thankful hearts will attract the cloud of God's glory to fill the congregation.

With loving greetings,

### Urs Hebeisen



# District Elder Helbig in Makati Central Church

On August 08, 2004, our beloved District Elder Helbig conducted the Divine Service in Makati Central Church. It was the first time after his medical leave and all in the congregation were very happy to see again our District the Elder at altar sharing the word from God. He used the word from John chapter four verse fifty (John 4:50) and it say's, "Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way."

We always come to the house of God in order to hear the word of God from the altar and be blessed, strengthened, gladdened and comforted. Prayers are the source of all our strength.

When the choir sung "Trust and Obey" it comes to our mind how the Lord Jesus guides us. From the word "When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds in our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey." How beautiful this word tells us?

Through our prayers, we can see the light in our life. He will comfort us in what ever we live through. And for us to be happy in our life we must trust to our Lord. His word was really a blessing in our life.



#### **DIVINE SERVICE**

DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2004 PLACE: MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH TIME: 10:00 AM (Followed by Choir Rehearsal) OFFICIANT: DISTRICT ELDER HELBIG

#### **DIVINE SERVICE**

DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2004 PLACE: MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH TIME: 10:00 AM (Followed by Choir Rehearsal OFFICIANT: DISTRICT ELDER HELBIG

#### **DIVINE SERVICE**

DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2004 PLACE: MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH TIME: 10:00 AM (Followed by Choir Rehearsal) OFFICIANT: DAPH URS HEBEISEN

#### **SEPTEMBER 24, 2004**

Whole day will be the **Crusada of District Rectors** in Barangay Biñan, Laguna. They will go around the Barangay to profess Jesus Christ and invite souls to the concert.

#### YOUTH EVANGELICAL CONCERT

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2004 TIME: A.M. > District Rectors Meeting in Biñan 5:00 – 6:00 P.M. > First Evangelical Concert in Biñan Central Church

#### YOUTH SERVICE

DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2004 PLACE: BIÑAN CENTRAL CHURCH TIME: 10:00 AM (Followed by Youth Meeting regarding to Pangasinan TRIP ON OCTOBER WITH DAPH HEBEISEN)

# Midweek Service at

## Makati Central Church

Last August 11, 2004, Apostle Gabriel served the Midweek Service in Makati Central Church. He used the text word from Philippians 1:6 and it say's, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

The joyful faith will provide us with experiences in faith, and we will live through adventures in faith. These will strengthen us over and over again, because, that any evil spirit can never take which we have personally experienced from us.

I pray and I wish that all of us would have sufficient strength and understanding to be determined to follow further, remain loyal and do our part so that the congregations and we remain lively. And for some of those who are still without will find their way back.

#### YOUTH EVANGELICAL CONCERT CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

October 23, 2004	- Youth Evangelical Concert > La Union, Pangasinan
November 20, 2004	- Youth Evangelical Concert > Sorsogon, Sorsogon
November 27, 2004	- Youth Evangelical Concert with District Choir & Orchestra >
	Makati, Metro Manila

# Experience of Faith More than a Guardian Angel

#### A Summary from Our Family, Volume 50, Number 08, August 2004

**B**rother and sister Louis had made it their task to pick up elderly brethren and drive them to church. At those times their car was always fully occupied because such trips were popular. During one of these excursions the group stopped at an idyllic lake to take a walk. How beautiful God's creation is! Refreshing and adventurous as their stay at the lakeshore was, they still had to think about going home after sometime. The Louises had just acquired a new car, and Walter was not yet very familiar with it. Perhaps he had left the car keys in the lock? The dear God had in the meantime taken good care of the new vehicle. Another car had parked diagonally and very closely behind it. There was a fair going on at the time and parking spaces were in short supply. No car thief would have had a chance to drive off with Brother and Sister Louis's car. After two public announcements of this license plate number, the owner of the car behind them came up and made room for them to get out.

Brother and Sister Louis had another experience of the Lord's help one Sunday after the service. The people at the intersection were witness to a terrible scene... In the other car there was a family with two children. Miraculously none of the passengers were harmed: not our brethren, nor the young family! Walter Louis and his wife were extremely thankful to the dear God for such extraordinary protection. Brother Louis was a public service bus driver. One morning he experienced the angel protection and God's special help. When he arrived at one particular intersection the light was green, and he was just about to quickly drive through it when suddenly a car smashed into the bus from the right. Nothing had happened to his shaken passengers or even the bus!

Since the driver of the car also insisted that he had a green light at the traffic signal everything was thoroughly examined.

In the meantime Walter Louis's boss and another employee had arrived at the scene and discovered that at the time of the accident the switchbox of the traffic signal had been undergoing repairs. At the ensuing court proceedings Walter Louis was pronounced not guilty. City council was thus responsible fro making good on all the damages. Relieved Brother Louis thanked the dear God with all his heart for all His protection and help.

# Apostle Letterbox

What is a soul? Are all living and non-living things bas a soul?
How important is the soul?

A: Many people over thousands of years have already pondered this question. In some languages souls are called spirits. Mostly today the soul is confused with the inner personality the emotions and feelings of a human being, which is only partly true. Psychology is the teaching of the soul, science says. However this Greek word comes from a time nobody understood the godly concept of soul life.

Man is made of body, soul and spirit, which are the human trinity, while we live here on earth. For us Children of God SOUL is much more than just the feelings and emotions. SOUL is life of God. It is that part of God given to mankind which makes humans different from any other living being and thereby closer to God. The soul in man is the fulfillment of God's vision: "...let us make man in our image, according to our likeness...." (Genesis 1:26) Our... = the triune God.

The soul is that part in man which belongs to God. That is why God wants to save the soul, wants that this live of His returns to him. May it be our striving to take care of this godly life, starting with the rebirth out of water and spirit, continued nourishing by God's word, constant cleansing by the absolution of Christ, constant peace of Christ in the Holy Communion. Lovingly Yours,

Urs Hebeisen