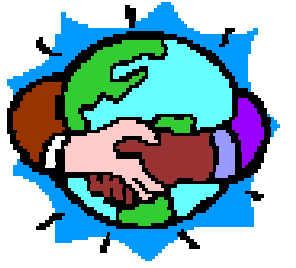


# NAC YOUTHLINK



The Choir  
and  
Sunday  
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Children  
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## EDITORIAL

*My dear Brethren in the Youth,*

THE wonderful month of Christmas has come. A magic season with many secrets but also excitements.

We have gone through a year with many happenings. There was success and failures, joy and sadness, even calamity but our Heavenly Father has never left us.

The Chief Apostle said recently to the youth: **"Recognize that you have been sent, you have a mission in our environment. The Lord will be with you, if you do what pleases Him"**

This was the awareness which lived in Jesus:

**"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left me alone, for I always do these things that please Him"** (John 8:29)

Let us fulfill our mission. We were sent to:

- Live as true children of God
- Be a blessing for others
- To profess our faith

Do things that please Him.

- Have faith, without faith it is impossible to please Him
- Be obedient to the word and follow it. It's better than sacrifice (1. Samuel 15:22)
- Be humble, we cannot always have our own way
- Serve the Lord. The congregation needs you
- Have joyful attitude. Must be identity of the Youth

**"I can promise you, the Lord will also be visibly with you if you always do those things that please Him"** (Chief Apostle Leber, Youth Day Buenos Aires, Argentina, 30<sup>th</sup> August 09)

Thank you for your participation in Youth Activity. Youth Days, Discussion evenings, Calamity Task force and much more in the congregation.

A Merry Christmas to all of you and a happy Year End.

Loving greetings to all.

Yours truly,

**Urs Hebeisen**

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*(Chief Apostle Leber, Youth Day Buenos Aires, Argentina, 30<sup>th</sup> August 09)*



The Sisters preparing lunch for the Choir and Sunday school Children.



# DISTRICT NEWS UPDATE

## Christmas Concert Preparation in Makati Congregation

November 1, is a Service for the Departed. Every special service like this, there is no activities after the service. But not on this time! Makati Congregation is very busy for the coming Christmas concert on December 19.

Everybody is busy practicing their part on the concert. The Choir was divided into two (2) groups; First group is Soprano and Alto and the 2<sup>nd</sup> group is Tenor and Bass. Rosabelle practiced the Soprano and Alto, while Sammy on the Tenor and Bass.

The Children was divided also into two (2) groups; all have their part, the small ones have their own singing group. They are all happy and enjoyed with their songs. The other group practiced their songs with their own actions. All children are very excited for the coming concert; they are behaving during the practiced and very cooperative with their leader.

While everybody is busy practicing for their songs, the confirmation class is also continuing with their lesson on that Sunday. Then after they finish with the lesson they can joined also in the group where they are belong.



*Pr. Connolly with  
the Confirmation  
class.*

After their hard work, some sisters prepared a lunch for everybody. And after eating, they start practicing again until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The day ends with a prayer, and go home with a joyful hearts.



*Sunday  
school  
Children*



*Falling in line  
for their lunch*

## Preparation in Biñan

The New Apostolic Church Biñan Congregation through the leadership of Evangelist Robert Muda a few months ago visited all the former students of New Apostolic Children's Development Center and invited them to attend a special guest service for children. The attendance was outstanding and after the service the thought came to our Evangelist if they wanted to join the Christmas concert in Makati and start practicing regularly every Sunday. The children happily said "YES" and that started it all. The children became regular guests in the congregation and they do not only practice every Sunday but everyday if they have time. Mia, one of the youth is our Children's choir coordinator is key to their activity. The parents look forward to see them perform on the forthcoming Christmas Concert in Makati.

*Timmy*



# AN EXPERIENCE OF DIVINE JOY

Last 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009 we assemble an activity for the youth it was participated by some of the youths from the three (3) sub-district of Quezon (Lopez mountain, Catanauan mountain, and Lopez proper) we gathered in the congregation of Rosario and stay there for a night. It was a mountain 20 minutes of walk away from the roadway so we went on a hiking. We walked over the muddy and stony way. We passed through some plantation to arrive in the house of a member there. We didn't feel tired because we are full of enjoyment, seeing each other youths and some ministers that cooperated to make the activity happen. We are filled with joy because we accompanied by some of the ministers from Catanauan and lead by our Bishop Cao who brings the blessing of God for us.

Saturday night was a time for "Yubakan" wherein we made a great tasting "Niyubak" with the help of everyone. That was our snack at the fellowship wherein we tackle some issues and topics for the future of the youths and as being a New Apostolic.

Early in the morning on Sunday, we begin the day with a meal and then went to the river not so far away from the house where we stay, the *Mataghid* River to take a bath. The cool morning

breeze giving an ambiance of a beautiful day ahead is refreshing, giving an excitement as we dumped ourselves to the fresh and cold water. The river was full of big rocks which made many small falls with the continuous flowing water, fresh and cold. That was such a refreshing preparation for the divine service where we experience Divine joy as our Spirits overfilled with happiness as we eat the food of our souls.

In the afternoon, we go back to the main Congregation, Magsaysay where our Bishop Cao also conduct another divine service and a Seminar for the youths and members. We discussed the topic "The Dragon", wherein we were enlightened about this dragon and its target. (Rev.:17)

Our activity is "Super saya" where everybody was overfilled with joy and an experience that will be treasure in our heart. Thanks for the ministers and youths that participated and support the little event that brings joy that cannot be counted. Small event as it may be, but it brings a lot of strength and fulfilling heart to always overcome obstacles in Spiritual life.

Reported by:  
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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

### DECEMBER 2009

#### SUNDAY

December 06, 2009  
Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
Sh. Silvano

#### SUNDAY

December 13, 2009  
Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
DE Depaz

#### DISTRICT SERVICE

December 20, 2009  
Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
DA Urs Hebeisen

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICE

December 25, 2009  
Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
DA Urs Hebeisen

#### YEAR-END SERVICE

December 31, 2009  
Divine Service, 6 PM  
Makati Central Church  
DA Urs Hebeisen

#### NEW YEAR SERVICE

January 01, 2010  
Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
DA Urs Hebeisen

**Midweek Services every  
Wednesday at 8 pm**



Christmas Carol  
Presentation

"The Message of  
the Shepherds"

Makati Central Church  
Saturday  
December 19, 2009  
7:00 PM

All are Invited



# Experience of Faith

## *A Child's Prayer*

Our Family, Vol.53, Number 12, December 2007

Like everyday, my husband set off for work on his bike. I watched him fasten his briefcase to the carrier of his bicycle, waved to him and went back inside the house. Our two-year-old son Scott was still sleeping. Half an hour later my husband called me. He had arrived at work without his briefcase. Could I perhaps go check if it was still in front of the door? I assured him that I had seen him fasten it to his bicycle. Without further delay I woke up Scott, gave him his bottle, secured him in his car seat, and drove along the stretch my husband usually takes to work. In the car, I prayed quietly: "Dear God, please help. Please let the briefcase be lying at the side of the road or let some honest person find it!"

Our search was in vain. There was no help for it. My husband had to cancel all his cards, apply for new identification and other papers, purchase a new cell phone, and report the whole thing to the police.

Three weeks went by. It was evening, and my husband was still on the road. Scott and I had already eaten and I was clearing the table. While I puttered about, our son quite loudly repeated the following several times: "Dear God, amen!" I observed him for a while, and then gave him some praise: "How nice you can pray! Maybe you can also say: "Thank you that Grandma was here today; or 'Let Daddy get home safely.'"

No reaction. But while I was getting Scott ready for bed a few minutes later, he suddenly said: "Dear God, Daddy find bag. Amen."

"Oh no, not that," I thought to myself. I began to explain that it was good thing that Daddy now had new papers and a new cell phone. Then I tried to make it clear to my child that the dear God had already helped us.

"This was all nonsense," I thought to myself. "These explanations are much too difficult for a two-year-old child!" Feeling a little helpless, I sent a brief prayer heavenward: "Dear God, please do not let the child be disappointed!"

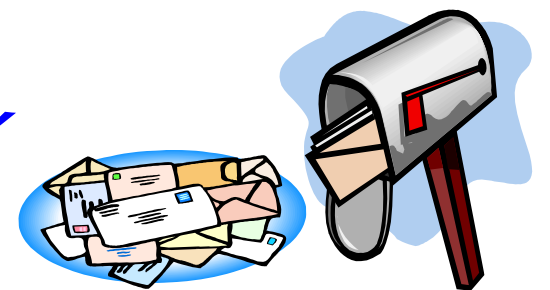
I brought Scott to bed. He was already sleeping for half an hour when the telephone rang. A friendly gentleman informed me that he had found a briefcase. There was a wallet inside, along with some other items. He had found our name and address on one of the items, so he had been able to get into contact with us. He told us he would send the bag to us in the mail. I was overwhelmed. I could scarcely find words. The stranger modestly dismissed any need for thanks. I can still hardly believe it!

My husband's briefcase was returned. A few things were missing, but not everything. The finder had discovered the bag at a freeway rest stop several kilometers away. He had left his address on the package, and so we were able to thank him for his help after all. This was Scott's first experience of faith. Or better said, it was our first experience resulting from Scott's childlike faith.

A.S.G./A.F.



## *District Apostle Letterbox*



Dear District Apostle,

Hope your well upon receiving my question and concern. I am very happy and thankful that we have a District Apostle that we can turn to in time of confusion and need. I'm just very concern of our youth, am also a youth so I know the feeling and the danger. I observed that our church tolerate some of brothers and sisters specially the ministers (please correct me if I'm wrong). We have members and even a minister in the church that are separated from their wife/husband and married again without even getting legal separation from the first partner, for me this is sin (adultery). I am worried that our youth will also do the same in time when they are married because that what they saw in the congregation. Maybe they will think that this is okay because our church accepts that. Are this couple having second wife/husband are worthy to receive Holy Communion?

Thank you very much for giving time of my question and concern. Have a Blessed day.

Anonymous

Thank you for your question and concern. Yes, there are many dangers and challenges to married life in our days. The New Apostolic Church is very specific on this issue and a great proponent of healthy matrimones and very much pro-family. Many of these matters are private and personal but no brother should serve in a ministry who has left his wife. Adultery is sin indeed.

I do not know the case you are addressing. It is too general and we would have to know more details to give a specific answer. Legal separation in the Philippines is difficult and divorce not legal. Re-marriage is therefore also not possible in a legal sense. I have knowledge only of one case where the separation is many years ago and the circumstances unique that serving in a ministry is justified. I gladly look into other cases if approached to do so.

Our teaching to the youth is clear and without any doubt. The booklet marriage and partnership outlines it exactly.

Urs Hebeisen

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