

NAC YOUTHLINK



Thanksgiving Day 2009 - Makati Central Church

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"Jesus saw their faith. He said: Son your sins are forgiven you"
Mark 2:5

I am happy and Content as of now and hoping that everyday and every time I woke up in the morning is as wonderful as it is.

I do believe in miracles in life. Because life is a miracle.
-Shahani



EDITORIAL

My dear Brothers and Sisters of the Youth,

"Youth in action" First week of October a terrible Typhoon brought so much water that great parts of Metro Manila were under water. Our Brethren in Antipolo were affected and a "task force" from Makati youth went quickly to help. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH for this immediate response.** Our Brothers and Sisters came on Thanksgiving Day to me and expressed their gratitude for what you have done.

We celebrate the **Divine Service for the Departed**. And it goes without saying that all these souls who entered into eternity shall have special attention.

In Jesus time a paralytic was brought to him through an open

roof. It says **"Jesus saw their faith. He said: Son your sins are forgiven you"** Mark 2:5 There are many souls in yonder world who are spiritually paralyzed. Help can only be given by the Lord. Let us carry the souls unto the Lord by interceding for them with full compassion. To that end, faith is essential – not only on the part of the needy souls but also on the part of us, the helpers. Let us not abate in our faith. **Here also the Youth is called.**

I had a chance to be with our Chief Apostle in Vancouver/Canada. He served in a divine service with the word from Ephesians 4:23 **"and be renewed in the spirit of your mind"** Let us practice this constant renewal by virtue of the

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Makati Sunday School Children designed for the 2009 Thanksgiving Day

Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Renew the peace and the love towards the brothers and sisters. Renew the joy and assurance of faith and the will to overcome. Renew your willingness to serve the Lord and to testify.

Thank you my dear young Brethren. The RYL, DEI. Loloy Depaz and myself are very happy and thankful that **we can count on you**. God will reward and bless you.

Loving greetings,

Urs Hebeisen



DISTRICT NEWS UPDATE

RELIEF OPERATION FOR THE MEMEBRS AFFECTED OF TYPHOON ONDOY AND TYPHOON PEPENG

Saturday, 26th day of September 2009, when Typhoon Ondoy came in the country. Metro Manila and nearby areas are flooded. Many of the families stayed in the roof of their house for their safety; there is nothing to do on that time just to pray that the typhoon will stop. Many of the Filipinos are affected by Typhoon Ondoy and some of them are member of the Congregation in Antipolo City. After receiving the news that there are families in our Church which are affected by the typhoon, District Apostle Hebeisen instructed D. El. Depaz to gather the youth and make some Relief Operation for the victims of Typhoon Ondoy.

The youth packed some goods for the Relief Operation in Antipolo. Each family received a bag full of goods that can help them to survive for few days, until the flood was gone.

Northern Luzon was affected by Typhoon Pepeng, many of our members affected by the flood. Like, we did in Metro Manila area, relief operation was organized. Some of the Ministers went to Pangasinan to bring relief goods for the family affected by the Typhoon.



>>> Susuot Congregation (Pangasinan)

Flooded area <<< going to house of the members



>>> Asan Norte Congregation (Pangasinan)



Members from Antipolo



Giving goods and medicine for the affected family



At exactly 10:17 P.M.
Shahani passed away...
The feeling was so nostalgic...

I can still remember her face.
It was glowing not in fear but in joy.
Tears are running from the corner of her eyes.

At that moment I know that she is ready...

While we were singing her favorite hymns and songs of praise, I tried not to look directly at her face. It was too hard for me to see her suffering. I don't want to cry because she doesn't want me to. But how can I? I couldn't help myself. At that moment we don't want to lose her but we have to let go. I felt so sorry for all the times that I am not there for her and for all the times that I did not stand up for her.

She shared her life like an open book. She was so optimistic. I could still remember everything, each moment that we are in together; especially when we were at the EJT.

She was the one who cares for other people rather of herself.

She always gives me advice and gives me comfort. She makes me feel that I'm of significance.

She was a good daughter, a good sister, and a good friend.

She actively participates in the youth, the choir and the orchestra. She was the one who makes the initiative; the one that motivates and inspires us all. She does everything that she can do and doesn't stop until she had accomplished. Her life was not in vain for she spent it wisely.

Though her body was so weak her heart remains strong. She completely surrenders her life to the Lord and God blessed her heart. Her light shines touching each and everyone's life.

She changed us all and she became one of my inspirations.

For someone who is very special; whom we are very fond of;
Someone who loves and cares; the one who comforts us when in distress;
Someone who is superb and who has a radiant smile;
Someone who is an angel in disguise; and above all a blessing from heaven above

We thank you Sha for everything...

You will be forever in our hearts....

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2009

SERVICE for the DEPARTED
November 01, 2009
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
DE Depaz

SUNDAY
November 08, 2009
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
Sh. Silvano

SUNDAY,
November 15, 2009
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
DE. Depaz

SUNDAY
November 22, 2009
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
D.Ev. Navarro

SUNDAY
November 29, 2009
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
Pr. Connolly

Midweek Services every Wednesday at 8 pm

Experience of Faith

A special visitor

Our Family, Vol.55, Number 9, September 2009

Our Congregation was celebrating its centenary and our District Apostle had announced his visit for the Sunday service.

As we entered the church that Sunday morning, I suddenly recalled the dream I had the night before. It had made me very emotional. Quietly I told my daughter about it.

We were standing in my parents' garden when a neighbor turned to me with the words: "They're coming." And as he spoke, I could already see my grandfather approaching. I was surprised and asked him: "Where have you come from?" Grandpa answered: "We have come over for an extra special visit." I looked at him. His face was as vibrant and

alive as it had ever been. He embraced me tightly in his arms and stroked my shoulder. That was unusual. He had never been an emotional person.

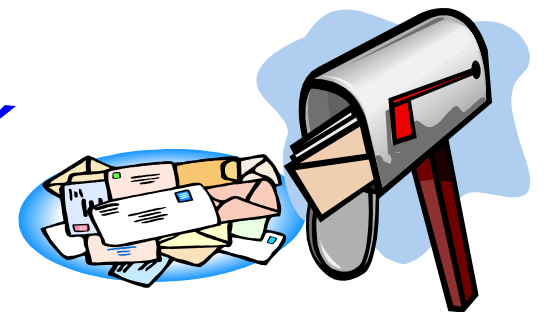
I had never dreamt about my grandfather before. Suddenly it was clear to me though: Today was the service commemorating the congregation's anniversary. The early pioneers from the congregation's beginnings so long ago had also been invited by way of prayer. All had passed away long ago. And now they had come too!

This experience showed me very clearly once again how strong our connection is with the souls in the beyond.

B.H/meg



District Apostle Letterbox



Dear District Apostle,

Have a nice day to you; we are always praying that our Heavenly Father always grant you a good health including your family. The question here is not really mine; this is from the youth and adults members in various congregations. There are many ministers who have a habit of smoking, which we know that not well for our health. Some can do control and smoked only at home, and others cannot, they smoked in front of the members even right after the divine service. The question is, as a minister of the New Apostolic is there any consequences for those who are doing these things? Is this allowed by the law of our church?

Thank you very much,

Sincerely Yours,
Chris

Indeed a very good question. Smoking is a bad habit and definitely kills. We are responsible for our health and should resist what harms us.

However smoking does not belong into the area of responsibility of the church. It belongs to the matters of natural body and personal choice and private.

Smoking is an addiction and yes, when addicts are without the nicotine during divine service once outside they immediately must have a smoke. However it is bad behavior and reckless towards those who do not smoke, but they might not think of it. Therefore it is not wrong to remind them not to smoke in presence of others. Non-smokers have always priority.

Worldwide many public places are now smoke-free. In Davao City I heard, nobody is allowed to smoke anywhere, only in his own house.

Church, Church offices and Church compound definitely are smoke free zones. **ABSOLUTE PROHIBITED.** Out in the street of course, we have no control and authority.

Also this is an issue, where we shall not judge but give proper counseling and guidance. A subject also for Brother Meetings and Youth Discussions

SMOKING KILLS, stay healthy

Urs Hebeisen

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