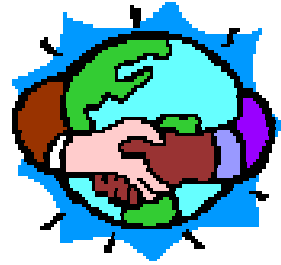


# NAC YOUTHLINK



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## EDITORIAL

My dear young Brethren,

On 18/19 September I was permitted to accompany the District Apostle for Switzerland, Markus Fehlbaum, to the annual SWISS YOUTH DAY, which coincided with the Swiss Thanksgiving day, a legal holiday officially called "**DAY OF THANKSGIVING, REPENTANCE AND PRAYER**". An old roman arena served as the venue and after a series of concerts performed by various youth an open-air divine service took place at night with special illumination of the historic site. The church emblem was beamed to an old tower which gave the whole setting a very special atmosphere. The youth had blue T-Shirts with the days Slogan "**FAITH IS LIFE**". In the afternoon Ap. Kainz from Austria and myself made contributions under the title "**FAITH MAKES SENSE**". Even though the temperature were pretty cool almost cold it was a very hot event.

The Youth service was under the word from Paul's epistle to the Colossians (Chapter 2, verse 6+7) "**as you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving**". This was a clear message to the Youth. Accept Jesus, live in Him and be rooted and founded in Him. Standing firm in faith and by turning to oneness with Jesus fills us with the strength for faith and life. We remain thereby deeply rooted and anchored in Him. Like trees we then grow up to height and into depth and bring forth wonderful fruit. Let us remain firm in the hope for the coming of Christ. This is faith which makes sense, a life which makes sense and no one ever will regret it.

After the divine service the youth camped and at various fires sausages were grilled and singing, laughter and chatting filled the night until the early morning hours.

Love and greetings from the Youth in Switzerland

Urs Hebeisen

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*"The eyes of all look expectedly to you, and you give them their food in season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing"*

*Psalms 145: 15-16*

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# DISTRICT NEWS UPDATE

## Thanksgiving Day 2010

### Preparation:

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, some of the brother and sisters went to Balintawak market to buy fruits and vegetables for Thanksgiving Day. Every year they do this routinely as part of their preparation for Thanksgiving.



Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Children's, Youth, Brothers and Sisters are gathered to Makati Central Church for the Altar decoration. Everybody brings fruits and vegetables as part of their offerings. They also offer their sacrifices to give thanks for the blessings they received. Sacrifices means, the offering of something precious to God, like giving your time for this kind of preparation. In our life we can find many examples that support an understanding that nothing worth having comes without some degree of sacrifices. We always remember that sacrifice is a personal choice. One can be taught the value of sacrifice and be encouraged to bring it, but at the end it can be forced to sacrifice. It remains a personal choice.

Sacrifices are not only brought to God in order to obtain some reward. Many sacrifices are brought simply out of love for our heavenly Father. The greater our love for Him, the more readily we bring sacrifices. The more sincere the love for our fellow man, the easier it becomes to bring a sacrifice that will benefit someone else, even at cost to us. *Matthew 22:57-59.*



### Thanksgiving Day:

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Thanksgiving Day has come! This is the day awaited by all members of our church where they can express their gratitude for the blessings

received from our heavenly Father for a whole year.

District Apostle Hebeisen conducted the Thanksgiving

Service; he used the text word from **Psalm 145:15-16**, "**The eyes of all look expectantly to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**"



*Choir together with our District Apostle Hebeisen.*



After the service, all members were invited at Multi-purpose for the fellowship. The members ate together the fruits they bring. It was a great joy for everyone to be with our District Apostle.



*Fellowship after the Divine Service Thanksgiving Day 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010*

Then after the fellowship all family bring home some vegetables as part of the yearly thanksgiving celebration.



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*Thanksgiving Day, Samal, Bataan 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010*



## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS CHILDREN ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2010

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 (Sunday) Teacher of



Religious Children, Ms. Rebekah Silvano gathered the children's and give an assignment to everyone. Their topic that day was: **"How to take care of the important things on their personal belongings"**. Each

child has decorated the eggs as an example of taking care of their personal things. They have also planned the Morning Exercise for the children instead of religious outing.



24 September 2010 (Friday)

Religious Children gathered again at Makati Church Multi-Purpose Room overnight for the preparation of their morning exercise. After eating dinner and watching movies, the children prepared to sleep for tomorrow's activity.

On the next day, 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2010, the children woke up at 04:00 AM and get ready for the morning exercise at Bay Walk beside of SM Mall of Asia. After morning exercise, they are going back to NAC Church to continue and finish the cards for the coming Thanksgiving Day.



Morning exercise at Bay Walk



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## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED, 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010

Dear Brothers,

In preparation of our Divine Service for the departed, would like to share with you a message from our Chief Apostle to

the Apostles worldwide:

"Whenever we are approaching a divine service for the departed we look back and remember particular incidents where people had lost their lives. These days the media report on the appalling flood disaster in Pakistan where people not only lost all their belongings but also a great many lost their lives; either they fell victim to the flood or to subsequent illness and epidemic.

I think we should especially remember once those people who have lost their lives so tragically. They all have in common that they fell victims to natural disasters. Thus it is conceivable that their disappointment, even their wrath is immediately directed at God. Why did He allow such natural catastrophes to happen? Is this a God of love who is acting in such a way? – We can well imagine that such questions are put in yonder world. Such souls are in need of a good measure of loving attention and mercy.

There are also other occurrences that are particularly moving our soul. These days the message reached me from Cape Town that a school bus was involved in an accident in which nine children lost their lives, four of them were new apostolic! We commend these children to the special care and love of our God.

These alone make us realize how needful a wide heart is in order to be a blessing to many souls in yonder world. In this context I think of the passage in Zechariah 8: 13: **"...So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear; Let your hands be strong!"**

As is well known, even in Christian circles it is often disputed as to whether the dead can be helped. Our knowledge, according to which the sacraments can also be dispensed to souls in yonder world, is widely disapproved of. Therefore I would like refer to a text which makes it clear that our knowledge already existed in the Early Church at least to some extent:

**"For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." 1. Peter 4:6**

May the desire live in our heart that

**The dead shall also attain life!**

And such awareness prompts us to support the great work of redemption also in eternity with an active prayer life of intercession.

As ministers of Christ's work it is our task also to build this into the hearts of our Brothers and Sisters. Nothing would be worse for our loved ones in eternity than to be forgotten. u.h.

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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER 2010

**SERVICE for the DEPARTED**  
**November 7, 2010**  
**Divine Service, 10 AM**  
**Makati Central Church**  
**Sh. Ernesto Silvano**

**Sunday**  
**November 14, 2010**  
**Divine Service, 10 AM**  
**Makati Central Church**  
**DE. Erlendo Depaz**

**Sunday**  
**November 21, 2010**  
**Divine Service, 10 AM**  
**Makati Central Church**  
**Pr. Cris Ronquillo**

**Sunday**  
**November 28, 2010**  
**Divine Service, 10 AM**  
**Makati Central Church**  
**Pr. Craig Connolly**

**Midweek Service every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm**

# Experience of Faith

## The Child in my dream

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*Before the service for the departed,  
our District Evangelist pointed to the plight of those souls who had  
had to enter the beyond without even having been born,  
and said that the majority had been unwanted and aborted.*

I was very touched by these words. Over the ensuing days I prayed for all these souls in general. Suddenly I remembered that a colleague of mine had had a child aborted many years ago. She had been living in an East European country then. She had told me of the situation. Now I had someone for whom I could pray quite specifically. And I did so for fifteen years.

One day I had a dream in which an adolescent came up to me. The child had blond hair and blue eyes. I immediately knew who he was, because his mother had the same color of hair and eyes: it was my former colleague's son.

The boy looked at me and said with a sad, quiet voice: "Pray for us. We have no one other than you!" Then I saw that there were many children standing behind him. It seemed as though they wanted to hide behind his back. From what I could gather in my dream, many of these children were only few days old.

I am sure I do not need to express how deeply this dream moved me – and above all, prompted me to keep on praying.

The boy never showed himself to me again. I hope sincerely that he is now numbered among the redeemed, along with the many others I saw in my dream. E.S./A.F.

**To all readers,  
Experience of Faith is open to all!  
If you have experienced anything touching or if you believe it was a miracle,  
you can send and share it to our readers.  
We would be happy to publish your experiences.  
It will be edited and can put Anonymous to hide your identity.**

***You can send it to these e-mail addresses:***

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### *District Apostle Letterbox*



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

Now it's your time to get an answer!  
Just send your question directly to District Apostle Hebeisen  
or send an e-mail to Dist. Elder Depaz, Genesa Azarias and to  
our Administration Office.