







Ap. Wolf Ordained 3 young Deacon in Calabangga, Bicol October 17, 2010

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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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## DISTRICT NEWS UPDATE

# Joy to the World

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christmas, what a joyful feast! "Oh thou joyful Christmas tide" we sing in a well known hymn. (EH555).

What is joy? Everyone wishes it and searches for it. Joy is never perfect and often hidden. Once in a while we do not really know what joy is. Joy is mysterious, often faked and deceiving sometimes lost, but always has a magic power. One can muse a lot about joy, so diversified and difficult to define.

Joy in the Lord, joy in everything godly, created by our Heavenly Father. Joy in everything beautiful, love, faith but also hope. That is where joy comes from.

Christmas is for all Christian a fusion of Love and Joy. That comes from the recognition why Christ was born. Perfect joy we find expressed in the faces and especially the eyes of children. However also among our little ones we see it, Joy is gone once the Peace is missing. Therefore **PEACE is the space of life of JOY.** Want to be happy, rejoice, and have joy? Create first peace! Each one starting with himself.

Isaac Watt created 1719 the very popular Christmas song JOY TO THE WORLD. His writings were destined to give the Psalms of David a new-testament meaning, with other words to interpret the Psalms in Christian wordings. The  $98^{th}$  Psalm was the background of this worldwide known Christmas carol. The melody came from unfinished parts of Haendel's Messiah. Interesting, this hymn was published first MESSIAH's the heading "THE under COMING AND KINGDOM. We conclude that Isaac Watt was not so much thinking of Christmas, but the return of Christ.

JOY TO THE WORLD is found as No. 548 in our English Hymnal and reads:

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME. LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING. LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING. JOY TO THE EARTH! THE SAVIOUR REIGNS. LET MEN THEIR SONGS EMPLOY, WHILE FIELDS AND FLOODS,

ROCKS, HILLS AND PLAINS REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY. HE RULES THE WORLD WITH TRUTH AND GRACE AND MAKES THE NATIONS PROVE, THE GLORY OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE.

That is exactly how I see Christmas. **JOY TO THE WORLD, A MIRACLE OF HIS LOVE**. First was the birth of Christ. His return and the wedding feast will be the perfect fulfillment of our wish for joy.

Let the Christmas season offer us the perfect room to create PEACE that joy can breathe and is capable to merge with love. The perfect mystery of the magic of Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND CONGREGATIONS THROUGHOUT SOUTH EAST ASIA

Urs Hebeisen

#### The Year Comes to an End

How did it start?

We made resolutions. The Chief Apostle admonished us in a video conference **TO BE PERSISTENT** 

**PERSISTENT** in prayer, in working along, in maintaining good relationship, in making peace, to introduce our faith and waiting for the day of redemption, the day of the Lord.

What can we say today? Certainly we have been PERSISTENT to a certain degree but all must admit, I myself too, we are still far from being perfect and more can still be accomplished just by being persistent.

Our New Year's resolution 2010 was '....as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"

At the end of this year I would like to say thank you, to you and your house, for all the endeavors, the sacrifices, work and offerings in and for soul care. Yes it was not always easy and our efforts often not crowned with success. However we can be assured, THE LORD KNOWS and never ever anything is in vain what was done to please Him, to serve His children and do His will.

Thank you for having been persistent and faithful in your calling, your ministry and commission. LET US CONTINUE TO BE PERSISTENT AND WE WILL RECEIVE THE REWARD.

## PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2010

Every Saturday the Makati Orchestra is busy on practicing for the coming concert. They spent their time the whole afternoon to perfect their masterpieces.

The Sunday School Children stay overnight every Saturday and continue on Sunday afternoon, together with the Choir to practice all the songs for the coming Christmas Concert.

All children are very excited for the coming concert; they are behaving during the practiced and very cooperative with their leader.





Luzon South Youth Day October 16-17, 2010





Luzon North Youth Day October 9-10, 2010



#### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

#### DECEMBER 2010

Sunday December 5, 2010 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DE Depaz

DISTRICT SERVICE
December 19, 2010
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
DA Urs Hebeisen

YEAR END SERVICE
December 31, 2010
Divine Service, 6:00 PM
Makati Central Church
DE Depaz

Sunday December 12, 2010 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DE Depaz

CHRISTMAS SERVICE December 25, 2010 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DE Depaz

NEW YEAR SERVICE JANUARY 02, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DE Depaz We cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the joy of Christmas....

Savor the music that will bring us back to the manger where our Lord and Savior was born...



New Apostolic Church 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010 7:00 o'clock in the evening



Midweek Service every Mednesday @ 8:00 pm

## **Experience of Faith**

### faith can move mountains

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Retired District Apostle Helper Horn (76) of Canada relates some personal experiences from his many travels to the Philippines, India, and South America. Join him on his journey back through these beautiful memories.

At the start of April 1983 I arrived in Manila in the Philippines where I was greeted by Apostle Urs Hebeisen (today District Apostle). I spent the first night at his home. The next day I flew on to the island of Negros, where Evangelist Diagbel (today Apostle) was waiting for me. We set out on our mission immediately. It turned out to be a six-hour drive on a very dusty road, as there had been no rain for five months. When we arrived at our destination the sand was grating in our mouths like sandpaper.

Now it was time to climb uphill on foot-at temperatures of around 42°C. At the top we stopped at the bamboo hut of a widow, where we also spent the night. Covered in dirt and bathed in sweat, we looked around for some water. We found a little in nearby hole – not very clean perhaps, but better than nothing. This widow, our sister in faith, went down into the valley in order to draw some water. She came back 45 minutes later with a jug of water. Now there was also something to drink.

In the meantime, evening had come and twilight had settled. We were given some rice and a little more water. The hut was built upon stilts. The pig crept under the house for the night, the chickens flew up into the tree, and after the two roosters had fought over the best perch for the night, a deep silence settled. In the meantime it was pitch dark. In the house there was a guitar, which Evangelist Diagbel played as he sang. The sky was clear and filled with stars. I thought, You have never been so close to your Father in heaven. The melodies and singing made such a deep impression on me that I could only sit there and cry – tears of thankfulness.

At seven o'clock the next morning there was to be a service with Holy Sealing. I wondered where all the people were going to come from. After all, there was only one house to be seen across the valley on the next mountain... when we went to lie down for the night we had to look for a spot on the hard bamboo floor where there were no knots that would poke into our backs. Morning broke and blessed me with one of the greatest experiences I have ever made. By seven a total of 93 believers had gathered to be sealed. Many had walked the entire night. I had never found such faith anywhere else. After the service we still spent a little time together before we were off again in the 42-degree heat for another four hours to get to the next service with Holy Sealing.

As far as I can remember, they were over 30 more believers waiting to be sealed there, among them a brother who was sick at home. Afterward there was some rice with chunks of bacon to eat. Then we walked another two hours until we reached a hotel. We had a quick shower – what a great feeling! – and then it was off to sleep. The next morning we made our way to the next stop.

❖ Ernst Horn

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



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Can I attend other church service and partakes the body and the blood of Jesus Christ if the new apostolic church is far?

As New Apostolic Christians we believe that communion with Christ is bound to the Apostles ministry just like the forgiveness of sin. Partaking in a Holy Communion Celebration in other churches cannot have the same effect.

To have fellowship with other Christians certainly does not hurt but we must be aware of the deeper meaning the Celebration of Holy Communion has in our Church.

U.H.