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JOY TO THE WORLD. We bring joy to the world, because our faith is our joy!

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A Happy New Year to all. My new-year's resolution LET US DO GOOD TO ALL. (Galatians 6:10) This is what the Chief Apostle told us in a video conference shortly before Christmas. He called it a message to Asia.

Let us be strong and of good courage to do good to all. That requires putting weaknesses aside and seeing things in a positive way. Doing good means not to leave the work to others but help along.

As we heard in the New Years Service: "Strengthen yourselves, take courage and act"

Thank you to all for doing so in all congregations. The Lord himself has done great things for us and we are glad. (Psalm 126:3) I want to good as well myself. Let me know whenever you think I can do better. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the household of God"

Galatians 6: 10

#### A JOYFUL YEAR END AND GOD-BLESSED NEW YEAR

"God be with us until we have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord" (1.Chronicles 28:20)

*Love and greetings, Urs Hebeisen*  "God be with us until we have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord" 1 Chronicles 28:20 \* \* \*

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## **DISTRICT NEWS UPDATE**

## BE NEW APOSTOLIC BY HEART, NOT BY BRAIN

On December 19, 2010, Sunday at Makati Central Church, District Apostle Urs Hebeisen conducted a District Divine Service together with all South East Asian Apostles, Bishops and Selected District Leaders.

A joyful Christmastime surrounded the Makati congregation because it was also an annual reunion and renewal of friendship of brethren all over South East Asia, Germany and South Africa.

Everyone received a **Special 2011 Word of Guidance** for South East Asia directly from the Chief Apostle Wilhelm Leber from Galatians 6: 10 **"Therefore, as we have** *opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the household of God".* 

In our natural life we would notice that all people do not have equal opportunities. Maybe some would say that life is unfair. One might even say that God is unfair. A child on the street a beggar once said to a brother "Do you think God loves me?" The brother felt in his heart a reason to do good to this child, because this child needs love.

In our text word Apostle Paul is not referring to natural opportunities but to opportunities we had in God's work (especially to the household of God). What are the opportunities where we have to do good to others and to ourselves ('all people' includes also our self)?

- 1. Opportunity to pray for others; i.e. for the weak, sick, needy, and in difficult situations
- 2. Opportunity to support the work of the ministers
- 3. Opportunity to invite souls to our divine services
- 4. Opportunity to give thanks and bring offerings
- 5. Opportunity to sing in the choir or participate in church music
- 6. Opportunity to serve the departed souls
- 7. Opportunity to attend the divine service and be in God's house and congregation
- 8. Opportunity to hear God's word
- 9. Opportunity to receive forgiveness of sins
- 10. Opportunity to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ
- 11. Opportunity to receive new over comer strength out of the joy from the Lord's work

Before we do good to others let us not think spectacular things to be done where everyone will notice us and applaud to us. Let us think of the little things even no one take notice of it. Let us be New Apostolic by heart and not by brain. May we all enter the New Year with a **MOTTO: I WILL USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DO GOOD TO ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY TO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD.** 

#### CHRISTMAS IS A TIME TO BE THANKFUL

On December 18, 2010, Saturday at Makati Central Church, The Christmas Carol Concert was filled with excitement for the concert performers and guests especially those who came from Southeast Asian countries. The District Apostle Urs Hebeisen addressed all with a message "Christmas is a time to be thankful".

The concert was entitled **JOY TO THE WORLD**. *We bring joy to the world, because our faith is our joy!* 

**C**hristmas is expressed in many ways and it is also a time of knowing oneself. Do you recognize in yourself the child of God in you? Knowing this will open our vision to see where we are going and what is the purpose of our life. Jesus at the age of 12 already knows himself; He knows the purpose why He was sent on Earth and what He has to accomplish.

#### The Makati Orchestra played to the hymns

- Joy to the World
- Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
- We Three Kings
- Emmanuel
- Angels we Have Heard on High
- O, Holy Night (Duet by Randy and Genesa)
- Silent Night (Solo by Rosabelle)



Jesus did many little things and even asked those who experienced good things not to tell to anybody about it. Jesus did good many things to many people out of love, understanding, and caring for the need of others.

Let us ask ourselves if we are only doing a little good, very good, or perfectly good. It is all good but the difference is that some did it as a Christian obligation, it is a little good. Some do very good things to others by helping voluntarily no need for instructions. The best is when one do good out of their heart, out of love, understanding, and caring for the needs of others and that is perfectly good.



The child of God who lives in us was created also by the Holy Spirit when we were reborn out of water and Spirit. Therefore, we all are spiritually pregnant, the child of God created by the Holy Spirit lives inside our soul.

#### The Makati Choir sung to the hymns

- Sing a Joyful Song
- Glorious Light



- Ang Batang si Jesus
- Once in Royal David's City
- While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks By Night
- The Joy of Patapan



When John the Baptist moved in the womb of Elizabeth when she met Mary who bears in her womb Jesus, this was a special feeling felt by John, a holy power when Jesus came close to Him.

#### The Biñan Choir sung an original NAC composition

- Majesty (Here I Am)
- Ministeryo ng Apostol



The child of God inside us carries a holy power that could be felt by sensitive souls around us; they should feel that they are close to the kingdom of God.

## The Makati Religious Instruction Students formed a quartet



Time of the Year

The Makati Children's Choir performed various Christmas songs

- The First Noel
- When a Child is Born
- A wish on Christmas
- A wish on Christmas
  Tuloy na Tuloy pa rin ang Pasko

 $\mathbf{T}$  o help us prepare to become an over comer and worthy bride of Christ, Jesus sent Apostles until today to let the holy power of God in word and sacrament flows freely to all children of God.

## The Philippine Apostles and Bishops performed also a special number

- Walking in the light of God
- Send the light
- Standing on the promises
- Happy in the service of the King



**C**hristmas day for us is a day when the perfect man will be born, he who had reached the stature in Christ to be revealed in all glory on Christmas day, a day of the return of Jesus Christ to fetch the over comer and worthy bride of Christ.

The FINALE participated by Makati Choir and Orchestra, Biñan Choir, Makati Children's Choir and Philippine Apostles and Bishops

Star ng Pasko



Because of its joyful impact the District Apostle requested the group to sing it again.

The NACSEA Administration Office presented an Annual Activities led by the District Apostle for 2010 which arouse many feelings while pictures crossed the films.

In closing, a fellowship followed with happy feelings of thankfulness from the guests to all concert performers was expressed.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO EXERTED GREAT EFFORTS IN MONTHS OF REHEARSALS AND TO ALL WHO SPONSORED THE FOOD AND SERVED THEM.

#### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES JANUARY 2011

- Pasko Na Naman
- Christmas Medley

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NEW YEAR SERVICE January 2, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DE Depaz

Sunday January 16, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DISTRICT SERVICE January 09, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DA Urs Hebeisen

Sunday January 23, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church

Sunday January 30, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church

Midweek Service every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm

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## Experience of Faith Gratitude

Our Family, Volume 56, Number 12, December 2010

I had just turned 60 when an expected twist of fate left me no choice but to take on a part-time job. It was very hard for me.

In the building complex where I live, I do janitorial services. I clean the stairwells, the underground parking garage, and see to the grounds, etc. It is an unusual sort of job for me, because people approach me directly with requests, something I was not used to until now.

Some of the tenants do not make things easy for me either, for example when it comes to waste disposal. Nevertheless, there are also some residents who are very nice and very pleasant indeed. Some of them have even given me little Christmas gifts, which naturally made me very happy.

The following experience is one that touched me especially, however. It was the morning of 24 December, and I was busy sweeping the walkways when a young boy of about eleven years of age came up to me and presented me with a hand-crafted Christmas star. He said nothing, only stretched out his hands with the star and smiled. I have always liked this boy because he has very pleasant way about him. His kind gift really made my day and I thanked him accordingly.

Shortly thereafter, his mother came up to me with tears in her eyes because she had been so moved by her son's kind deed. She told me that he had been sitting in his room looking out the window, and that when he had seen me sweeping outside, he simply got up and brought me the star – without any prompting at all from his mother. This star had actually been intended as a gift for his father, who was planning to visit him at Christmas. The family is separated and the mother is a single parent.

So the star had been intended for his father, and yet he had given it to me! Of course, he crafted a new one afterward for his father as well. His mother also gave me a little gift for Christmas – something which she had already had in mind before her son's spontaneous act of kindness. Attached to the gift was a card which said: "Thank you so much for taking such good care of the building and facilities. You make it so pleasant for us to live here!"

Then I knew that the young boy had inherited his pleasant demeanor from his mother. These people are not New Apostolic Christians. The other people in the building complex probably tell themselves: "Mrs. Winters gets paid for her job anyway." That is why it made me especially happy that there are still people who show gratitude. In the services we often hear about gratitude toward God and Jesus, but we should also show gratitude to the people around us.

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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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Now ít'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 Azarías and to our Administration Office.