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Apostle's
Letterbox

The
Kingdom
of GOD
in you.

Luke 14:21



*“It is more
blessed to give
than to
receive!”*

(Acts 20:35)



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Editorial

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

We recently had a great Youth Fellowship at the beach in Daet in the Bicol Region. I am sure some report will appear in the “Youth Link”.

The Divine service was under the theme **WE KNOW GOD, WE TRUST GOD, WE SEEK GOD**. The basis was in Psalm 9:10 where it says:

“and those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord have not forsaken those who seek you”

We know that God is our Heavenly Father. He is love and He is perfect in His son and the Holy Spirit.

God is Love because He is Father and He is perfect because he made a perfect creation and plan of salvation

Jesus is Love because He sacrificed His life and perfect because of overcoming and resurrecting.

Holy Spirit is Love and strengthens us but also perfect because provides us teaching and sacraments.

A woman from Canaan cried out to Jesus, asked for mercy. She was very concerned about her daughter. She knew Jesus because she saw the Lord in Him. She had faith and turned to the Lord. She had patience because Jesus did not answer right away and she was humble and not offended because Jesus ignored her. She was even obedient and returned home. (Mathew 15) God comes to help those who know Him, who approach Him in faith, patience, humility and obedience.

Dear Youth. In all your decisions and all your concerns turn to the Lord. Ask Him, do not just go away and all over the places trying this and that, and in the end you are misled and have not even anymore the chance to hear His word and have communion. Seek Him, you will find. Ask and you shall be given.

God bless you

With brotherly love I remain

Yours truly

Urs Hebeisen

DISTRICT NEWS

PENTECOST 2014

The Pentecost service on June 8, 2014 at the Olympia Stadium in Munich was conducted by the Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider. It was attended by over 50,000 participants and was transmitted worldwide via satellite.

At the beginning of worship, Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider reminded everyone of the motto for 2014: "Labour in love!" The Chief Apostle said: "Labour in love!" is not just a motto, it is a firm component of our life of faith! Love is essential in order to prepare for the second coming of Jesus, the goal of faith of New Apostolic Christians.

The text for the Pentecost service was from Romans 5:5:

"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Referring to the first part of the text, "*Now hope does not disappoint...*" the Chief Apostle said that the hope of the people in God will not be disappointed. "We hope for salvation, hope for His return, and hope for His help." This hope is founded on God's love. Jesus said that nothing could separate us from the love of God.

He outlined in his sermon, the impact of God's love: "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts..." This love must grow in our heart. Our actions and decisions in life must be guided by our love to God and to our neighbor.

A well-known Bible verse was shared by the Chief Apostle: "*It is more blessed to give than to receive!*" (Acts 20:35). We can show our love to God when we want to give to others and to help others without expecting anything in return.

The Chief Apostle gave as example, marriage and family life. "People stay together for as long as they are both interested in doing so." When there is no longer interest, they part ways. "Each one expects to receive as much as what was given."

It is the responsibility of the parents to teach their children, of the love of God and to make them understand that "it is more blessed to give than to receive".

Another example: "The attitude of being a spiritual consumer has no place in the congregation!" When one thinks he is entitled to something, when he expects something in return for something he has given, the Chief Apostle said this is a "consumerist approach" which has no place in the Church.

And last example: "It is more blessed to give than to receive not only applies to our family life, to our marriage or to our congregational life. It also applies to the activity of the congregation as a whole." When we do something good and despite of the good things we have done, we don't see results, we get disappointed.

The Chief Apostle said that when we do good to others, that is simply the result of our love toward God and to our neighbor.

This message he also addressed in particular to Africa and in other countries. In many cases, there is the expectation that the church must give this and that. Instead of this expectation, the Chief Apostle asks to remember:

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

The Pentecost Service ended with Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider thanking everyone who contributed to the success of the International Church Convention (ICC).

The Pentecost service ended with the song of the ICC: “Sing a Song of God.”

The tents of the area churches at the Coubertinplatz closed at 18:00H.

Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider, Divine Service in Munich, Germany



Youth Meeting

Here are some of the updates of the youth meeting – June 21, 2014.

The meeting was about the upcoming Youth Day for Bicol Region on July 26-27 at Bagasbas Beach in Daet, Camarines Norte where the Makati youths are invited to join, to be led by DE Depaz.

In the meeting, the youths were asked what they understood of the word from the Altar. This is to test them if they listened to the preaching in the Divine Service.



Divine Service in Makati by DA Urs Hebeisen

Romans 8:30

What can we say about these things? And if God is with us who can be against us?

The answer is nothing! And nothing or no one can be against us when God is with us. There are things DA wants us to understand in being closer to God. There should be PEACE, TRUST, HUMBLENESS, and LOVE in our hearts. These are the things we should have, as God sees us by our hearts! He never sees us through our looks or status in life. He sees our heart. He also mentioned in his message the word from the

Chief Apostle about the forgiveness of sins and we respond with Amen, meaning, yes we accept it. One of the things he also mentioned in his message is that we should not just improve. INSTEAD we need to make CHANGES, a positive change in our faith.

I also want to add how DE Depaz explained it in Pilipino, it is so much clearer. He repeated all those things we need to have for us to be more closer to GOD: KAPAYAPAN, PAGTITIWALA, PAGPAPAKUMBABA and PAG-IBIG.



Youthday in Bagasbas Daet, Camarines Norte

The Youth Day in Bagasbas, from July 26 -27, 2014 was one of the memorable and unforgettable moments for the youth. The Makati Youth were invited to the said event. Makati Youth departed from Makati Church on Friday night, July 25, 2014 going to Bicol to participate in the said youth day. Along the way, they were very happy and excited.

They arrived early Saturday morning in Bagasbas. The moment they arrived, the boys were busy building the tents, while the girls were busy in practicing their presentation for the night. Thereafter, they all went for morning swimming and enjoying the waters of the ocean. It's also the time for the youth to have bonding and having fun with each other.

In the afternoon of Saturday, there were games and different congregations had their own participants in each game prepared by the committee.



Night of presentation

As part of the night program, different presentations were prepared by the participants of the youth day. Some did interpretative dance, song number and dance number. At the same time, the orchestra played their chosen piece as their part of the presentation. Also there was a "question and answer" portion prepared by the committee where the questions from the youth were answered by District Apostle Hebeisen and Apostle Catan.



Sunday Morning

Morning Devotion was also a part of the activity of the youth day. After having coffee and bread with the hot noodles, District Elder Depaz instructed the youth to go to the seaside to have some



morning activities. First, the Orchestra played music while the other youths

were singing Tagalog songs from the blue book. Right after, morning exercises followed which were led by two youths from Daet Congregation.



Youth Day Divine Service with District Apostle

“...And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.” Psalm 9:10

God does not forsake those who know Him. Let us trust Him and seek Him.

District Apostle conducted the service in Bagasbas, Daet Camarines Norte. He spoke about Psalm 9:10 - that God didn't forsake those people who seek Him and put their trust in the Lord. He inspired all the youth and all the members who listened to him, that we should seek God and His righteousness. He also mentioned that seeking God with all of our hearts and putting our trust in Him will strengthen our faith. And when we pray, we should believe that all things will happen according to His will. He emphasized that wherever we go,

wherever we are, always seek God first, for He will lead us to the right path and never mislead us. He said, in seeking God we need to have patience, humbleness, faith and trust.

Sometimes we think that God ignores our prayers, but that doesn't mean He didn't hear us. It is just that sometimes it needs time.



Awarding of Prizes

In the afternoon of Sunday, the program continued. There were still some games for the youth and at the same time awarding of prizes to the winners. Daet Congregation was the champion of the activities.

Each one had their take home prize from this memorable youth day.

Overall, the entire trip was really amazing. All of us had a great experience, with our thoughts occupied by what the District Apostle shared to all about seeking God. Especially for the youth, God knows that we all have our

own needs in life and that of course we don't need to sacrifice all those but just to remind us that He is always there with us. We just have to seek Him and put our full trust in Him.



TYPHOON GLENDA - NACSEA-Relief

On July 19, 2014, the NACSEA Relief team gathered some youth to help in packing and preparing relief goods for Typhoon Glenda's victims. The typhoon hit our country early on July 15, 2014. Quezon province was one of the affected places and we have some church members there who were very much affected as well.



relief items, headed to activity.



there was no hopeless, but still, we can see their smile and even laughed with us upon receiving their relief goods. They were so thankful and happy. After distributing the goods, our DE Depaz also conducted divine service at the place.

In the afternoon, we went also to Brgy. Danlagan and gave some foods, clothes and drinking water there. The last barangay we went to was Brgy Magsaysay. We gathered and a divine service was conducted there after distributing the relief items.

It was a very tiring, yet a happy day. By just remembering those thankful smiles painted on people's faces are pretty good enough to ease the burned-out feelings, while riding inside the empty, hot van going back home.

“It's blessed to give than to receive”...indeed!!!! :)



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HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY SEALING – Makati Central Church



Holy Baptism by Pr. Ronquillo



Holy Sealing by DA Hebeisen

Experience of Faith

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL, I GUESS

Life is beautiful, I guess, if not “indeed.” At some point I wish that the bad experiences in life never happened. Life would have been a lot more beautiful, I guess. Yet they did happen.

I would always remember my mother telling me the story of an elderly woman telling her I carry a curse with me. Thus, would have caused us all trouble. My mother went mad, of course. How could I? I was just a child – a very ordinary child. Oh, yes, until now I am absolutely the same, though things lately seem so extraordinary – for me. It was 2010 when I entered college in the Mindanao State University, in Marawi City. Out of prejudice, I really think that place is cursed. Gunshots might have been very normal for the people in there, but not for me.

I can distinctly remember: it was my first semester in the university when I first witnessed a woman, running away from someone. She was screaming out for help. She ran fast, and was hysterical. I and the other ladies in the dormitory, out of fear, curled up in our bed, listening to her creepy screams. It was like she was about to be devoured by something so horrible. The screaming stopped minutes later. In the morning, nothing was heard about it. No talking about it. Nothing, when in fact, dozens of us heard her seeking for our help. Perhaps she was already dead by the morning. That was when I believed the stories – that the place is horrible.

June 23, 2012 - our dormitory caught fire. The fire left me with nothing except myself. I was inside the new boarding house we rented when our dormitory was burned down. It was that fire that those people got their idea of burning things and people.

August, 2012 - a battalion of the Philippine Army was ambushed by the people of the city mayor. I was lucky, I did not hear the 30 minutes encounter, or else I would have been as hysterical as that lady. By the morning, no one went out. MSU became a ghost town. I was horrified by the fact that any moment, there could be another encounter. After that, life in the campus became a little bit peaceful. And so when things got better, I immediately went home. Indeed, that was a crazy half year.

But life is really mischievous. Months after that, our eldest sister announced she was pregnant. That should have been the most beautiful news I have ever had since those horrible happenings. But it turned out otherwise. Her baby died days after she delivered her. And days after that death, my sister died too. How could life be so cruel? Everything turned dark.

I continued my life in the campus, with all my bitter remarks on everything. I had to graduate, because that would at least make things a little better. My family needs me. I had to finish my studies, and so I did. Just when I finished my degree, I was hired by a school near my hometown.

July 10, 2014 - mischief proved to have its own way of playing with me. The CPP-NPA attacked the town where I am working. For the first time in my life, I was hearing a lot of gunshots near me. I was so afraid the rebels would attack our school because they already had hostages in the nearby schools. They even had police hostages and killed some of them.

I am almost empty from all these happenings, but I am alive. Yes, I am still alive. At times it would come to me: what else would have been left if I got burned during the fire? What if I was in the open when the ambush happened? What if the rebels came in to our school and took our lives when they attacked the town? I would have been dead.

It is good to be alive. That is human instinct: to survive. I thank God for that. I am alive! He loves me! Yes, He does indeed!

It is not a curse to live. But it is a curse to live life unhappily. And I deserve to be happy. Everything will make sense again, I know.

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Question and Answer



1) Why does God allow the innocent to suffer and allow evil men to come into power?

God does not rule the world. He created it perfect and then Adam and Eve listened to the snake. Now we are outside the perfection God created and evil governs the world. God in His Grace provides a plan of salvation for man to follow. To protect His plan and accomplish His work He might intervene at times. The Lord Jesus came for this purpose and today we want to follow Christ to seek the nearness to our Heavenly Father. He will help us on this pilgrimage to our eternal home and fellowship with God.

2) To walk like what Jesus did, is very hard. Sometimes when I decided to focus myself on Him and be kind to everyone, temptation comes along my way. Does God tempt us to sin?

Kindness is only one thing. Jesus expects us to follow Him. Meaning to accept His offer of Grace, His ministry and coming into communion with him. No, God does not tempt us to sin but He allows us time on earth to overcome sin. That is possible with His grace. He offers us everything to come close to Him and in the Lord's prayer we express it "...do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil" Temptations come from the evil one who wants us to separate from God.



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AT WORK**

giving is more blessed

CHIEF APOSTLE VISIT NACSEASIA 2014