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The  
Kingdom  
of GOD  
in you.

Luke 14:21



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

(Acts 20:35)



# NAC Youth Link

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## Editorial

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

Three highlights are before us in our calendar, and it is my great desire that all of us, especially also you from the youth, focus on it.

1. THANKSGIVING DAY
2. DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED
3. VISIT OF OUR CHIEF APOSTLE

Chief Apostle Schneider emphasized the calling **“with love at work”** and **“it is more blessed to give than to receive”** Both are signs of **“the Kingdom of God living in us”**. These keywords have accompanied us throughout 2014.

To give thanks is a basic behavior in human life. We teach already our children to say the magic word “thank you” We are praying so much for God’s help, His blessing, His Grace and we draw his attention to our concerns and worries. Yet how thankful are we? He who never lets us down. He who provides so much in our lives starting from our birth throughout every situation of life. To Him we owe thanksgiving. Let us give Him our Love, our heart expressed in a sincere and honest offering of thanksgiving.

God wants all souls to be saved regardless when and where they live. There is no death for the Lord. Spirit and Soul are always alive and need salvation to come close to God. Let us labor in love for our neighbors, our next ones. These are souls who need your prayers even if already in the realm of the departed. That the offer of Grace is for all is again also a reason for thanksgiving.

December 13 to 16 our Chief Apostle Schneider will visit the Philippines. It is his first trip. We extend a hearty welcome to him and want to show him, “Yes also here in the Philippines there is a thankful and happy people of God”. Thank you for all your collaboration. God bless you.

Lovingly

Your Brother

Urs Hebeisen

# DISTRICT NEWS

## DISTRICT DIVINE SERVICE IN MAKATI



With our District Apostle Urs Hebeisen together with the Apostles and Bishops and ministers. The text word was from (Isaiah 50:10) “Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Let him who walks in darkness, and who has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

The text word mentions about fear but what does it mean to fear God? It means to love God and obey the voice of His Servant. Those who walk in darkness, when they encounter troubles, problems, and sickness, they get confused and don't know anymore the right thing to do. Let us trust the name of the Lord and stay in His house that we always partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

By His word we find courage and the Holy Spirit gives us strength to overcome sin. The DA Hebeisen also mentioned about the life of Elias, that he challenged the priest of Baal because many Jewish people were worshiping the pagan god. Elias wanted to show them how powerful His God is. He prepared an altar then the priest of Baal prepared also their altar. Elias placed the sacrifice on his altar and he knelt down and prayed to God. The fire came and burned the altar he prepared.

Also Apostle Nuyad shared what is in his heart. He was very thankful. He said: “I'm happy because this is my last round!” to share in Makati Congregation because in December he will retire. He said he understands three points in the word of District Apostle. The first: Prepare always, the second: Pray without ceasing, and the third: Trust in God. Those were the things done by Prophet Elias. He also told us that the consequence after Elias defeated the priest of Baal on the challenge they got angry, they run towards Elias to kill him then the prophet run and knelt down to call on God and said please kill me now! Apostle Nuyad said that we will apply this trust

in God in our life and not only in the church but also we will bring that trust to the outside world. That we have to be prepared, to pray without ceasing and most important, trust in the Lord Jesus Christ that He will return.



Our birthday celebrants after divine service. The Sunday school children had a short presentation for them, singing songs with joyful hearts.

## Choir preparation

First Sunday of September 2014, Choir of Makati Congregation started to prepare wonderful songs for **Thanksgiving Day** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of October. They are preparing also wonderful songs for the next divine service as well. To learn new things and new songs, you can see the joy in the eyes of the choir members as they love praising our heavenly Father through songs. They are always thankful and sing wholeheartedly with joy in their heart.



## The visit of District Apostle Hebeisen in Abra Congregation

We have only a few members and congregations in the provinces of Northern Luzon: Ilocos, Abra, La Union and Pangasinan. Once a year the District Apostle visits them. This year's gathering was hosted by Ev. Tayaben in Abra. A Ministers and wives meeting was scheduled to take place on Saturday at our newly built church in Mudiit. At the nearby Elementary School, the youth and children brought joy to all with their presentations. The meeting

and Sunday divine service elaborated on the message of the Gospel: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4).

## Philippine Vehicle

This vehicle is called a tricycle and serves in the Philippines as taxi. Our Evangelist in Abra operates such a transport service. The decoration on the back of the tricycle attracted many. One family could be sealed from this message. Profess your faith there are many ways of doing it.



## Orchestra Preparation

The event of the year is approaching and as part of the upcoming event, the Orchestra is busy practicing their master pieces. The first event coming is the annual Thanksgiving Day. Our Orchestra has improved so much from continually playing their musical instruments. Playing with



their heart, the sound was so amazing. The second event is the Service for the Departed for the month of November. They also prepare their musical master pieces for the souls who are in eternity. The

final event for this year which is the most important and much awaited is the visit of our dear Chief Apostle Jean-Luc Schneider on December 13. The orchestra will give their very best to give wonderful music from their heart. They are happy and thankful for the blessings that God has given them.

## THANKSGIVING DAY 2014

### Preparation for Thanksgiving:

For the celebration of Thanksgiving Day, our dear brothers and sisters in Makati Congregation helped each other for the altar arrangement. They help to show their trust and love to our heavenly Father. They are thankful for all the material and spiritual blessings that they receive from our heavenly Father. They enjoy doing work for God and they feel the blessings after the hard work.



*Photo after decorating the altar.*

## Thanksgiving Day Divine Service:

There was overwhelming blessings that we received today as we celebrate our Thanksgiving Day. It is our time to harvest the fruits of our plants, a plant which is spiritual and material and to be thankful for all the blessings that God has given to us. It is the foundation of love and trust in Him. The divine service at the Makati Congregation was led by our District Apostle Urs Hebeisen and the text word was written in **Psalms**

**104:27-28**

*“These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.*

*When you give it to them, they gather it up;*

*when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.”*

He mentioned also about forgiving and leaving the past behind and facing tomorrow with love and trusting our Lord Jesus Christ. Our dearly brothers and sisters received and felt the spiritual blessings from God after the divine

service. They are happy and thankful to our heavenly Father.



## Silver Wedding



Brother Timmy Richard Gabriel (former Apostle in Luzon) and Sister Lilibeth Gabriel received blessing on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Their heart is full of thankfulness and happiness as they receive the blessings from God.



## **WHY AM I NEW APOSTOLIC?**

I am New Apostolic because I believe that God speaks to His church directly and equips it with the gifts and powers that are attested in the New Testament.

I am New Apostolic because the Apostle ministry is active in the New Apostolic Church with all its authority.

I am New Apostolic because I want to be prepared for the return of Christ in order to have communion with God as soon as possible.

I am New Apostolic because I know that Jesus Christ promised that my sins will be forgiven and I can start with a clean slate.

I am New Apostolic because I have fellowship with the Son of God in Holy Communion.

I am New Apostolic because I know that God wants salvation both for the living as well as the dead and has prepared the necessary means for this.

I am New Apostolic because I do not want to walk the path of a Christian alone but with others. I want other Christians to be there for me and I will be there for them.

I, as a New Apostolic Christian, want to enrich the people around me by practicing my faith.

# Experience of Faith

## Given courage by God

When I was 7 years old, all I wanted was to become like my father. He is the minister in our congregation. He travels often to the other congregations assigned to him as an Evangelist. He always told me to read the Bible and I read the Bible without understanding what I was reading. I began to understand the gospel about Jesus and His ministry here on earth that He had sent only an apostle to baptize and forgive sin in His name.

It came to my mind that I want to help in the work of God. But “How can I help?” I asked myself. I am shy to stand in front of people even at the school. That made me sad. I wanted to help but how am I supposed to do that? I am not smart and that made me realize that it was impossible for me to stand at the altar. I asked my father this question: “How can the youth today offer themselves to become ministers in our church? The answer of my father was simple: “God will provide ministers in His church for future generation”. Then I prayed to God that He will give me courage to stand at His altar someday.

Years passed, I decided to work here in Luzon, looked for the house of God and attended midweek services and Sunday divine services. There was a priest who encouraged and gave me the chance to share at the altar on every midweek service in the congregation. The first time, I was so afraid and worried for what I should say at the altar. I remembered the word of Jesus that said: “Do not be afraid for what you will say but the Holy Spirit will speak”. I trust God by His word and it was true, I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit on the altar. As time went by, I became a deacon. I am happy that God gave me the courage to stand and talk at the altar and I am thankful to the minister that God has given to me. I help with joy and love for God’s work.

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## Question and Answer



### 1) Why do we need to be baptized and what kind of baptism we use in our church?

Holy Baptismal is one of three sacraments. It is the first step in the rebirth of water and spirit and an important step towards closeness with God. In the Holy Baptism the original sin is washed away. In the New Apostolic Church we believe in the Trinitarian water baptism, which according to definition is what makes one a Christian. The prerequisite is to believe and profess Jesus Christ and commitment to follow Him. Extensive elaboration on baptism you find in the Catechism of the New Apostolic Church.

### 2) The Thanksgiving is coming, how can I thank God in the best way?

Thanksgiving starts with the recognition and awareness of God's great deeds for us. Spiritually but also naturally we owe everything to the one God and Creator. What we have because of His Grace and blessing. We express Thanksgiving in our prayers, in our offerings, in our sacrifices for the Lord's work. We offer our love and give our heart. We break off something from our natural resources and give it in form of a monetary offering, in every divine service and as special token of thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day "it is more blessed to give..." To be thankful is about giving back from what one received. It starts with the magic word "thank you" which we already teach our children. *(see Chapter 12 of NAC-Catechism)*



**WITH LOVE  
AT WORK**  
*giving is more blessed*  
CHIEF APOSTLE VISIT NACSEASIA 2014