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## EDITORIAL

*My dear Youth and Youth Leaders,*

On October 5<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our Church Thanksgiving Day.

With our hearts full of reverence, adoration and prayer of thanksgiving let us

- **Look back** with gratitude to God
- Be happy on the godly benefits of **today**, and
- Trust on the **future** that all our efforts and sacrifices will be rewarded

We are thankful to our heavenly father for

- **His blessings in our earthly life,**
- **Spiritual blessings, and**
- **Future blessings**

When we consider our experiences in our **earthly life** we are thankful for our happy family, good health and all what our Heavenly Father provides. We can also be thankful for our experiences in times of illness, pain, and misfortune, loss of a love one, concerns about livelihood and employment, discord, ill will, injustice, etc.

Also we are thankful for our wonderful faith life in God and in His Son and in the

Holy Spirit, our faith that gives us spiritual eyesight to see the invisible, the work of God in the activity of the Apostle Ministry today, the **spiritual blessings** flowing in abundance in every divine service (God's word, forgiveness of sins) and fellowship with Christ (Holy Communion), that prepares us to be worthy for our great future when the Lord will return to take us home.

During this unpleasant and pleasant experiences **God's grace** was always with us and was sufficient for us. This is cause for praising and thanking God.

Thankful we want to be for future blessings. We do know our Heavenly Father wants to bless us and the greatest **blessing of the future** will be the coming of His Son.

We therefore want to thank God that what he has started he will also complete. It is human to say thank you when we receive something, but a great attitude of a child of God is **to be thankful to God even we don't receive yet what he has**

**promised to us.**

Let us all create the condition in our soul so that it will be suitable for God's abundance of blessings to enter our souls, through our thankful hearts, joyful for every blessing in earthly life, in spiritual life and in our future life expressed in our special offerings on Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely yours,  
Timmy Gabriel

## DISTRICT NEWS

### **Successful Operation**

Our young **Sister Shahani Ronquillo** had a successful operation. Some months ago a growth below her knee was observed. As a medical student taking up nursing she consulted many friends in the medical field about it. After many tests, it was concluded to be a cancer on the bone. She finished nursing with cancer. She started to go on with

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chemo therapy to save her life. Finally a decision has arrived to cut her leg because the cancer is still growing very fast despite of the successive chemo therapy. The operation to cut her leg was saved her life. Let us all pray that she can move on in health.

## **Thanksgiving Day Preparations**

*Our District Apostle Leslie Latorcai addressed us all children of God in preparations for Thanksgiving Day 2008.*

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

Throughout the year we celebrate a number of very special days which become focal points for us. One such great day that is very near and dear to our heart is our church **Thanksgiving Day** that we will celebrate this year on Sunday, October 5th.

For the magnitude of this day to unfold and fulfill itself we need to prepare ourselves inwardly. True thankfulness starts in our hearts, lives in our hearts and causes a movement within our hearts that prompts us to bring expressions of our thankfulness in word and deed. In this way the attitude of thankfulness even becomes a part of our nature. Our Chief Apostle Leber expressed this in the words,

**“Thankfulness is a disposition which should characterize the children of God.”**

When this is the case then an atmosphere of thankfulness will exist in our homes and congregations.

If thankfulness is a part of our disposition, then it will not be a one time thing, but rather an ongoing, lasting thankfulness that we need to express outwardly. When we

consider the ten lepers who were healed by the Lord Jesus, only one came back, fell at the Lord's feet and thanked Him (Luke 17: 15 -16). Most likely all of them were thankful, but it made such a great impact on one that it was a turning point in his life, while the other nine just continued as before. Let us learn from this example and not miss to daily present ourselves in humble thanksgiving before the Lord for all things great and small.

There are many passages in the Bible that refer to thankfulness, but I would just like to highlight a few of them, including some mentioned by our Chief Apostle. The psalmist says in one passage, “I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139: 14). Does this not awaken thankfulness for the wonder of life (both naturally and spiritually) that we have been given? It includes thankfulness for the many blessings of the Lord's natural and spiritual creation for our benefit. We are thankful

as well knowing that we are not created for the earthly, but because of our immortal soul and rebirth as children of God, for eternal life in heaven. Let us remain steadfast in our calling and election, remembering the words in Colossians 2: 7, “rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

Another passage says, “I will praise You, for You have answered me, And have become my salvation (Psalm 118: 21). I'm sure we have all made our experiences of faith where we called upon the Lord in our prayers and He has helped us. This is the wonder of God's presence in our life. May we also continue to experience Him at His altar in word and grace, and bring our thanks to Him there. This reminds me of the words in Psalm 100: 4, “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.”

Added to this, it says in Leviticus 22: 29, “And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, offer it of your own free will.” This is when we offer joyfully of our own accord, because of an inner urge and prompting, which brings God's good pleasure upon us and our families. However we know that we all have circumstances that we have to live through that are not to our liking, but even in this may we be thankful knowing our

heavenly Father does all things well in the end. To have a thankful disposition in spite of adverse and difficult situations is a sign and element of our maturity and perfection.

On a spiritual level Apostle Paul says, "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ" (2 Cor. 2: 14). This prompts thankfulness for the wonder of our heavenly Father's love, who sent His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus, who also out of love gave His life for our salvation and redemption. He is the "Good Shepherd" who loves every one of us, and as the parable in scriptures relates, goes out to find and bring back the lost sheep into His fold, as well as other sheep not yet of His fold. Remaining faithfully in this fold, in His church following His Apostles, leads to worthiness whereby we will experience the wonder of transfiguration at the moment the Lord fulfills His promise and returns for His bride. This is reason for us to take time every day to praise and thank Him, knowing what the future holds in store for us, to be fellow-heirs with Jesus Christ. Thus we realize that our church Thanksgiving Day is a "special opportunity" for all of us to be near to the Lord, and to bring special praise and thanks to Him. A faithful servant of God once said, for all of this and more, "eternity will not be long enough to offer praise and thanks to our heavenly Father for what He has done for us", so let's already make that a part of our lives today.

Together with our Chief Apostle Leber and the Apostles of the Canada District, I would like to wish you and your families a most blessed Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely,



Leslie Latorcai

## **MONTHLY YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

### ***Luzon Youth Day Preparations (November 7-9, 2008)***

The Lopez Youth will host this year's Luzon Youth Day. It will be participated by youth from Sorsogon, Albay, Goa, Naga, Calabanga North and South, Daet, Lopez, Lopez Mountain, Catanauan, Laguna, Cavite, Metro Manila North and South, and Pangasinan.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> all youth will travel to the venue, Paraiso Beach Resort, Guis-guis, Sariaya, and Quezon. All Youth from Sorsogon, Albay, Goa and Calabanga will commute to Naga where a jeepney is organized to bring them to the venue (Please advice Bh. Cao at 0919-883-6428). Youth from Daet will have their own jeep. While Lopez Mountain and Catanauan will also commute to Lopez Proper where a jeepney is organized to bring them to the venue. Youth from Laguna, Cavite, Metro Manila North and South, and Pangasinan will commute to Makati where also a jeepney is organized to bring them to the venue (Please advice Sh. Depaz at 0921-465-3621).

On November 7<sup>th</sup> upon arrival, there will be a Birthday Debut of our Youth. Those who have arrived already are invited to join, and there will be dinner after the birthday program.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> after the morning exercise, prayer and breakfast, there will be sports events; basketball, volleyball, sack race, tug-of-war, and obstacle course.



There will be 3 groups; Luzon North (Blue Team), Luzon Central (Red Team) and Luzon South (Green Team).

In the afternoon, after lunch, there will be a youth seminar to be conducted by Priest Connolly entitled “**Moving Ahead**”.

In the evening, youth presentations by every sub-district in singing, music, drama play, etc.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** will be crowned by the Regional Youth Divine Service by our District Apostle Helper Urs Hebeisen.

Let us all pray for the success of the event that it will be a *New Apostolic Youth of Luzon Spiritual Unity*.



## ***Apostle Letter Box***

*Dear Apostle Hebeisen,*

*I am sad because I couldn't come to November Youth Day in Quezon because of my sickness, I really missed the company of the young people like the 2006 Asian Youth Day. Then the question comes into my mind;*

*“When is the next ASIAN Youth Day?”*

### ***ANSWER:***

*I am sorry that you are sick and cannot attend. Are you so sure that you cannot attend? Contact me and tell me. Asian Youth Days are very costly events. Some young people are saving for the European Youth Day and therefore such an event is not feasible in 2009.*

*God bless you*

*Urs Hebeisen*

