

# NAC YOUTHLINK



Apostle Wolf visits  
Abuyod and  
Salang Bato  
Congregations



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## EDITORIAL

My dear Youth

It was my privilege to accompany the Chief Apostle to the Indian Youth Day. In a welcome reception some 700 Indian Youth received the Chief Apostle in Bangalore on February 20 with music and dance.

The Chief Apostle greeted them all asking them **"...let your light shine. Anytime and anywhere. Just like the sun shines always without having to be requested. Your faith is your light which shines as a godly example to all...."**

The divine service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> was out of James 4, out of Verse 8:

**"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands ... and purify your hearts ..."**

Young people are often lacking the certainty in faith. Therefore, they pose many questions, such as: How can I experience God? What must be done in order that God leads me? How can I grow in faith? The Bible text gives the answer. **"Draw near to God!"**

The Bible text includes the reassurance: Then He will also draw near to us, i.e. will lead and guide us, give us security and be with us.

How can we draw near to God? Basically, there are two alternatives: through our prayers and through assimilation of the word of God in the divine service.

**"My grace is  
sufficient for  
you, for My  
strength is  
made perfect in  
weakness."**

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:9

Best  
Wishes  
to  
Newly  
Wed  
Couple



**Francisco &  
Glenda**



However, this shall not come about superficially. That is why the Bible text still includes the two requests: "Cleanse your hands ... and purify your hearts".

**"Cleanse your hands"**. The question is: What do we hold in our hands? Are these idols of our time? We should disengage ourselves from them, i.e. let loose. Such idols could be:

- An excessive striving for earthly things surpassing everything else.
- Interests and hobbies completely absorbing us.

**"Purify your hearts"**. The heart characterizes the centre of our life, i.e. our striving and thinking.

What do we wish to accomplish? To purify the heart means to turn towards God with our whole heart, to give Him first priority. This is how we shall also seek God with our whole heart. If, in doing so, we cleanse our hands and give up what is still binding us, then we will experience that we are really able to draw near to God – and then He will draw near to us with the fullness of His rich blessings.

With greetings from our Chief Apostle and wishing you a HAPPY EASTER I remain

Yours truly

Urs Hebeisen

## DISTRICT NEWS UPDATE

### Young People workshop

On March 14, 2010, 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the Makati youth gathered again in Makati Church Multi-purpose for their monthly seminar and workshop. This proves that the faiths of our young people are now in the highest level. It is really a really busy but blessed day because of this workshop. The said activity is another project according to this year's theme "Be Persistent". In this activity, our young people were asked what they could contribute in the ministry as a front liner. Some of the responses are be a minister of God, sharing the talents and be a good follower and good example to others.

In line with this, they were divided into three groups and asked to present a short play to show this theme. The plays show the pure talent of our young people to reflect how they will be able to contribute and share the gospel to other people. There are those that shows importance of spreading the word of God, which making them as the fishers of men.



It is really a blessing to have this workshop because it makes our youth deeply understand their role in the church. As a front liner they must be equipped with this kind of activity. High time indeed, being a believer of Christ, it is not enough that they just attend, sit down, listen and go home after the service. This is the time for the youth to come out from their shells and reach out for the lost soul.

According to the Bible, we must go and make disciples of all people, by keeping this in the heart of the youth they will have the passion for the soul. Passion is what we need to make us understand our responsibilities as the children of God. Likewise, this kind of activity is very helpful for them to acknowledge that as a young people it is important that they will remember their true God in the days of their youth.

After the workshop, the preparation for the next activity was tackled with excitement. Our young people will do their part in preparation for the coming confirmation day.





## Apostle Fred Wolf Visits Abuyod & Salang Bato

On the month of March 2010, Apostle Wolf gets busy in visiting some Congregations near Metro Manila. He visits Abuyod and Salang Bato. The members were very happy that Ap. Wolf visited their Congregation and they hear the word of our heavenly Father.



Abuyod  
Congregation

Salang Bato  
Congregation

## WEDDING

Francisco Manalo and Glenda Bringas received a blessing for their Wedding on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010.



The wedding was officiated by Bh. Azarias and attended by Makati youth choir. The newly wed couple was very happy and wishing to have a blessed and faithful life together.

## OBITUARY

This Sunday morning, 21<sup>st</sup> March, while with the Chief Apostle in Dortmund, the sad news reached me that in the early hours of the day, about 8 am Philippine time, our friend and Brother **RAINER HELBIG** was relieved from his suffering and entered peacefully into eternity.

**Rainer** was born on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1954 and two years later on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1956 sealed by the DA Rockenfeller. On 16<sup>th</sup> May 1985 he received the Deacons ministry and soon after on 18<sup>th</sup> November the Apostle Wagner ordained him a Priest. On 17 July 1988 he was called again and ordained as an Evangelist and just two months later on, 25 September as a District Evangelist. The District Elder ministry was entrusted to him on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1990 in which he served until 19<sup>th</sup> August 2005. All in all he served in the ministry in the Philippines 20 years.

When I shared the sad news on his passing by sms, a District Evangelist replied: "...he was my teacher who builds my spiritual knowledge" **Rainer** was a gentle and very generous soul. He had his weaknesses but was strong in faith and always supportive. His sickness he endured often laughing it away. But it was serious and in the end, when Doctors advised there was no hope we trusted in our Heavenly Father and His Grace. **Rainer** is now relieved from all his pain and suffering.

District Apostle Koberstein commissioned me to conduct the funeral service in our Church in Frielendorf/Germany, on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 1400 h (9 pm Philippine Time)

We shall remember the good deeds our departed friend and Brother has done in serving in the Luzon District and particularly the Makati congregation.

Our hearts go out to the family. We remember them and pray for comfort and strength in these difficult hours of mourning. The time will come and we all shall meet again.

With love and greetings,

Urs Hebeisen

**"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:9**

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

### APRIL 2010

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 04, 2010**  
**Divine Service, 10 AM**  
**Makati Central Church**  
**DE Erlendo Depaz**

**Sunday**  
**April 11, 2010**  
**Divine Service, 10 AM**  
**Makati Central Church**  
**Dev. Rolex Navarro**

**Sunday**  
**April 18, 2010**  
**Divine Service, 10 AM**  
**Makati Central Church**  
**Pr. Connolly**

**Sunday**  
**April 25, 2010**  
**Divine Service, 10 AM**  
**Makati Central Church**  
**DA Urs Hebeisen**

**Youth Meeting – April 18, 2010 – 1:00 PM – Makati Church Multi-purpose**

**Family Outing – May 1, 2010 – 8:00 am – 10:00 Pm – Le Delice (Merville Country Club)**

**Midweek Services every Wednesday at 8 pm**

# Experience of Faith

## Coming Home...

Our Family, Volume 56, Number 3, March 2010

*A year before Violet's confirmation, her father felt compelled to leave the New Apostolic Church along with his entire family. For the children, who had been firmly integrated into the congregation since birth, this was difficult. They even lost their best friends as a result, as all of them had been New Apostolic.*

In time, Violet and her siblings began to get used to the way things were and soon forgot all about the Church they used to belong to. They did stay in touch with their New Apostolic relatives though, who would often talk about their faith and try and convince them to come back.

Violet, her siblings and her parents attended gatherings in a denomination comprised of people who had left the New Apostolic Church for the same reasons as her father. Without a doubt, they were all very believing people.

Around this time Violet began her studies, but only a year after completing them, she became seriously ill. At the onset of her illness, her receptiveness for things spiritual began to intensify. During that time, one of her aunts gave her some New Apostolic literature, and Violet was astonished at what she read. As her illness progressed, it became impossible for her to understand what she was reading. The only exceptions to this were the publication of the New Apostolic Church! Through this miracle, Violet recognized that

God was trying to remind her of whose child she really was. Nevertheless, her heart remained divided after her many years of exposure to other teachings.

She began to pray sincerely for the proper insight. Soon after, she had the same dream several nights in a row. On a dark, rainy and foggy night she found herself walking to the church that she had belonged to as a child. She recognized everything.

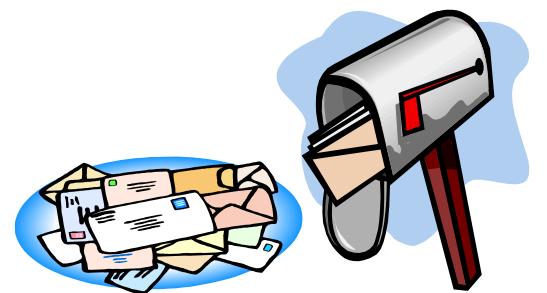
Shortly thereafter, two ministers from the New Apostolic Church dropped by to visit Violet and invite her to a service. She accepted their invitation, and attended her first service in ten years. There Violet found answers to all the questions with which she had been struggling. At home she had often found comfort in a Bible passage which also happened to serve as the basis for that very same service: "I am the Lord who heals you." Violet had completely forgotten how wonderful it felt to be in the house of God, and was surprised to feel this way again. The way she felt about the service was an affirmation for her of God's activity.

Fortunately, Violet was able to attend further services. In the meantime, Violet has become a committed New Apostolic Christian who continually inquires into the will of God and strives to become worthy for the of Jesus' return.

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## District Apostle Letterbox



Dear District Apostle,

**What is the meaning of Confirmation and what are their effects in our life as a child of God?**

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When a baby, a child, minors are baptised and sealed it is the parents who make the vow before God. At the time of confirmation the young brother or sister confirms that commitment with his confirmation vow. He/she thereby becomes an adult member of the church. At that time one also assumes responsibility on his own for his decisions concerning the soul, faith and the relationship with God the Heavenly Father, His son and the Holy Spirit.

At the altar of Christ, where this vow is made the confirmand receives then also a blessing which enables one to keep his commitment.

In all congregations we would like to welcome our confirmands and I wish you all a festive Divine Service.

The Youth bids a hearty welcome to all confirmands to join their ranks and participate in their activities.

Lovingly Yours,  
**Urs Hebeisen**