

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY



A Better Place To Live is almost everyone's dream worthy of pursuit. Who doesn't dream of a nice house, beautiful landscape, peaceful environment, friendly neighborhood and all? But more than that, what characterizes a beautiful place?

Of course, nature that is untouched, the panoramic view but every time I go to a certain place, It's always the kind of people that live in there that brings lasting impact and remains in my memory. I believe it's more than the place. It's the community of people and the relationship of each other in that place.

Likewise, through the mercy of God, the communities in which we are now can be a better place. If we take small steps and small gestures everyday of loving and serving them. We believe we are called to take up our place in the community not just by doing but by being with them. Through acts of service, sacrifice, love, and compassion shown towards our neighbor, we become channels of God's mercy.

Jesus did not live alone. Neither should we. We believe that we were created to live deeply with one another, sharing each other's burdens, sharing our possessions, praying for and settling our differences with one another, suffering and celebrating together.

Every day is a celebration for us in our community. We have experienced the high and low in relating to our neighbors and to live for hope in hopeless situations.

We joyfully worship God because of this every day. We gather together regularly in small groups to study God's Word in order to learn more about God's plan for us and for our lives and how we can more fully participate in the plan of God in our community. We invite everyone, everywhere into this way of life and we believe it is the best possible way to live. This is why we celebrate.

- Jong



The Jewish “Hagaddah” Passover Celebration in Fairview Community. Complete with Passover Meal or the “Seder”, the couples group with their children read aloud the story using a booklet guide to illustrate life in Egypt and the Exodus. The use of “bitter herbs” and “ceremonial foods” is a reminder of how our forefathers suffered in Egypt. The “four cups of wine” symbolizes sanctification, plagues, redemption and praise. It was a time of praising the Lord for His deliverance and salvation.



Exploring the Story of Stories Bible Study with CGS teachers & staff every Thursday morning concluded last March 13, 2008 with a prayer of anointing and sending off the teachers to South Cotabato and Ifugao Summer Mission Trip respectively. As reported by Teacher Eva, they experienced God’s faithfulness when they acted in faith. They sensed God’s protection, provision and favor as they set foot on war-zone areas. Numbers 13 & 14 became a reality. In South Cotabato, they conducted Teachers Training while in Ifugao a Day Camp was held for the children of the villagers.

Navigators National Staff Planning & Conference in Baguio City-April 4 to 6, 2008 The four-fold objectives for the gathering are: 1) to assess and facilitate relationship with God and with one another 2) to assess and align Philippine Nav ministry 3) to formulate a three year (or more) national Nav objectives 4) to update and discuss ministry and other concerns. A highlight event was the honoring ceremony and a special video presentation to outgoing National Director Mr. Wency De la Vina. The leadership was turned over to New National Leadership Team namely: Mr. Migraso, Mr. Arzadon, Mr. Victolero and Mr. Narciso.



Summer Sportsfest ‘08 in Jordan Park Community. Around 150 youth participated in Jordan Park’s Basketball Tournament. It was started last April 19 and will end on the 22nd of June in time for the Town Fiesta Celebration. The Youth Officers of Jordan coordinated the Event under Jong’s supervision. Through this, they bonded and became open to peer counseling. Slowly, they began to open up issues in their life and in one meeting they discussed about Boy-Girl Relationship.

Mangyan Youth Camp in Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro-May 12-17, 2008. As a family, we facilitated the camp together with NavStaff Kuya Dan Carigma and William, a missionary trainee from Malaysia. The existing ministry named TeknoTropheo Inc. was spearheaded by a former Nav missionary trainee. She started with a seed money of P6,000. Now, they have a two-storey mission center with a roof top. Around 40 Youth attended the Camp. 10 boys and 3 girls profess faith in Christ. The rest are believers and received discipleship training during the camp. It was a great challenge for us to deliver our messages/workshops in pure "Tagalog." We also joined the Sunday worship of the small community of believers in "Magnot." They were relocated to this new place because of the encounter in 2006 between the rebels and the government. The place is no longer safe for them. With the help of Tekno they were able to start all over again. Daily survival is a struggle. Let's uphold them in our prayers.



Kids On Missions Conference "7/13 Go to 10/40 Window" at ACM in Makati City last April 29, 2008. It was a whole day affair-from 7 am to 7pm. Joy had the opportunity to attend with her friend Ruth. Joy said: "I learned a skill on how to remember praying for the unreached using the thumb. T stands for tribal group, H for Hindus, U for Unreached, M for Muslims and B for Buddhists. I also liked the presentation of the teacher about history on how Christianity spread out in the first century."

Creative Evangelism Workshop - Around 26 delegates attended the Workshop on Creative Evangelism from Day By Day Church last May 24, 2008 facilitated by Jong. The first part was a reflection on Romans 1:16. It speaks about having the passion to reach out to the lost no matter what the circumstances are, for as long as we are willing to demonstrate the power of God.

Next was a workshop on how to share the gospel by using the following means: Ang Tulay or Bridge to Life, The Three Cross, The Circle and String, The Smiling Face and Lessons on the Way.

The participants used these methods/skills in witnessing to around 200 Youth of Boys Town in Marikina City last June 1, 2008.



“Leading in Righteousness”

A Reflection by Tess A. Vital

As the Lord continues to open doors of opportunities for establishing small biblical communities, this verse became an inspiration:

“When one rules over men in righteousness
When he rules in the fear of God
He is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning,
Like the brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth.”

2 Samuel 23:3,4

What a beautiful picture! It pleases God when we lead people this way. That person is likened to a beautiful light at sunrise, one who shines out of darkness thus bringing forth new growth.

The whole of 2 Samuel 23 are King David's last words. He attested to the fact that the Spirit of the Lord spoke to him (v.2) and God's word was on his tongue. The verse also spoke about leading people in righteousness and in the fear of God.

Nowadays where people tend to choose doing wrong than right, violating rules than obeying it, living as children of the Light is a daily battle of the will to overcome.

Marianne Williamson in her Reflections on the Principles of “A Course in Miracles” says this: “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God, your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

How then King David know all is right in his household? In verse 5, he asks: “Is not my house right with God? Has he not made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part? Will he not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire?”

We know the rest of David's story. His life is not perfect. He also struggled with sin but he made an effort to make things right with God, with his family and with his people. That's why in 2 Samuel 7 God promised David that He will establish His Kingdom forever through him. As a result, his enemies are “cast aside like thorns” (2 Sam.23: 6, 7).

Plans & Prayers for 2008

- **Month of June onwards-Psychological Testing, Interview & Counseling in preparation for Asia Mission Field Assignment.**
- **October 13-17-Intentional Disciplemaking Church Consultation in KL, Malaysia.**
- **October 20-November 9-Cambodia-Part 2-Provide Training to the Young Professionals Group in Team Building & Other Skills. Identify with the local people more and understand their language & culture. Pray for God's provision for the said project approximately \$2,000US.**

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