

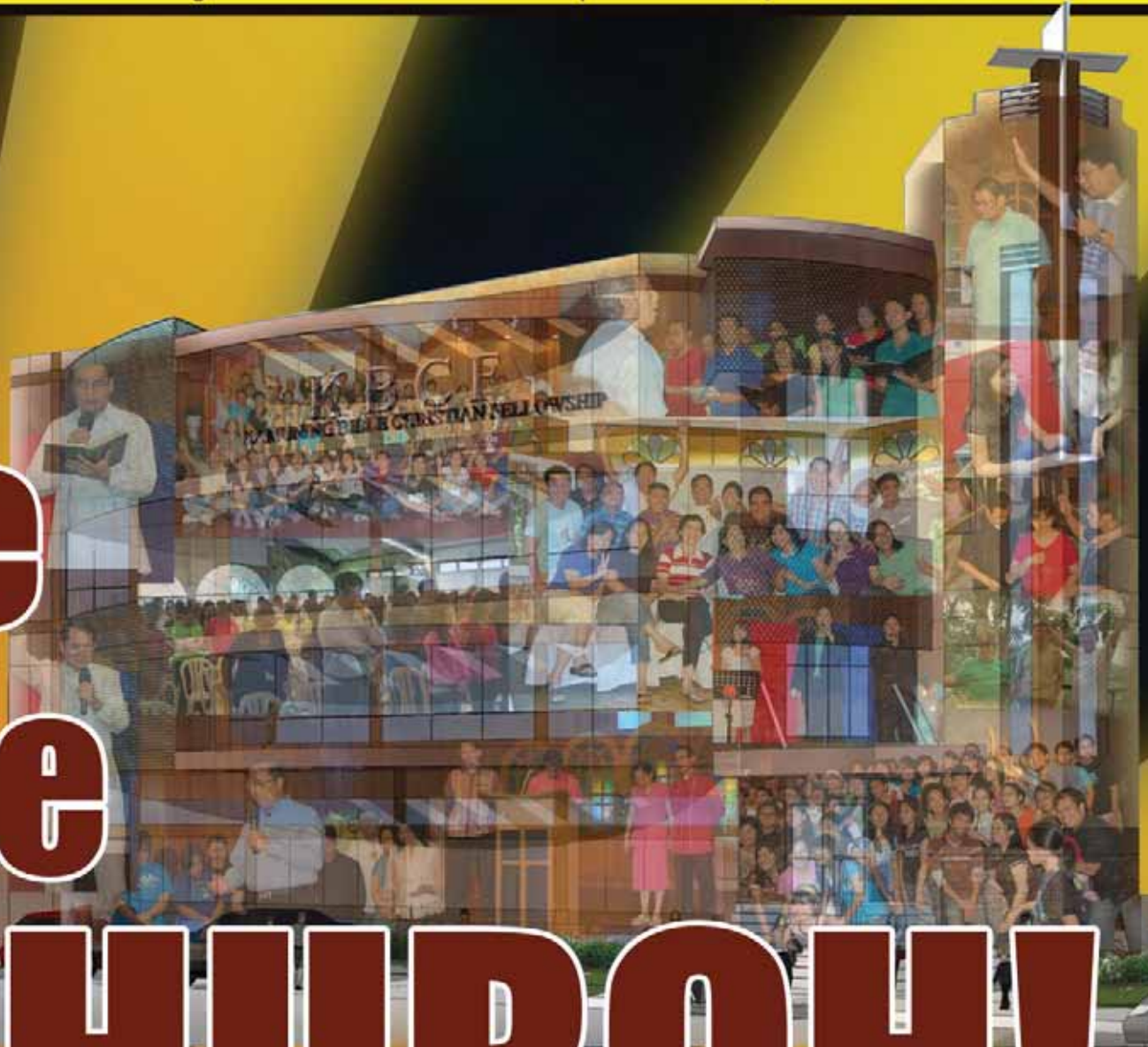
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September-December 2009



**Be
the
CHURCH!**

"I will build my church." Matthew 16:18

KB MO 'TO 2012 Building Project Re-launched

December 13, 2009—Sunday, marked two important dates in the history of our church. We celebrated the Lord's faithfulness to KBCF for the past 34 years and embarked on our God-given direction for the next three years. We were reminded of our calling to "Be the Church" and to expand our influence as we expand our territory.

The congregation witnessed the re-launching of the KB Mo 'To 2012 Building Project. As a prophetic gesture, the leaders unveiled life-sized banners of the new building's floor plans. The building task force, comprised of six committees of KBCF volunteers, were called on the pulpit for a commissioning, headed by Ptr. Joy Gotico, the appointed Nehemiah of the project. This year's "Everybody's Birthday" offering was dedicated to the building project.
—By Johanna Silva



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Message

FROM OUR PASTOR

Be the Church

The film *Chariots of Fire* tells the true story of Eric Liddell, a Scottish runner and Christian missionary. The movie focuses on the events surrounding Liddell's gold medal win at the 1924 Olympics. It also powerfully describes another moment in his athletic career—an event that took place in a far less impressive setting.

In a local race in Scotland, Liddell tripped and fell on the ground. The crowd gasped as the front runner, the man everyone expected to win, now appeared to be out of the race. Pulling himself to his feet, Liddell found the other runners well ahead on the short 400-meter course. Refusing to quit, the "Flying Scotsman" picked himself up and started running with an abandon that brought the stunned crowd to their feet. Incredibly, Liddell caught up with the other runners and won the race, collapsing as he crossed the finish line. His recovery and victory were remarkable.

In many ways, the Church today finds itself in the same position as Liddell: Knocked down, counted out of the race for the destiny of this planet. But, this is not the overall plan and purpose of God for His Church. The Lord wants His people to be His effective "ambassadors" (2 Corinthians 5:20) to every nation, advancing the Gospel from one generation to the next and fulfilling the Great Commission.

"Be the Church" is an appropriate theme for KBCF in 2010. We shall continue to live up to our call and purpose, by the grace of God, to be a church that is committed to glorify God and make disciples.

Our starting point is to make sure that we give God the glory He deserves. The Bible says, "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). A prominent American preacher, John Piper once said, "We exist to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." We, the Church of Jesus Christ, exist for the very purpose of giv-

ing God the highest glory in everything we do. To glorify God at all times must be our primary goal and motivating force.

Just recently, my wife, Waway, told our kids (Abby, Bea, Caleb and Danelle) that they can make her truly happy this Christmas not by giving her material gifts but by "showing Papa and Mama more love and obedience," especially in the coming new year. Every parent yearns to see their children demonstrating love and obedience to them. In the same way, I believe that our heavenly Father yearns for our love. And we His children can make Him happy--by loving and worshipping Him and obeying His commands. The Lord Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment" (Matthew 22:37).

To "Be the Church" of the Lord also means to be committed to "Make Disciples." For Jesus, discipleship is top priority. In fact, His first command, in Matthew 4:19: "Come and I will make you fishers of men" and His last command, in Matthew 28:19: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations" both involve discipleship. Making disciples was at the heart of Jesus' earthly ministry. It was the strategic focus of His Great Commission.

Let me share with you a bold statement made by Rev. Edmund Chan, the senior pastor of the Covenant Evangelical Free Church, an intentional disciple-making church in Singapore, with 4000 members. He said, "If the church is not making disciples, then the church has lost its central mission and purpose."

We must not allow this to happen to our beloved KBCF. Brothers and sisters, if we want KBCF to live up to the call of our Lord Jesus, then let us make His last command our first concern.

By the grace of God, we at KBCF shall continue to be committed in disciple-making. Let us pray that KBCF will be a church whose members have a passion for the lost, and are devoted in bringing them into a right relationship with God, and helping them mature in Christ, and eventually become disciple-makers.

KBCFers, Let us "Be The Church" that God wants us to be!

—By Pastor Joy Gotico, Senior Pastor

Missions Update



KBCF celebrated Missions month last October with a series of pulpit messages that focused on Stewardship in Missions. Mission month took off with a message by Bishop Ef Tendaro on Stewardship of Time in Mission. For the next three consecutive Sundays, the messages were Stewardship of our Task (Church Planting), by Bishop Rey Calusay; Stewardship of our Talents and gifts, by Bishop Ef Tendaro, and Stewardship of our Treasure and Finances, by Mr. Rex Ressureccion.

The Malolos Team was dedicated to the Lord on October 25. Mission pledges were also renewed, the amount reaching P400,000.

Mission partners of KBCF were featured in the month-long celebration. These were Jake Levonar of VOICE (Values Education

in Classroom Education), Mai-mai Lacap and Queenie Rebuscas of Campus Crusade for Christ, and Pastor Joemar Capara and Roanne Gonzalez of the Malolos U Hub Student Ministry.

Prayer Meetings

KBCF daughter churches and partner missionaries were featured at the joint Wednesday prayer meetings during the Missions Month.  (center, at top photo) gave an update on her medical-dental ministry in Mindanao on October 7. On Oct 15,  reported on the Muslim Ministry of the Philippine Missionary Association, where she is a mission mobilizer. On Oct. 28, Pastor Joji Limjoco shared about the new church planting ministry in Montalban, Rizal.

We encourage pastors, missionaries, and leaders to attend the Saturday DAWN Prayer Meetings where the different missions ministries are being featured.

Workers' Fellowship

Eighty-nine pastors, missionaries, and church leaders of KBCF daughter churches gathered for fellowship at the Max Restaurant in Roces Street, Quezon City on October 19. Pastor Joy Gotico gave a message of encouragement.

Response to Typhoon Ondoy

KBCF extended help to members and daughter churches that were victims of Typhoon Ondoy and the flash floods. Donations were received from KBCFers in the Philippines and abroad, believers from other churches, KBCF partner agencies, and other mission networks. Daughter churches in Catablan and Urdaneta, Pangasinan were among the beneficiaries.

The KOPF (KBCF Operation Paglingap) gave out groceries, blankets, clothes and rice to the families of the KOPF Learning Center whose homes were washed out by flood at the K6th Kamuning, Quezon City area. The KBCF council tasked KOPF to respond to future victims of calamities. *-By Sierry Tendaro*



Joint prayer meeting with daughter churches.



Freeing the Land of the Free Impact Thailand 2009

Thailand, formerly known as Siam, is known as the “land of the free” because it was never colonized by any other nation. It has a population of about 6.4 million, with Buddhism as the dominant religion.

Walking on the crowded streets of Bangkok made me feel like I was in Manila. The place, the people, and the activities on the streets had striking similarities with where I came from. But as I closely observed the people, trying to discern if the Holy Spirit is already at work in that place, I felt a tug in my heart to share the one thing that I believe they are missing. I wondered how many of these people have void hearts and blinded eyes. But I knew who we came for and why.

Our hearts were all set for Impact Thailand 2009. There were 9 of us: Roy Antonio, Sam Danguilan, AJ and Nikki Gonzales, Brandon McKenzie, Jiggy Santos, Nini Silva, Leona Talusan and our team leader, Pastor Joy Gotico. We prayed, researched, planned and did our homework months before the set date. Although we experienced conflicts in relationship during the planning stage, we were thankful that we overcame them. By the grace of God, we realized that those conflicts were being used by the enemy to break our team. Our eyes were opened to the fact that we were facing a big spiritual battle.

We stayed in Ladkrabang, a town near Bangkok from October 22-31. With our partner missionaries, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], along with Thai brethren, we ministered to other Thais. We taught basic English to children in the [REDACTED] English Center. We also assisted in English classes for children and adults at the [REDACTED] English Center—the main school and ministry center of our partners. In the Evangelism Training for the Youth Workers of [REDACTED] English Center, we taught the importance of the gospel and two simple methods of sharing— one-verse and bead evangelism.

As a team we did a prayer walk in two universities: King Monkut Institute of Technology (KMIT) in Ladkrabang and Chulalongkorn State University in Bangkok. We also prayed that a church will soon be planted in the neighborhood where we stayed. We distributed tracts at the Suan Pranakon Park, Lat Krabang Train Station, [REDACTED] neighborhood, in trains and the market place. I praise God for [REDACTED] who after receiving a Gospel tract in the train station, went to the center and came to know Christ the same day! Though language was a barrier, we saw how the Spirit worked miraculously in the hearts of people, regardless of culture and background.

Another blessing for us was the opportunity to encourage students of the [REDACTED] at KMIT to press on though the ministry is hard. We also attended the Sunday service of the Bang-phli Ark Community Church and established relationship with the pastor and workers there. Likewise, we took part in the worship service of the Peace Fellowship Church in Bangkok.

I believe this mission trip made an impact in the lives of each member of our team. All of us came home changed --our hearts, our perspective of mission, the way we pray, and, more importantly, our personal relationship with God would never be the same. And there are two things that echo among us: Prayer and Promise. The church’s support and prayers were like the wind that pushed our nervous feet to catch up with the passion in our hearts. We know that it was also the major covering we had when we faced the work set before us. We felt prayer’s importance in everything we did. It was our main access to God and the main weapon to fight the enemy.

“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb...”
Revelation 7:9

—By Johanna Silva

25 Years of Continuous Giving



Twenty-five years is more than enough for a little boy to mature, make decisions, and influence others. Twenty-five years is sufficient for a small seed to become a huge tree. Twenty-five years of marriage reflects a long and lasting relationship. And twenty-five years of continuous ministry can make a lifelong impact.

Evangelism Explosion Leaders Clinic celebrated 25 years of ministry last November 3-8 at KBCF. Thirty-two pastors and church workers from Negros Occidental, Ilocos Sur, Nueva Ecija, La Union, and as far as China came, not only to celebrate with us but also to be trained to be effective soldiers of God's Kingdom. The clinicians were eager to learn from their mentors, Bishop Ef Tendero, the

clinic teacher, and Ptr. Joy Gotico and Elder Sito Silva, associate teachers.

Memorizing the Gospel outline and Scripture verses, oral and written exams, and on-the-job trainings were part of the clinic. The participants also made new friends and found prayer partners who committed themselves to intercede for them even after the training.

The 25th EE clinic ministry gave KBCF the opportunity to help and minister to others outside the KB family. KBCFers gave their support either through cash donations for refreshments, or valuable time spent in praying for the participants during the weeklong training. Selected KBCFers served

as EE trainers. Others provided housing to the delegates. The prayers of the whole KB congregation were instrumental in the success of the EE ministry.

The EE ministry produced harvest for the Kingdom of God as 60 people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. There was great celebration in heaven, as well as in His church.

God's faithfulness to KBCF in the 25 years of our church's involvement in the EE ministry has proven that the more our church gives to His work, the more we receive from Him. Through the EE ministry the Lord has added to our number those whom He called to worship Him at KBCF. *-By Pastor Aris delos Santos*



EGR from the Eyes of an Observer

I attended EGR (Encounter God Retreat) in Tagaytay for the first time, not as a participant, but as an observer. I brought my new digital SLR camera which I long wanted to have and would now use for the first time.

Tagaytay was the same -- cold but very welcoming. I was back in the place where I first met God. But this time I was with people I barely knew, most of whom are younger than me. And I was tasked to take pictures of them.

For fun, I named my camera *Kidlat Tahimik* (like a lightning bolt it can strike people in their candid moments). Being an inexperienced photographer, I did not expect to take jaw-dropping shots but I tried my best. A woman raised her hands in worship. *Click*. A pastor knelt before the cross. *Click*. Someone gave a quick hug to another, I almost missed it. *Click*. A lady smiled while praying. *Click*. Random shots, random thoughts, not making much sense to me.

With my camera I put a barrier between me and the Spirit silently moving in the hearts of the delegates. My attention was on my task to document every moment of that event. I found it easy on the first day when people didn't know yet what to expect. I saw the usual -- a simple message, a confession, shouts of Hallelujah. The delegates seemed satisfied with "crumbs" of wisdom. But God wanted us to eat the whole bread.

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Discipleship Trainings

Strong and Mighty Tree

Every gardener wants to plant seeds that will grow into mighty trees, with deep roots, wide branches, and lots of fruits. But a tree does not grow overnight. Time and much effort are needed to make it grow.

Like planting trees, making every KBCFer a disciple maker does not happen overnight. But our vision to produce fruit-bearing disciples motivates us to pursue trainings for our people. We aim to see KBCF members deepen their faith in God, widen their understanding of Christian doctrines and beliefs, enhance their ministry and leadership skills, and bear much fruit by bringing souls at the foot of the Cross of Christ.



This year 42 participants completed the Ministry Institute for Leaders of KBCF (MILK) module designed to ensure understanding of doctrinal beliefs. Thirty-five graduates are ready to handle their own cell groups while taking the Ministry Equipping & Advance Training (MEAT) module, and 22 are going through the Ministry Application for Development &

Empowerment (MADE) module to enhance their leadership potential.

Participants have benefited from the learning opportunities that our trainings provided. Many said they enjoyed not only the lectures from the weekly facilitators, but also the Bible reading assignments and memory verses.

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I Am Part of God's Mission

Insights from the youngest participant of the *Kairos* seminar

The *Kairos* course gave me a new perspective of Missions. I thank God for "pushing" me to attend this course in spite of my hesitation due to my heavy academic load and other extra-curricular activities.

Through the *Kairos* course, God revealed to me many things that I have been ignoring. First, I didn't realize that there are many people groups that haven't heard of God's word and have not been reached by missionaries yet. I also learned that being a missionary does not necessarily mean one must go to the mission field or go to another country. Rather, it's about being a blessing to others. So, there's no excuse for me not to be a missionary because



Vida (right) with friend.

God wants me to be a blessing to others no matter how young I am.

I also learned that proper timing and planning are important in deciding for the missions ministry. I cannot just say that I must go to the mission field immediately. The mission is bound to fail if the aspiring missionary fails to talk with God about it first.

Thanks to the *Kairos* course, I have begun to understand God's plan for missions and how I am part of it. Now I know that it doesn't matter how old or young, experienced or inexperienced a person may be to be involved in missions. What matters most is a heart willing to learn and become the person God wants him or her to be in His mission.
-By Vida L. Vasquez



Insights on *Kairos*

By Henry Bañez

"I have a plan for the whole earth, for my mighty power reaches throughout the world."

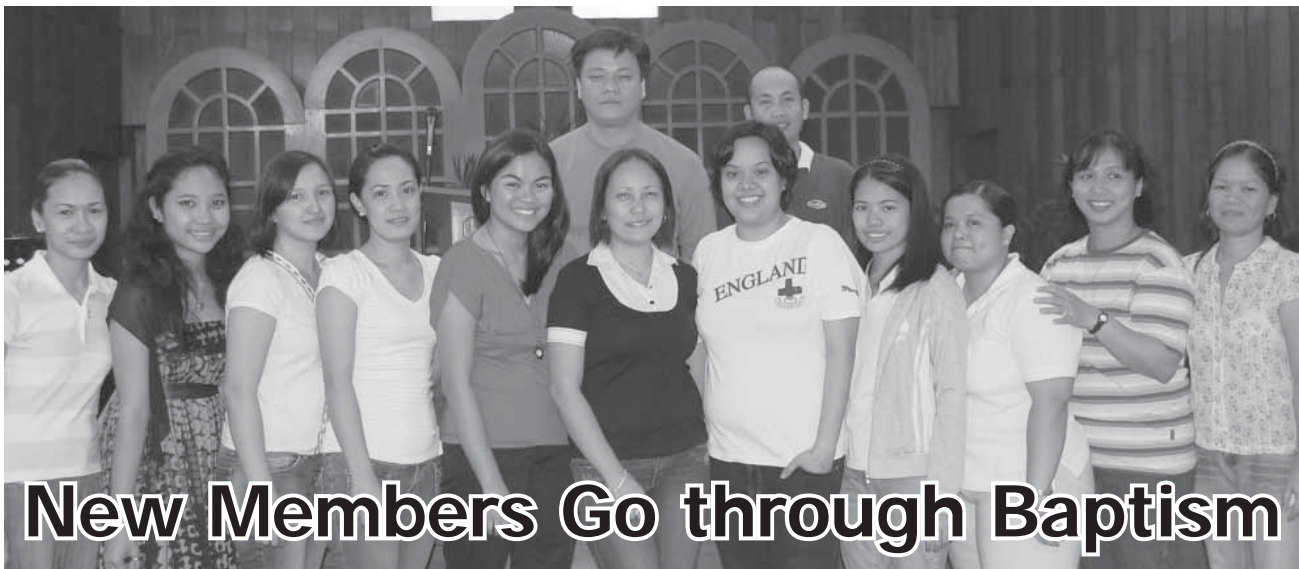
"My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please."

I thank God for the privilege of attending the Condensed World Mission Course (CWMC) or *Kairos*, a nine-session, twice a week course offered to KBCFers in 2009. *Kairos* gave a clear perspective of the mission field, with the aim of mobilizing the Church into strategic cross-cultural missions. The course presented a big picture of missions, referring to both the Old and New Testaments, and tackled the roots of Christianity, its expansion and what it has become today.

At the *Kairos* seminar, it was stressed that each Christian has a vital role in reaching out to those who have never heard the saving name of Jesus Christ. Salvation through Jesus is God's message that we must share, not only with people we easily interact with, but more so to the many unreached peoples of the world. I was enlightened on the purpose and plan of God for each and every human being.

As the course progressed, my eyes were opened to the great sacrifices of the pioneers of different eras in mission expansion. It made me ponder -- *Could I do what they did? Would I make the same sacrifices they made?*

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New Members Go through Baptism

Baptism rites were held last Dec 5. The Membership Committee presented nine candidates for water baptism, four transferees and one associate member. The baptism was officiated by Elder Mon dela Torre, Elder RJ Gonzales and Ptr. Aris delos

Santos. It was witnessed by the KBCF congregation, and family and friends of the new members. At the lunch welcome fellowship that followed, each new member was given the opportunity to share his or her life verse.

Cell & Discipleship Committee Update

	2008	2009	w/o Malolos
Number of CGs	51	65	62
Total # of members	456	535	480
CG leaders	52	61	59
Ave. # of cell members	8.9	8.1	

- **Target: Total of 68 cells**
- **Growth: From 51 cells in 2008, we now we have 65 cell groups**
- **Other developments: 5 cell groups were established in workplaces with a total of 46 people being ministered. (PUP c/o BJ N, Bibia Agbayani, Sheila de Guzman, Ric Gregorio, Luchie Reboredo.)**
Update List: Sam Danguilan (3 members), Carol Miranda (2 members), Rose Ongkinco (2)

Clean-up Day



December mornings have become cooler, and staying late in bed on a Saturday is such a treat. But on December 5, about 50 KBCFers chose to get up early and join the clean-up day.

The activity was attended by the pastoral staff and council members, ministry heads and members and cell groups. It commenced with a prayer breakfast at 6 a.m. Before 7 a.m. some were already planting in the garden. The group divided

themselves up to cover more area. Some cleaned the worship hall, others took care of the grounds, others focused on the garden, and still others did the rest rooms. Two weeks before, Paglingap staff began to tidy up their area and the back alley of the building. And a week before that, the trellis and floors were painted. KBCF now looks all dressed up for the holidays. To those who helped in the clean up and those who donated food, we are grateful.

KBCF @ 34

-Embracing God's Call to Be the Church!



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"Sacrificial Feast"



Everybody's Birthday Gift



The Llorentes with Ashley Pinzon



Leo Rex Cayaban with Ptr. Paul Parreñas



Excellence in Praise Choir



Pastors from KBCF outreaches



Evening worship team



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Pastors from KBCF outreaches



Evening worship team



Araquel sisters



Ms. Danica Sotto with Elder Lucille Talusan

New Council Members

We praise God for a new batch of IGNITE Youth Council members! Get to know each one of them.



Timothy Sison: "TIM"
20, 3rd Year BS Business Administration-UPD
Band and Cell Group Leader



Nathan Villa: "NATES"
19, 3rd Year AB
Economics-UST



Lois Eunice Gonzales: "NIKKI"
19, 2nd Year BS Nursing-BSU
Malolos Outreach and
Sunday School Teacher



Vida Isabel Vasquez: "VIDA"
16, 4th Year High School
St. Paul College Pasig
Firebrand



Elah Eunice Tendero: "ELAH"
16, 4th Year High School-DPS
Firebrand



Mon Robert San Pascual: "MON"
20, 3rd Year BS Civil Engineering-
UPLB
Sunday School Teacher
and Cell Group Leader



Renfred Leonel Silva: "REN"
20, 4th Year BS Architecture-UST
Band and Cell Group Leader



Honeybelle Wong: "HONEY"
18, 2nd Year BS Industrial
Management-PUP



Katrina Mae Bibay: "KAT"
19, 3rd Year BS Family Life and Child
Development-UPD
Firebrand and Cell Group Leader



Joshua Montano: "JOSH"
16, 4th Year High School-TUA



Ruel Penalzoza Jr.: "JEHAR"
18, 2nd Year BS Computer
Science-PUP
Band



Jericho Dave: "JEC"
17, 1st year Computer Science
FEU-FERN
Band



Katherine Nobleza: "KATH"
18, 2nd Year BA Broadcast
Communication-PUP
Firebrand

All of them are under a cell group and undergoing the G12 process. We are grateful to the Lord for raising up these new leaders who committed themselves to serve Him through the youth ministry. Let us continue to uphold them in our prayers.

KBCF Commonwealth



KBCF Commonwealth had the privilege to take part in the Ondoy Relief Operations conducted by the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches. We distributed more than 260 bags of food and other supplies to residents of Barangay Silangan. We hope to address the people's health needs through a medical mission in the future.

Thank you for your prayers. After almost one year at Diliman Preparatory School, we are now holding our services at the 4th floor of the A and S Building, Holy Spirit Drive, Commonwealth, Quezon City. We dedicated the worship center to the Lord on Oct 11.

Pastor Joy Gotico, senior pastor of our mother church, conducted the dedication service. We thank God for the furniture and equipment as well as our other needs provided with the help of the Body of Christ.

We celebrated our first anniversary last Nov. 22. Our founding pastor, Bishop Efraim Tendero, spoke from Ephesians 4 about exercising our God-given gifts. The program was filled with beautiful music rendered by the Tagadtad and Tolentino families, members of Youth Jam, and the KBCF choir led by Kuya Dave Villa. The KBCF Commonwealth women's group

performed a drama scripted by Jojie Miranda. The Cristobal family presented a dance number.

Future Plans

The Pastoral team will conduct Bible studies in 30 barangays. We will also begin a morning worship service on January 3, 2010. On Sunday afternoons, we will hold Bible studies, trainings, and satellite worship services.

We are looking for volunteers to be ushers, musicians, and Sunday School teachers. Those interested may text Pastor Ricky Miranda at 0927-940-6839. *-By Jojie A. Miranda*

The Lord Will Fulfill His Purpose

In July 2008, I was diagnosed to have breast cancer for which I underwent surgery. Because of God's amazing grace and mercy, the cancer was caught at an early stage and had not spread. Throughout the next 12 months, tests were done, all of which revealed good and favorable results. In those 12 months, God's prevailing message to me was: Purpose in life. Psalm 138:8 says: The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me. I prayed about what that "purpose" may be.

Because of God's kindness, I have been spared from chemotherapy, radiation and other debilitating conditions. What is His purpose in all this? Where does He want me to join Him as He continues to work His good purpose in this world? Then again, at the end of that 12-month period, a number of tests were done, and revealed good results: No evidence of cancer.

Surely, God has a purpose and is inviting me to join Him in fulfilling it. And so, I prayed and sought His leading, and took some steps forward. Then God opened a door, this time, to Africa -- in the country of Ethiopia. I will be leading a team of Ethiopian doctors, nurses, and other paramedics in health projects in five communities. The project is with an NGO which I had worked with before. My contract is for nine months.

In the midst of all this, doubts crept in. *What if I would get sick again?* And then a thousand more 'what ifs' followed close behind. Then, someone shared to me this: "Our decisions in life should not be based on whether these will make us live longer or not, whether these will make us wealthier or not, whether these will make us famous or not. Rather, our decisions should be based on just three important

matters: 1. Will this step draw me closer to God, make me rely more upon Him, and love Him more? 2. Will this step make me more compassionate, kind and loving towards others? 3. Will this step help me serve others better?"

My answer to these three questions is a resounding "yes". That's why, last October I left for Ethiopia, to fulfill God's purpose for me at this time in my life.



Dr. Marlene Crisostomo, a KBCF member, is a medical doctor working in a non-government organization based in Ethiopia. *-By Dr. Marlene Crisostomo*



KBCF Welcomes Back the [REDACTED]

KBCF held a luncheon-fellowship to welcome Pastor [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and their three children, Trisha, Miko and Tasha last November 22. Pastor [REDACTED] gave a report in the three worship services that Sunday about their ministry in Batam, Indonesia. Pastor [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] thanked KBCF for its faithful financial support and prayers through the years. After almost eight years of ministering in Batam,

the [REDACTED] family has responded to a new calling from God to go to Taiwan to reach the Taiwanese for Christ. At present, they are on a transition as they raise support for their Taiwan ministry.

KBCF will continue supporting the [REDACTED]s in their new ministry. The family is expecting to leave for Taiwan by June 2010. Let us pray for their provision.

Fellowship with International Brethren

The International Brethren Lunch Fellowship hosted by the Pastoral staff and the Church council was held last October 11 at the Worship Hall. Present were Tim & Bronwyn Badger, from Australia, serving as OMF Guest House managers, and their 3 children; OMF missionaries Theo and Regina Janzen from Netherlands, Febias students Brandon McKenzie and Jacob Edralin, from Canada,

and missionaries from China [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], students at the Asian Theological Seminary. Representatives from VOICE Phils. and YWAM also joined.

The lunch fellowship was an opportunity to get to know our international brethren better and to encourage them to join a cell group and take part in the different ministries of KBCF.



The Rainbow

by Miko Garrido

*God has not promised us
A spring without winter,
Or a sun without rain.
He has not promised us
A snuggle without a shiver,
Or a cry of laughter without one
of pain.*

*There is no such thing as a
painless life
On this mortal Earth;
Pain is everywhere and comes
anytime
From death and even birth.*

*So when you're sad or hurt
or scared,
And when you cry
Remember what God really has
promised
A rainbow after every storm in
the sky.*

Miko Garrido is the 14-year old son of Pastor Ver & Melody Garrido. He is passionate about reading since he was a young boy. He also loves to write poems and short stories.

Paskuhan sa KB

A New Experience for Everyone



"Paskuhan sa KB. December 20, 2009. 6 p.m." This was the simple invitation for KBCFers to attend that Sunday evening. It turned out to be a night of singing and dancing . . . of music and fun. The KBCF sanctuary where it was held was unexpectedly SRO.

Benjie Llorente and Julian Dave played the guitar and flute, respectively, as a prelude to the program. The first half was a variety show, with song numbers from Trisha Garrido (singing *Christmas*, her own composition); Ptr. Josiah Gensola, Mae and kids (*Emmanuel Has Come* by Don Moen); RJ, Donna, and Chiara Gonzales

(their version of Jose Mari Chan's *Christmas in our Hearts*); and the Excellence in Praise (*O Come Emmanuel* and *One Small Child*). The Cristobal family rendered 2 modern dance numbers, and Mommy Cely Anacta and partner did graceful ballroom moves. Christmas carols were also sung, led by emcees Roanne Gonzales and Roy Antonio.

There was an overflow of talent that evening. But the big revelation was a group of talented Sunday school kids who regularly attend the Vesper service. These kids, who were too shy to join previous presentations because of

feelings of inferiority, gave their best in the mime-drama *Hotel Bethlehem*. It is a story set in a hotel during the first Christmas, and how the staff and guests "met" Jesus. All 15 kids, aged 7-14, presented with much gusto. The applause they received probably gave a boost to their self-confidence. The Firebrand also gave a fine performance as the dancing shepherds. Five young men enhanced the finale song, *We are the Reason* with their crucifixion scene. It was truly a wonderful evening, as the crowd left feeling so blessed by the production.
-By Ruth Chanco-Dave



Hotel Bethlehem participants: Kya, Gimwell, Adrian, Anton, Michelle, EJ, Romerick, Ella, Judiel, Alex, Jamaica, Marie, Bernard, Tin-tin, Diane

Paskuhan Project

The KBCF Operation Paglingap Foundation (KOPF) was chosen by the Department of Social Work and Development (DSWD) to spearhead the Paskuhan Project in Quezon City from Dec 10, 2009 to Jan 14, 2010. The project is in cooperation with the Social Services and Development

crafts, and the opportunity to meet new friends. They also received food and Christmas gifts. The help of KOPF staff and scholars, volunteer mothers, and students from the Trinity University of Asia has been instrumental to the success of the Paskuhan Project.

United Nations International Children's Educational Fund (UNICEF), provided psychosocial intervention and conducted appropriate forums to address the needs of children typhoon victims. NCSD committed to train KOPF staff to conduct these forums in the future.

Adopt a Scholar

You can partner with KOPF by adopting a scholar through a do-



Department (SSDD) of the Quezon City government and is funded by the DSWD.

Paskuhan Project aims to provide an alternative to streetkids who risk their lives running after vehicles to do carolling and ask for money from passengers. Through the years, KBCF has opened its doors to children during the Paskuhan season from Dec 14 to Jan 14. Many children that came enjoyed the games, singing, storytelling, arts and

Relief Work

KOPF engaged in relief work in the aftermath of the terrible typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng. One of our partners, the Philippine Children Ministry Network (PCMN), through its Bearers of Hope Project, donated health kits and school supplies to 150 children.

Another KOPF partner, the National Council for Social Development (NCSD) through the

nation of P7,000.00 a year. If you are interested in this or in other KOPF programs, please visit our office at KBCF, #4-11th Jamboree Street, Kamuning, QC, Philippines. Or contact us at :

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-By Sierry Tendero

Crisis Intervention Workshop for "Ondoy" Victims

Our Pastoral Care Department conducted a debriefing seminar for members of KBCF who were victims of the terrible flooding caused by Typhoon Ondoy. This was the first crisis intervention workshop that KBCF provided to help our brethren process their traumatic experience and enable them to cope with the difficulty they are now facing.

The participants were thankful that through the debriefing seminar, they had the chance not only to tell their stories, but also to understand what they have been going through. They have gained the strength and courage to move on after the Ondoy calamity.



KB MO 'TO 2012

KBCF's Building Project and You



The vision for a bigger and better KBCF was born in 2008. It is part of our church's vision to be a leading church in missions in this century. The new KBCF building will provide the infrastructure to realize our church's vision. It will be the sending base for people in ministry. It will also serve as a training center for the preparation of workers. Also, it will be a home for fellowship of families and a haven for prayer. It will be a place of worship -- where God is glorified and honored.

Although the vision to rebuild the KBCF building was clear to our leaders, it seemed that not everyone caught it, perhaps some were not ready, because the project failed to take off after it was first launched on 2008. But our leaders kept on praying. After much prayer and planning, they saw the need to make every KBCFer feel that the task of building our church belongs to everyone. If KBCF is our second home, wouldn't we all want to help build a better home for our family? Thus, the slogan "KB 'Mo 'To" was chosen to rally KBCFers to own the vision and the task of rebuilding our church.

With the leadership of our senior pastor, Ptr Joy Gotico, a task force was formed, comprising six committees:

Prayer Committee --headed by Elder Lucille Talusan, will lead in praying and seeking God's direc-

tion for the building project and other related matters.

Promotion Committee -- headed by Elder Miriam Daway, will take on the task of drawing KBCFers to own the vision, and give encouragement and direction as to how they can contribute toward its fulfillment.

Fundraising Committee --headed by Elder Cynthia Hubalde, the working arm of the task force, will be in charge of planning and holding activities that will help the church generate funds.

Technical Committee -- headed by Elder Sito Silva, will supervise the construction of the building.

Relocation Committee -- headed by Ptr. Aris delos Santos, will be responsible for looking for the most suitable place where we will transfer while the building construction is ongoing.

Secretariat--headed by Elder RJ Gonzales, will be accountable for communication, updating of reports, collection and safekeeping of funds, and coordination between committees.

The re-launching of the building project at our church's 34th anniversary last Dec 13 was received with warm welcome. KBCFers took part in the traditional "Everybody's Birthday" offering which was designated this year for the building project, raising P500,000. A food fest was held after the worship service,

also as a fund-raiser, and contributed P20,000. All the money collected was added to the P3.5 M seed fund collected last year. We continue trusting the Lord as we raise the P40M needed for the project.

A Call for Everyone

With the church leadership and the building task force, let us take part in this historic venture that our church has undertaken. We are all part of KBCF Family; the call to build our church is for all of us. Each one can contribute in his or her unique way, based on our skills and giftings. We shall not be daunted by the enormity of the task because we shall build together.

We have set our eyes on 2012, the target year of completion of our building project. The vision is burning in our hearts, kept aflame by our love and obedience to the Lord. The vision drives us to get on with every work involved in the rebuilding of our church. By the grace of God, by 2012, we shall see all the fruits of our united labor.

"The God of heaven will give us success. We His servants will start rebuilding." --Nehemiah 2:20

For the opportunity to serve and be part of one of the six committees, you can contact the pastoral staff or the committee heads. We will be delighted to have you in our team.

--By Johanna Silva

EGR from the Eyes of an Observer

(From page 8)

By dinnertime, as the fog was getting thick outside, the warmth inside was building up. People were all smiles as I took pictures of them. I could already tell who were making friends, who were missing their family, who wanted to talk more, and who wanted to spend time with God. People were now more open, some hugging others in fellowship. I sensed God working His way in their hearts. I thought, *"If this is what they are feeling right now, what could it be later?"*

Instantly, the answer came right before my eyes: People kneeling, with eyes closed and hoping to get a glimpse of God, raising their hands -- reaching out to God together. I had to stop taking pictures. I took the cue from God to just stay still and listen. The barrier that I put between me and the Spirit was suddenly stripped away. I felt like I was being cleansed by the waters, just like the rain washing the trees outside.

Tears of gratitude filled our eyes as we looked back to the Cross. We saw the wounds of Christ, we heard the striking of the whip, we imagined the spits that landed on the face of Jesus. Our own sufferings would not match even a pittance of the agony of our Savior. His suffering brought us freedom. With freedom came healing. He considered us worthy of His blood shed on the Cross. At that moment of remembering, the Cross had a whole new meaning for me – and I believe, for all of us.

That night, Jesus graced us with His presence. That night I would never forget. *"Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"* (John 20:29).

At the EGR, I saw first-hand how the Holy Spirit moved people's hearts. It was amazing! Looking now at their pictures I am excit-

ed about how God will continue to weave His wonderful plan into their lives. I've often prayed to see a miracle with my own eyes. At the EGR, I witnessed that miracle as the Spirit moved in the hearts of my fellow believers. I believe it will happen again and again, to those who come with expectation to see the face of God.
–By Ava de la Torre

Insights on Kairos

(From page 8)

Another revelation that made an impact on me was that as Christians we must embark on an unfinished task: To reach the approximately 6,900 unreached people groups. As we pursue this, we need to consider the great imbalance of figures in the last few decades. Seventy-four percent of missionaries are found in the reached people groups while only 26% are with the unreached people groups. These figures should make us re-think our priority in missions.

Kairos taught us the importance of applying a mission strategy as well as understanding culture and the cross-cultural challenges that every missionary should expect to encounter. The course also provided me a venue to establish a friendship with fellow KBCFers who were part of the course. I found the interactions very valuable.

For me, the challenge now is how to integrate the new learnings gained from *Kairos* to my day-to-day life. I am encouraged by the truth that whatever our role,

each of us is called to God's work – whether it is a goer, sender, mobilizer, welcomer, intercessor – as long as we surrender our will to Him and obey His will for us, God will fulfil His ultimate purpose for the world: That every tribe, every tongue, every people, and every nation will bow down and worship Him, the only true and living God.

Henry Bañez is a new KBCF member. He belongs to the cell group of Elder Sito Silva.

Strong and Mighty Tree

(From page 7)

At the end of each module, a final exam is given to help measure the participants' performance in the training.

In 2010 we look forward to seeing more KBCFers being trained to become disciple-makers. We shall continue working hard to fulfill our God-given vision to make KBCFers "like trees planted along the riverbanks, bearing fruit in season without fail, whose leaves never wither and in all they do, they prosper."
–By Pastor Aris delos Santos

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People Update



Welcome Home

To our brethren who visited the country. . .

- Gilbert Falco arrived from Australia on Nov. 13 for a short vacation.
- Roger Catalan arrived from the US on Nov. 15 for a short visit.
- Zeny Cayari arrived from the US on Nov. 15 for a short visit.
- Lemuel Ejercito arrived on Nov. 28, after a stint at an international ocean vessel.



- Malou Dumaguing arrived on Dec. 1 from Dubai.
- Benjie, Erna and Zee Llorente arrived from Malaysia on Dec. 6 for Christmas vacation.
- Dr. Cynthia, Nikki & Celine Escalante arrived on Dec 9 for a short vacation.
- Elder Jun Heramia arrived from the US on Dec. 12 for a business trip.
- Drs. Topeng & Lolay Gonzaga with their children arrived from the US last Dec 13 for a short vacation .
- Diane de la Torre arrived on Dec. 14 from London.
- Dong Bulos arrived on Dec. 17 from Canada.
- Edgar Cuaresma arrived on Dec. 18 from Australia.
- Wilma Limjoco arrived on Dec. 26 from Taiwan.



Best Wishes

Congratulations to our Newlyweds . . .

- Francis Salvador and Rachel Ann Chiapco, November 13.



- Arthur Asuncion and Lourdes Barcelona, November 5.

- Mark Obedoza and Bel Carpio, December 26.



Departures

Let us continue praying for our brethren who are far away from us . . .

- Charity Paraon-Francia and her children migrated to the US to join her husband, Julius on Sept 9.
- Bel Carpio went home to Bacolod on Sept 20 to prepare for her wedding on Dec 26.
- Elder Leo Cayaban migrated to Los Angeles, USA to join his wife, Mara, on Sept 25.
- Dr. Marlene Crisostomo left on Oct1 for work in Ethiopia, Africa.
- Jacob Edralin returned to his home country, Canada on Oct. 19 after a six-month seminary training at Febias.



Baby Congratulations

- To Gerry and Bibia Agayani for their baby girl, Karina, born Sept 18.
- To Felix and Judith Sebastian, with baby girl, Henimiah, born Nov 4.
- To Gerard and Jane Belandres, blessed with a baby boy born Nov 18.
- To Lem and Roselyn Ejercito for their first baby, Jemimah Rose, born Dec 5.



Christian Sympathy

. . . to our brethren who lost their loved ones

- Jimmy Esperat and Ruby Esperat-Frelix, whose father, Cesar Esperat, passed away on September 4.
- Val Cezar, for the passing of his mother, Victoria Cezar on September 4.
- Lucille Teves, for the demise of her mother last December.
- Ningning Perez and Letty Rilles, whose father, Exequiel Aquino, passed away on September 14.
- Baby Amor, whose husband, Lito Amor, passed away on Sep. 29.
- Arban family, for the demise of Wellington Arban on November 3.
- Mayette Garcia, for the demise of her sister, Natividad Luis on November 2.
- Danny Cuaresma, whose brother, Florentino Cuaresma, Jr. succumbed to prostate cancer on November 14.
- Hufstetler family, on the demise of Pastor Chuck Hufstetler on December 3.
- The family of our sister Marilyn Pader, who passed away on December 9.

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Just received the Scroll, devoured all the write ups. It was like being part of KB family again. It was excellently done. I miss my KBCF family after reading the stories and seeing the pictures.

*From Grace Velasco-Almeda
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