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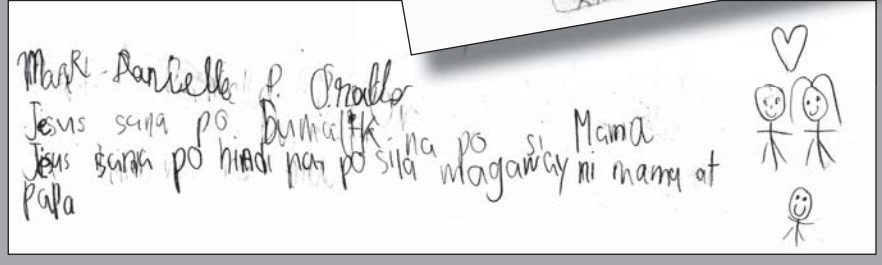
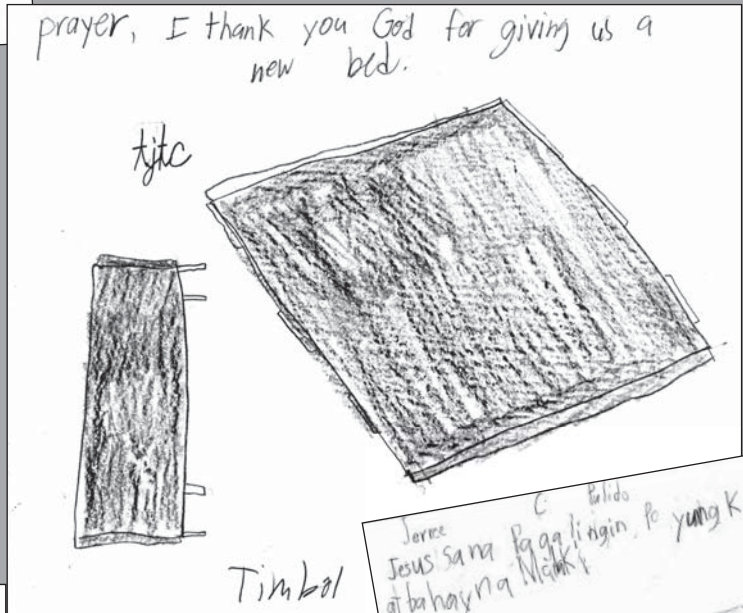
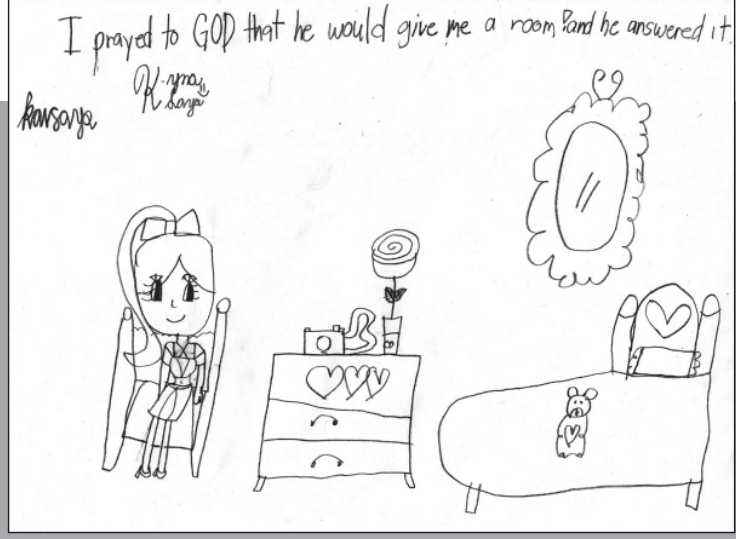


*“...as for me
and my household,
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the LORD.”*

JOSHUA 24:15

They pray too!

Who says praying is for older people only? These young Sunday School grade schoolers have put on paper the prayers they are lifting up to Jesus.



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Message from our Senior Pastor

Family Legacy

While most people worry about leaving their children with houses, money, business, and whatever else is important to them when they die — we need to keep in mind that the greatest inheritance we can pass on to our children is our faith in the LORD. This is biblical and actually illustrated in so many instances in the Bible.

Take for example, Jacob. Although he was decidedly wealthy, Jacob — in his dying blessing — did not specifically tell his children he was leaving them gold, silver or any other riches. Instead, he reiterated and reminded Joseph about the promise that God had made to him, to his father Isaac before him, and before Isaac, to Abraham. “Then Israel said to Joseph, ‘I am about to die, but God will be with you and take you back to the land of your fathers’” (Genesis 48:21). Jacob had chosen to pass on the best he had: the legacy of God.

The same legacy ‘Lola’ Lois left behind to her daughter Eunice who did the same by passing on this very same legacy to her son Timothy — a fact attested to by Paul in his letter to Timothy: “I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and I am persuaded, now lives in you also” (2nd Timothy 1:5).

We can take a lesson about legacy from the example of two people in more modern times. Illustrations Unlimited tells us their stories:

Max Dukes lived in New York. He did not believe in Christ or in Christian training. He refused to take his children to church, even when they asked

to go. He has had 1,026 descendants: 300 were sent to prison for an average term of 13 years; 190 were public prostitutes; 680 were admitted alcoholics. His family, thus far, has cost the state in excess of \$420,000. They made no contribution to society.

Jonathan Edwards, an American missionary and theologian, saw that his children were in church every Sunday, as he served the Lord to the best of his ability. He has had 929 descendants, and of these, 430 were ministers; 86 became university professors; 13 became university presidents; 75 authored good books; seven were elected to the United States Congress. One was vice-president of his nation. His family never cost the state one cent but has contributed immeasurably to the life of plenty in that land today.

What are we leaving behind the next generation? This is a good reminder to all Christian parents, a thought-provoking question to ponder. But what about the unmarried brethren? I believe we don’t have to wait to become a parent before we think or do these things. Everyone has an obligation to leave a life-changing legacy to the next generation.

I came to know the Lord through my uncle’s invitation. I will never forget attending my very first Bible Study together with my other cousins. It was indeed one of the significant events in my life. I am also thankful to God for allowing me to pass on to my four children the legacy of faith in God.

Have you ever thought of what to leave behind?

By Pastor Joy Gotico

Onward Christian Soldiers

To fulfil the vision of being a leading church in mission, KBCF must heed to the call expressed in the hymn *Onward Christian Soldiers*. That's why for our mission month last September we adopted the hymn's theme and expounded on the call in the Sunday pulpit messages. We also featured KBCF missionaries and mission groups being supported by the church. Here's a recap of our Mission Month:

September 5 "Onward We Multiply" (Mobilizing in Church Planting)by Pastor Alex Pacis

Featuring: Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN –Asia)

September 12 "Onward We Go" (Mobilizing in Evangelism) by Pastor Joy Gotico

Featuring: Efraim Elijah Tendero for Campus Crusade for Christ (Cebu)

September 19 "Onward WE Send" (Mobilizing in Sending Missionaries) by Prof. David Lim

Featuring: Pastor Ver and Melody Garrido (missionaries to Taiwan)

September 26 "Onward We Give" (Mobilizing in Giving to Mission) by Pastor Ef Tendero

Featuring: Back to the Bible Pilipinas

Part of the Mission Month's celebration was the fellowship of the pastors, missionaries and leaders of the daughter churches. Some daughter churches were also featured at the joint Wednesday prayer meetings.

To date KBCF has 13 daughter churches and a growing number of granddaughter and great granddaughter churches. Ten are self-sustaining and three are still being supported by the mother church. KBCF gives support to 17 local missionaries, 5 missionaries in Asia and the US, 8 mission organizations, and 2 fulltime pastors and several volunteers in the church planting projects.

KBCF Operation Paglingap Foundation (KOPF)

We have been serving the poor communities around KBCF through KOPF's health and medical assistance and Botica Paglingap where generic medicines can be bought at a lower price than in regular drug stores. Mothers have availed of means to earn a living through livelihood trainings and assistance. They also get pastoral care, learn God's Word through the Bible studies, and go for counselling in times of need.

We also provide educational assistance through scholarships, tutorials, pre-school programs and the Alternative Learning System (ALS). The KOPF Multi-Purpose cooperative serves its members through the savings and loan program and cooperative store. It also sells NFA rice for Ph 25.00 per kilo in cooperation with the Department of Social Work and Development (DSWD).

KBCF Kinder Care

Through our pre-school we are able to serve the middle-income families in our community. With 43 students and three teachers, the school has remained sustainable. Our teachers are Mrs. Winnie Araquil, Ms. Miah Laurito, and Ms. Princess Cruz.

Pray for Funds

As KBCF's mission work has expanded, monthly expenses have also increased. To sustain all our programs, we need about Ph300,000.00 each month. We trust the Lord for the Ph 5 million still needed until December 2010.

Our confidence is in the same God whom the apostle Paul says will complete the work He has begun in His church (Philippians 1:6) Our commitment is to carry out His work in every way that gives honor to His name.

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply" (James Hudson Taylor).

By: Sierry Tendero



KBCF leaders and missionaries in a fellowship held recently.

KBCF Malolos Holds First Worship Service



In the first ever worship service for the Malolos ministry held last July 6, 2010, Pastor Joy Gotico challenged the 20 people who came with “God’s Vision for His Church.” One month after the service, 15 newcomers joined in worship.

The Upgrade Youth Hub (KBCF Malolos Youth Center) welcomed 81 college freshmen to an “Ice Cream Festival” last June 15. New students have brought friends to the Hub,



increasing the number of young people coming to the Lord. Everyday, the Gospel is being shared with new students.

From six young people in 2009, their number grew, with over 900 hearing the Gospel. Ten percent of 10% of those who were shared the Good News are now members of a cell group. Many witnessed the faithful-

ness of the Lord when the Youth Hub celebrated its 1st year anniversary last March 26, 2010.

As of June 2010 there are 13 active cell groups. In response to the min-

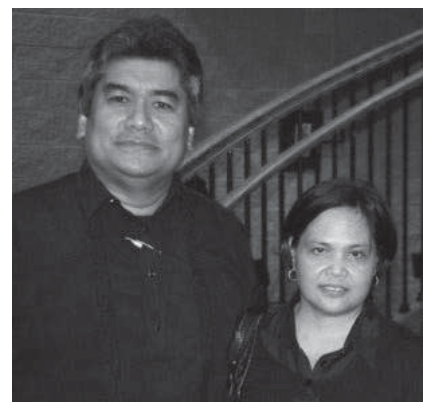
istry’s need for workers, the leaders of KBCF Malolos have made a commitment to train more young people this year.

By Ptr. Joemar Caparas

KBCF Commonwealth Gives Birth to First Daughter Church

The first daughter church, at Barangay Silangan, will be celebrating its first worship service this September, Lord willing. Pastor Edwin Pabalate, with a team of volunteers, will be leading the members, most of whom live nearby. As the church is still starting, it is looking for donors of 50 monobloc chairs, tables, microphones and microphone stands, and Bibles. Those who would want to give may contact Pastor Ricky Miranda (CP 0927-9406839) or Pastor Marco del Mundo.

Baptismal rites were held last May 15 at the Faith Academy in Antipolo. Pastor Ricky and Pastor Marco welcomed the new members-- Peter Lim, Diane Mozo, Dave Tolentino and Christian Tolentino.



Pastor Alex Pacis with wife, Rosie

Pastor Alex Pacis and his family are back to join the ministry team at KB-Commonwealth. Also, Mark McDowell and his family will be returning soon, after a one-year furlough.

By Jojie Miranda

Why KBCF Toronto?

The God of missions, through Jesus, has commanded his followers to “Go and make disciples of all nations. . .” (Matthew 28:19). For Christians in Toronto, it’s amazing how God has brought the peoples of the world to our doorstep! We cannot ignore this great opportunity to reach the lost. Consider these facts:

Demographics

Toronto is the most multicultural city in the world today, according to the 2006 Census data from Statistics Canada. It is one of the world’s most diverse cities, by percentage of non-native-born residents, with about 50% of the population born outside of Canada and representing 80 ethnic communities from around the world (the GTA or the Greater Toronto Area has more than 5.5 million residents).

Toronto is the financial capital of Canada and is the fifth most populous municipality in North America. Its population is cosmopolitan and international, reflecting its role as an important destination for immigrants to Canada. Because of the city’s low crime rate, clean environment, high standard of living, and friendly attitude to diversity, Toronto has been consistently rated by the Economist



KBCFers in Toronto

Intelligence Unit and the Mercer Quality of Living Survey as one of the most livable cities in the world.

Diversity

The majority groups in Toronto consist of English, Irish, Scottish, Italian, and French origins while the five largest visible minority groups are Chinese, South Asian, Afro-Caribbean, Filipino, and Latin American. Practiced faiths include Catholicism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and other Eastern Religions. While English is the predominant language spoken by Torontonians, other languages

with considerable number of local speakers are French, Italian, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Tagalog, and Hindi.

The University of Toronto and Ryerson University are home to 89,000 students from 140 different countries worldwide. By reaching Toronto and its campuses, we are reaching the nations, and the world!

Brief History

In the beginning of 2009, a small group of Christians that began to congregate in Toronto shared a common vision to plant a KBCF in the city. One year later, on April 18, 2010 the KBCF Lighthouse *(Continued on page 8)*

175 KBCFers Enlist in “40 Days Blessed to Bless Campaign”



Exceeding our expectations, 175 KBCF members made the commitment to reach out to the lost through prayer and engagement during the 40 Days Blessed to Bless Campaign.

Launched last August 15, the campaign is KBCF’s strategy to open

doors of opportunity to proclaim the Gospel among our families and neighbors. Prayer is key to the success of Blessed to Bless as those enlisted would devote regular times in prayer each day for the people they want to reach with the Gospel.

EVANGELISM EXPLOSION (EE)

The Best 13 Weeks

“The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it,” says American psychologist and philosopher William James. For us Christians, the great use of our lives is to spend it bringing the lost to Jesus. That’s why KBCF has faithfully conducted the EE (Evangelism Explosion) year after year to equip our brethren in sharing the Gospel.

This year, 17 KBCFers took EE and spent 13 weeks in intensive lectures, audits, mentoring, and on-the-job-training. They were ably supported by EE trainers who spent time mentoring and encouraging them. The most exciting part of the EE was going out

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That One Extraordinary Day

The Encounter God Retreat (EGR) surprised me. Not that I thought lowly of it at first, but because the reactions the EGR caused within me were unexpected. Those were reactions I wouldn't come close to thinking would happen in me.

To "Encounter God?" That weight hung on my shoulders as I walked up the stairs of the Worship Hall. "Will I encounter God?" That question lingered as I sank into my seat, no matter how much I tried to hush it. Many KBCFers who went to an EGR talked about how awesome it was, but I wondered if I would think the same. Sitting there sunk into those thoughts was despairing already, but as I noticed the seats being filled, my emotions went from a sinking despair to a drowning, torturous agony. I've always hated being in a place with so many people. Call me insecure, and I won't deny it! My whole life, I've been worried about how people will see me. And here . . . "Should I jump up and down like the rest of my peers in worship? Should I reach my hands to the heavens?"

To "Encounter God!" The facilitators repeated this phrase endlessly, as if taunting my agonizing anxiety. And worse, I would have to encounter Him among people whom I don't even know! "Frustrating" was a pretty good word for what I felt at the beginning. But all of that changed when I experienced the impact of this personal encounter with the God of Glory.

To "Encounter God?" Was it worth acting like you're worshipping what you can't see? "Acting?" My group mates were lifting their hands as the song was ripping through my heart. God was calling me to give Him all my heart in praise. "Encounter Me. You know you want to."

Tears started streaming from my eyes. I wish I could tell you more what we did that moved me to tears, but, like all EGR participants, I'm under an oath to secrecy. But then, it didn't really matter what we were doing. At that moment I realized that it was what I was doing that mattered. At the start I had put others, my insecurity, and my selfishness between God and me. But from that point



onwards, my "Encounter God" moment made me feel tingly inside. I felt God calling out to me. I felt stunned hearing His words.

"ENCOUNTER ME, Miko. No matter what others will say, you are here to encounter ME, and now I stand here and knock at the door. Open up your heart and sing, not to them, but to ME."

And my response resounded, with an open heart and lifted hands, I answered,

"I love You more than I can say. Forever I will sing. Only You will I adore. Glorify my LORD. Only You will I serve. For the world will fade away. But my song to You remains, only You will I adore."



I know in my heart that I encountered God on that extraordinary EGR day. And I bet He knows that, too.

By Miko Garrido

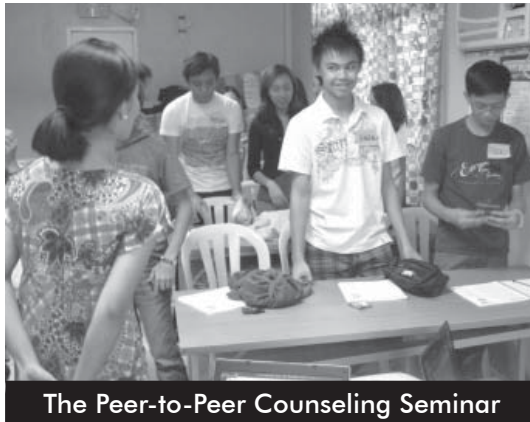
Miko is the son of Pastor Ver and Melody Garrido. His passion is writing and his dream is to become a novelist in the future. He is now a 4th year student at Trinity University of Asia.

Campus Igniters Born

As we celebrate the 12th anniversary of the KBCF Youth Ministry also known as Ignite Youth Network, we thank God for His guidance in expanding our reach. More than a hundred students are now involved in cell groups and an average of 78 attend the Fuel Youth Worship regularly.

This year the Lord gave us the vision to establish a youth ministry in different campuses. Thus the birth of Campus Igniters, the ministry arm of Ignite Youth Network in the campuses, both high school and college. “Igniting the youth’s passion for excellence, compassion for others, and love for God” is our call.

Currently, we have cell groups in St. Joseph College, Manuel Roxas High School, Roces Science High



The Peer-to-Peer Counseling Seminar

School, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, and Trinity University of Asia.

We want to see young people making an impact in their respective schools by being positive leaders to their peers. Hence, we held the Peer-to-Peer Counseling Seminar where key students of Campus Igniters and cell leaders learned about Eternal

CPR (Cultivate-Plant-Reap Principle) and other ways to reach their peers. Wavemakers Ministry conducted the seminar.

Prayer Requests

1. We need more partners and volunteers in the campuses.
2. We are submitting a proposal to Quezon City High School and Ramon Magsaysay High School, offering our assistance in any way to their students.

May our proposal be met with favor.

Ignite Youth Ministry believes that to save the next generation, we must do something today. If you also believe that and wish to be part of our exciting journey, contact our Youth Pastor BJ Saavedra for more information.

By Pastor BJ Saavedra

Why KBCF Toronto?

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Church was launched, with Bishop Ef Tendero officiating.

Alvin Carreon and his wife, Marileine, have been called as ministry team leaders to oversee the KBCF Church plant in North York, a town east of Toronto. Along with ‘Kuya’ Mike Harrison (Senior Minister) & his wife Ate Betty, they are now pastoring the church and heading a core team of 15 people. The group has now grown to 50, mostly Filipinos. Their vision is to reach out to ‘every nation’ in the Greater Toronto Area, the province of Ontario, Canada and the rest of North America. Their goal is to plant one church every three years to reach the most ethnically diverse city in the world. Their dream is to build an “equipping center” where Christian leaders in Toronto could be trained, empowered, and released to local churches, the marketplaces and to the rest of the world.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the

workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Luke 10:2).

Prayer Requests:

1. For direction in church planting
2. For a strategic church location to move
3. For more leaders and disciple-makers
4. For growth of the cell groups
5. For financial provision
6. For the ministry support of Pastor Alvin who is still finishing his seminary studies
7. For workers and missionaries, both short-term and long-term.

An urgent need is to raise up disciples in the campuses and the workplace. The church is praying for workers from different countries of the world to help reap the harvest in Toronto. Will you be one of them?

Our “Ask”

A Canadian visa can be acquired in two years or less, and a Canadian passport

can open a door to the rest of the world! English and French are the official languages and cultural adjustment is easy due to the city’s diversity. Currently, World Team Philippines (c/o Alex Pacis) has an Apprenticeship program in Church Planting that would train future missionaries and church planters worldwide. See www.worldteam.org/going/apprenticeships.

God says that if we ask of Him, He will make the nations our inheritance and the ends of the earth our possession. God has given Toronto the gift of welcoming the nations of the world to her city. We, the Christians in Toronto, are simply embracing that gift.

Will you prayerfully consider being a part of God’s redemptive plan in reaching, renewing, and reviving the nations through the KBCF (Lighthouse) Toronto Church plant?

For more information or any questions regarding this ministry, please contact Ptr. Alvin Carreon at alvincarreon@hotmail.com

By Ptr. Alvin Carreon

Energy Flies High @ the Youth Sports Fest

Both wings stretched wide in the sky for the Ignite Youth Network as the participants from KBCF and her daughter churches gathered at the DAR Gymnasium for the Youth Sports Fest.

The event was soaked in excitement, energy, and fellowship, with a splash of competitiveness between the four rival teams. However, before the games kicked off, guest speaker Kirk Long (captain of ADMU Blue Eagles) shared his compelling testimony about how God has guided him through his adventures in life as an American missionary kid in the Philippines. He also talked about how it felt being thrust from his comfort zone into the frightening world of college sports, and how he has survived.

After his talk, Kirk Long led the participants in a short prayer. Then, pumped up and fueled, the athletes divided into four teams that would compete in badminton, basketball, and volleyball. The teams were named Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and Dubai. The original plan was to split up the participants into three, but since many young people came, a new group was created—Dubai (with the humorous, yet true, rationale of the number of Filipinos in Dubai).

The athletes played so hard, the intensity of the games wore down some of the younger players, but the four teams battled it out until the end of their respective games, displaying energy, optimism, and sportsmanship.

Team Luzon emerged on top, with gold in basketball and badminton, and silver in volleyball. Team Visayas came sprinting along as the runner-up, winning gold in volleyball, and silver and bronze for basketball and badminton, respectively.



Guest speaker Kirk Long shares his testimony.

As for individual players, here's how they showed their delight:
"It was really fun!"
"I think I lost weight!"

"Great game, great game!"
Great games indeed! And a great day for all of us!

By Miko B. Garrido

MVPs at the Basketball Clinic

The Basketball Clinic held last May 10-13 was just as fun as it was demanding. For me, that would be the perfect mixture of anything you would want to pour into



two weeks of holiday. A challenge not only to improve, but to also have fun. But this mixture of laughing and gasping for air didn't just happen. Some very important people contributed to its success.

Our Coach, Alfredo Hubalde.

Our Coach spent the afternoons and evenings of two weeks teaching us how to play basketball. Personally, I've tried to learn how to play this game, but I've never really gotten the hang of it. Others have tried to show me how to play the game, but no one succeeded,

and I was left discouraged and unimproved. But our Coach took the time to explain to those of us who were new to basketball how the techniques were done. I can still remember his words:

"OK, Miko, you should hold the ball up with your right arm and just give a little push to it with your fingers. It should spin hard and let you do that reverse lay-up."

"OK, just walk in this sequence and stop right here so that you have space to move your arm and lay it on the board."

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Celebrating Family Month

“We Will Serve Him”

The KBCF Family is only as strong as the core families that comprise it. One of the blessings we can thank God for at KBCF is the presence of families that have come to know Christ and have dedicated their lives to serving Him in various church ministries. As a church, we believe that God has ordained the family to love and serve Him, and honor him in all their ways. That’s why each year we set apart the month of July to focus on the Family – through prayer, preaching, and celebrating together.

We thank the Lord for these preachers who delivered God’s message for us regarding our families:

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The Family that plays together, wins together

Every year that KBCF celebrates Family Fun Day, there seems to be one family receiving a shower of blessings. This year it was the Dave family that turned out to be the big winner in the much-awaited raffle at the Family Fun Day last July 25. From head of the family, Larry, to mommy Ruth, to all their three grown-up children – each one brought home a gift.

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Winners all, the Dave family



Cuaresma Family – Quietly Serving



A big smile meets you when you see Doris Cuaresma, even from afar. And usually beside her is husband, Danny, a quiet man, who is also ready to flash a smile and offer his firm handshake.

This couple has never been without ministry at KBCF. Even before they were married 22 years ago, both Danny and Doris have been involved in different church ministries. From the choir, worship team, homebuilders, they have been active workers all these years.

Now Doris faces yet another challenge. She is part of the new set of Council members recently installed. She will be serving for two years, and has committed to give her best, as she always does in any work. Danny also served in the Council in the past, so he could give support to his wife as she takes on this new challenge.

The Cuaresmas are blessed with three children – Anna Eloisa, almost 18, who is involved with the M3 Ministry; Enrico Rafael, 17, one of our younger breed of Worship back-up singers; and their youngest, Nica Elizelle. The Cuaresma kids are quiet and reserved, a lot like their Dad, but cheerful when with their peers.

When asked how they bond as a family, Doris shares how the girls go to the parlor and watch movies together, while father and son take barber trips as a duo. The family also enjoys going out of town.

As a family, they gather for devotions from time to time, as their busy schedules would allow. Danny and Doris also keep a regular prayer time as a couple before the end of each day. This, they say, is how they keep the family grounded on God’s Word.

By Ruth Dave

MVPs at the Basketball Clinic

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“OK, guys! Head-and-shoulders! Oh, you don’t know what that means. Well, let me show you!”

Many of us would never have gotten by if it weren’t for such an amazing Coach! I’m happy to call him “Ninong,” and now my “Coach.”

Our Cheerer, Pastor Joy. Every learner needs an encourager. Pastor Joy Gotico was present, observing the clinic, watching the games, and giving us words of praise when we got that lay-up right, or words of encouragement when we missed. I found it spirit-lifting to hear someone calling out from my back: “Nice one, Miko! Good lay up!”

Our Pushers, each other. I wouldn’t have come at all if it weren’t for C.J.

Vanguardia who encouraged me to join, and travelled with me to the basketball clinic. I wouldn’t have had so much fun during breaks if it weren’t for Paolo and Simon Cristobal who chatted and joked around with me. And I wouldn’t have enjoyed the application games without Nathan Vasquez and Caleb Gotico who were often my teammates. We encouraged one another.

I’m sure all of us who participated had a blast at the Basketball Clinic, and we couldn’t have done it without those Most Valuable People. And yet it all comes down to this – basketball is like life. “For whether you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).

By Miko Garrido

The Best 13 Weeks

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to share the Gospel – door-to-door, at the park, with family, friends, and workmates. Out of the 135 contacts endorsed to KBCF, 114 made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Some of these new Christians are now members of a cell group, some have started coming for worship on Sundays, and others have opened their homes for Bible Study.

For the EE graduates, the joy of seeing people coming to Christ had wiped out all the sweat and the hardships they encountered on those grueling 13 weeks. In terms of eternal significance, those weeks could perhaps be the best 13 weeks they spent this year.

By Pastor Aris delos Santos

The Badger Family At home away from home

Tim and Bron could very well be enjoying the peace and quiet in Adelaide, their home city in Australia -- watching the birds, relishing barbecue sausage and silverside on weekends -- and earning their keep as a computer programmer (Tim) and as a nurse and midwife (Bron).

But for the past three years, Tim and Bron, and their three children, have stuck it out in Manila, amidst the daily traffic, the perennial noise of the city, the punishing summer heat, the torrential rains during the typhoon months, and the constant presence of people wherever they went. Imagine growing up in a city with only one million people (that's Adelaide's population) and being transported to a metropolis with about 20 million people. But serving the Lord in the Philippines is fulfilment of a desire planted in their hearts since 1996



when they sent OMF an application that was served only after seven years, in 2003.

As OMF missionaries, Timothy and Bronwyn Badger are in charge of managing the OMF Guest House. Theirs is a support role to fellow missionaries and local churches that avail

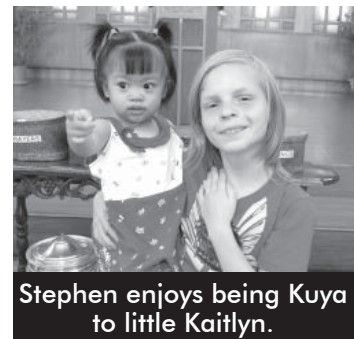
of the housing and conference facilities -- as well as the home-cooked meals -- at the Guest House. For Tim who's in-charge of administration, such role has blessed them with the opportunity to meet Christian workers all over the world and make good friends with many of them. For Bron who is naturally hospitable, the work is just the right fit.

The couple has three children -- Stephen (10), Joshua (7), and Amie (5) -- who've got more to them than their cute faces, blonde hair, and white skin. Stephen stood out at the KBCF baptismal rites last year being the youngest to be baptized; he was only 9 then. Joshua who can construct complex structures with his Lego blocks could become a great engineer one day. And Amie, the caring one, is always the first to know when someone in the family is sick -- and will make sure she's nearby to help. The young siblings have opened their hearts to two Filipina babies, Annalise (2) and Kaitlyn (1) who their parents have been taking steps to adopt -- with the young Badgers' blessing.

Illness in the family has been the biggest challenge that the Badgers have faced as a missionary family in the Philippines. Except for Joshua, every one got sick of dengue fever. Tim also caught typhoid fever while Joshua contracted streptococcal infection and was unable to move his inflamed jaws for many days. Come to think of it, they probably wouldn't be exposed to



these diseases if they had stayed put in Australia. But amidst all these sicknesses, the Lord had protected and provided. Bron is amazed at how all their medical expenses at different times of sickness had been covered through unexpected love gifts from brethren in Australia.



Stephen enjoys being Kuya to little Kaitlyn.

"Never did we go without," said Tim as he shared how their family has been blessed as they have served the Lord out of their comfort zone.

The Badgers have chosen KBCF to be their home church here in the Philippines. Why KBCF? "The worship is good, the music is good, the preaching is good," says Tim. But more than that, it's the relationship that they have started to build at KB. Bron is involved in a cell group headed by Irene Villa. Stephen is a baptized member. Joshua joined the DVBS last summer. And as Tim and Bron plan to serve the Lord long-term in the Philippines, the Badgers could expect the KBCF family to make them truly feel at home.

By Yna Reyes

LABS KITA, GETS MO BA?



Oldest couple, Amador & Julia Salvan



Young couple, Drew & Melai Gonzales



Bishop Ef & Sierry Tendaro



Elder Sito Silva & wife, Beth

KBCF couples in various stages of married life – from newlyweds to marriage pillars on their 37th year – converged last July 30-31 for the much-awaited Couples' Retreat, the first major event sponsored by the KBCF Homebuilders Ministry.

Happily titled *Labs Kita, Gets Mo Ba?* the overnight retreat held at the Camelot Hotel, was a welcome break from the chores of homebuilding for the 22 couples that came. Guest speaker Pastor Clem Guillermo, family councilor of Back to the Bible, reminded us in his message of the importance of transparency and intimacy in marriage. His wife, Ate Merlyn, was also there to fellowship with us. The only single in the group, Ptr. Aris delos Santos was the pastor in charge of the event (is that ironic? – but he did well). He made sure we got the best from the program which was a nice balance of messages from assigned speakers, games for couples, and ample time for the spouses to enjoy each other's presence. For the retreat's grand finale, all of us couples renewed our wedding vows.

Another highlight of the retreat was the July 30 opening dinner that also became an occasion to meet new faces and chat with old friends. After dinner, Elder Sito Silva and his wife, Beth introduced a parlor game for the couples – not only to break the ice but to drive a point in the message which Elder Sito shared with us.

The next day, we were encouraged to have our private devotions as couples. But the biggest hit for most couples was the "photo opp," thanks to the wacky photo set-up done by Pat dela Torre. Some even wore pirate costumes, loud-colored wigs, and were directed to pose the part.

By Freddy Vasquez



Pastor Paul & wife, Dr. Coney



Pastor Clem Guillermo

SAs in the City Unite!

It was a rainy reunion for the KBCF Single Adults (SA) last June 19. The venue was the KBCF parsonage rooftop, newly painted and dramatically lit for the occasion. The evening was filled with music we SAs love hearing, food we enjoy sharing, and fellowship we spell F-U-N! Both the new and familiar faces gathered for our group's first event for the year, dubbed "Single Adults in the City."

Getting-To-Know-You games started the night, and exciting prizes were given away to winners. House music c/o Roy Antonio and Queen Rebusas vibrated through the night, as the eligibles chatted away over dinner. Donning colorful wigs, glittery masks, and props, they had their pictures taken in the newly-launched

Filterpan photobooth* designed by Pat de la Torre and Rj Ranieses.

SA alumna Kaye Estoista-Koo was the evening's guest speaker. She shared her personal experiences as a professional and talked about how important it is for young professionals to build networks. She reminded the SAs that as members of Christ's body, it is our role to expand our circles of friends and influences by knowing

and tapping the strengths and expertise of the different members of the local churches (not just KBCF).

Part of the celebration was the formal welcoming of newcomers – most of them college graduates from last academic year.

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To Work or to Serve?

Now a college graduate and having returned from my one-year term as Youth Development facilitator in Davao, I'm already feeling the pressure of transitioning from volunteer to employee. I often ask myself: "What drives me to work?" Recalling the message during the graduates' fellowship, I'm reminded that to work means to serve.

Last May 2, new graduates gathered together for fellowship and an inspiring talk on Service by John Escoto CEO of Leadlife training company. From his message, I consider this my favorite: "When you work, you solve people's problems. When you serve, you solve people's problems. When you serve, you earn." I came to realize that work is not just an obligation for a college graduate. Instead, work is a means to address the needs of other people and contribute not just to one's family but to one's community as well.



Abby Sison (3rd fr. L) with guest speaker John Escoto (center) and some KBCF parents.

Mr Escoto stressed that in whatever work we do, we should increase the scale, satisfaction and spirit of service. By scale he meant the number of people that we serve. Satisfaction is the number of people who are happy because of the quality of our service. When we befriend the people we serve, we increase the spirit of our service.

He also shared his own experience in serving the Lord in fulltime ministry for four years before working in a company, and how the ministry prepared him for the work he is now doing. From serving in Christian

ministry, he learned not only how to talk before people, but more importantly, how to relate with them. When he later applied for work in the corporate, the parents of those he served in the ministry were now eager to hire him.

As I reflected on the talk of Mr. Escoto, I was reminded that the Lord Jesus called us to serve others and He set the supreme example by washing the feet of His disciples. Shouldn't we be ready to do the same.

By Abby Sison

Praying for Every KBCFer



Last June 26 at the mid-year day of prayer, we prayed -- in groups and individually -- for every leader, staff, council, and churchgoer in KBCF to live a consistently growing Christian lifestyle. In God's unwavering hands, we surrendered each nurture unit of KBCF -- the Sunday school, the youth, single adults, and home builders. We asked God that through the MILK, MEAT, and MADE classes, He would cause new leaders to step up towards making 'every believer become a disciple-maker.'

The Day of Prayer was an opportunity to remember our outreaches and daughter churches. We also entrusted the different committees of the Building Project to God's care. We pronounced blessings to our country and prayed for the major pillars (political, business, education, media, entertainment, and religious) of our nation to God. We interceded not only for our land but also extended the scope even to the unreached people groups of the world. We made a plea for the land of Sumatra.

One of the highlights of every mid-year prayer day is the opening of our personal "letters to Jesus" (which we wrote 6 months ago, at the Dec 2009 Day of Prayer). It's heartening to hear testimony after testimony of brethren bearing witness of God's faithfulness in answering every kind

of request that they presented to Him in prayer.

Guest speaker, Bishop Chito Ramos, Chief Minister of the Alliance of Bible Christian Communities

of the Philippines (ABCCOP), shared his reflections on John 17, the greatest prayer ever uttered on earth, by no other than Jesus Himself. --By **Third Fermin**

How to Start your Own Prayer Ministry

Prayer is baring our thoughts and souls to God. It is hoping for a great act of God as we cry our hearts to Him. Prayer can be a moment of praise, of worship, and of intercession. It is one of the most beautiful ministries for every Christian. Prayer creates in the "pray-er" a passion to be part of the solution to another person's concern.

In 1998, I was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor called Chordoma and underwent a Gamma Knife Radiation surgery. On the same year, the Lord took me from my comfort zone and opened many opportunities in prayer. My boss, Pastor Clem Guillermo, managing director of the Back to the Bible-Philippines, assigned me to be the prayer segment host of Tanglaw sa Landas ng Buhay. Since then, I've been praying for the phone-in and mailed requests of our ministry partners and missionaries for the past 12 years. This has been one of the greatest

opportunities for me to intercede for the Body of Christ.

Hospital visitation was another venue for prayer opened to me. I found joy sharing my testimony as a brain tumor patient, leading me to share the Gospel and later, praying for the patient and his or her relatives. Looking back, I am amazed at how God has answered so many of my prayers for the people I met.

I find fulfillment in saying spontaneous prayers on behalf of the "taong grasa" on the streets . . . or the rugby boys sleeping on the pavement . . . or the mentally ill roaming around the city. I call on God whenever I hear the siren of a fire truck or ambulance, or when rain suddenly pours (and I remember the children and women without umbrellas). I say a prayer upon hearing bad news on TV or the radio.

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Welcome New KBCFers!



What a joy to welcome 17 brothers and sisters in the Lord who made the commitment, through water baptism, to be part of the KBCF family.

At the baptism held on July 17, 2010, 11 were from KBCF Main, 4 from KBCF Malolos, and 2 were transferees from churches in the province.

The new members are also fruit of the EGR (Encounter God Retreat) that KBCF has been regularly conducting for the past three years.

By Pastor Paul Pareñas

Blood Bank Continues

On July 24, 2010 KBCF in partnership with St. Luke's Medical Center held a blood letting day. Our home church was able to gather 15 bags of blood from donors. Faithful friends like Bishop Ef Tendero, Eva Lope, Elder Peng Ong, Ramon San Pascual, Nancy Bautista, Ski Cabrera and Third Fermin donated blood. New faces -- Rose Ongkingco, Jema Esler, Maggie Morato, Ema Leonen, Corrie & Carol Miranda, Bert Demaclid, Ptr. Mark Obedoza from Bacolod



and others we invited – experienced donating blood for the first time.

KBCF maintains a blood bank from St. Luke's Medical Center.

For every five bags of blood donated by our church, any KBCF member who may be in need of blood can draw two bags. This system is one of the safest means of having access to blood in times of emergency. But more than maintaining our blood bank, by donating blood, we realize that somehow we contribute in saving another person's life.

By Freddy Vasquez

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Do you want to be another person's prayer partner? You don't have to be educated or eloquent to be an effective prayer partner. All it takes is a committed heart to pray for those in need. Here's how to start your own prayer ministry:

1. Inform your friends of your ministry and your availability to help and pray. Prayer is one great gift we can give each other any time of the day.
2. Find out the needs of the people around you. As the Lord brings them to your mind, pray for them.

3. Memorize Scriptures that are helpful as you minister through prayer. You may consider these verses: Matthew 18: 19-20, Matthew 7:7-8, Psalm 34:17, Jeremiah 33:3 and Mark 11: 24. Write these on a piece of paper to keep in your purse or inside your Bible for easy access.
4. Begin each day with prayer for your family, your work, and your ministry. At night, along with your thanksgiving, set aside time to intercede for our nation and our missionaries.
5. Join other prayer groups and

attend prayer seminars. Read biographies of great men of God who placed prayer on their priority list, like George Mueller and Hudson Taylor.

Our world is in desperate need of intercessors. May the Lord put in our hearts the desire to start our own prayer ministry. Yes, brethren, there is much joy in bending our knees.

By Jojie Amparo-Miranda

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Walking on Water

More than a year ago, we launched our building renovation for kingdom expansion program – a project that we established would cost a total of P40 million. Still with that step of faith, many among us had misgivings about our ability to raise even just the initial P20M to start the project. But facts belie our doubts and fears. While it was admittedly a slow start, the project as of to date has raised a total of P5.6 million — P4 million short of the targeted P10 million for this year. We have four months to cover the balance. Impossible? Certainly not – if every KBCFer would do his share to do three things: 1) pray unceasingly; 2) give generously and; 3) actively seek and tap potential donors among our friends and associates in the Christian community here and abroad. And while we are doing that, we can proceed to the next level of raising another P10 million for 2011 to enable us to start construction by January 2012.

Faith makes the formidably impossible possible. It is, as Scriptures tell us, not just hearing but doing the Word of God. And God's Word tells us to pray unceasingly. God's Word also instructs us to give generously, even sacrificially. We can give from what is within our arm's reach by doing an inventory and looking into our closets, cabinets and cupboards. We can look for things that we have either hardly used or not used at all and donate them to our building project. And I'm sure a lot of us may be surprised to discover that a dress has not been worn for some time; an appliance has been lying idle; something that we bought on impulse has remained unused.

The third thing that all of us can do is to search among our friends and associates in the Christian community (outside of KBCF). Not only can we pray for God to touch their

hearts and ask them to give towards our building project, we can perhaps also elicit the help of some of them in looking for Christians who own businesses – big or small – and who may have big hearts and are just waiting to be tapped.

Finally, let me just reiterate the rationale behind the vision of the building expansion program. The envisioned KBCF building will enable us to realize the following: House the different departments that will take care of and supervise kingdom-building (God's) work; make available a setting or place for massive group / God's workers' conferences/seminars, and/or communal prayer (where the flock from various daughter churches occasionally gather together to worship God in concert); provide a comfortable and well-appointed venue for training in kingdom work and service; offer a conducive and accessible location for the meeting of hearts, spirits and minds in the "business" of "strategic mapping" for the Lord's work; and tender a welcoming, familial home and "hearth" to the Lord's workers at KBCF and its daughter churches / fellowships / missions. Indeed, it will be a place to create friendships / promote camaraderie and strengthen bonds, have fellowship and enjoy simple good, refreshing fun.

The church's building expansion project is the project of each and every KBCFer. Needless to say, to be involved in the achievement of this vision must naturally be the concern of ALL of us. We have to remember that a praying heart and an unbounded faith in our Sovereign's ability to touch hearts not only to give, but to give abundantly make the vision achievable.

We have taken the bold step of walking on water. With all hands, hearts and minds working together – we can be sure our Sovereign Lord will honor this faith.

By Pastor Joy Gotico

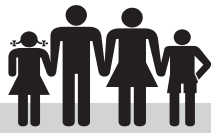
New Council Members



Four new Council members were installed on August 1, Sunday, bringing the number of Council members to nine.

Newly installed Council members to serve until 2012 are Doris Cuaresma, Ruth Dave (both first-time members), Rody Gonzalez, and Atty. Vicky Victoria. They will be joining Mon de la Torre, Sito Silva, RJ Gonzales, Atty. Miriam Daway and Atty. Jess Gentiles.

Selection of Council members is done through preliminary nomination from among the Core of Leaders. Election of not more than six from those nominated follows. Council members serve two-year terms, with half of the members elected every year to ensure that the Council is maintained as a continuous body, though alternating. The Council acts as the governing body of the church.






People Update




Welcome Home

- To Ptr. Bobby Bautista and daughter Roma who arrived May 12 from the US for a short vacation 
- To Michael Guidaben, who arrived from the US last May 
- To Angel & Mimi Mojico, who came home for a short vacation last May 
- To Del Ong, who came home last June 3 to visit her Mom. 
- To Gibe & Tet Marasigan who arrived June 7 from Dubai
- To Dr. Leo Despabiladeras & family who arrived last month from London



- To Bea Mones who arrived June 19 from Indonesia after 2 years of missionary work 
- To Dra. Marlene Crisostomo who arrived June 30 after a 9-month job contract in Ethiopia 
- To Edgar Cuaresma, who arrived from Australia last July for a short vacation 

- To Judith Javier, who arrived last month from Macao after completing a job contract 
- To Macon Conaty, who arrived from the US last July 20 for a vacation
- To Tony Carino, and his family who arrived from Saudi Arabia last July 21 for a short vacation.



Departures

- To Gemma Garcia who left June 20 to work as a nurse in UK 
- To Trisha Garrido who left for Chicago last July 14 to study at the Moody Bible Institute. 
- To Katrina & Leah Rose Luna who left for Canada on June 25 for a job opportunity 



Baby Congratulations

- To Derick & Carla Hubalde, for their baby girl, Derica Sofia, born on July 29
- To Francis & Joanne Litiatco, for their baby boy, Ethan Gabriel Rodriguez Litiatco, born on August 3



Christian Sympathy

- To the Valerio Family, whose mother, Luisa, a KOPF volunteer, went home to the Lord on May 18
- To Gerry Cudilla, whose mother, Natividad, passed away on May 31
- To Ong Family, whose mother, Remy, went home to the Lord on June 4
- To Warlyn Ong and Winnie Mariano, whose nephew, Joshua Mariano, died in a vehicular accident on June 5
- To Gibe Marasigan, whose mother passed away on June 5
- To Dr. Leo Despabiladeras, whose father, Ramon, went home to the Lord on June 18
- To Kuya Cesar Montano, whose mother, Ciriaca, passed away on June 23
- To Alma Gonzaga, whose father, Fernando Bautista, passed away on June 25
- To Vicki Litiatco, whose father, Ernesto Jugo, went home to the Lord on June 25
- To Jess Bibay, whose father, Rev. Bienvenido Bibay, Sr., went home to the Lord on July 14
- To Dra. Bong Zamora, whose father, Prescillano Zamora, passed away on August 4

"You yourselves are our letter written on our hearts, known and read by everybody."

2 Corinthians 3:2



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