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## JESUS CHRIST, MY ROCK AND FORTRESS

My dear youth and youth leaders,

King David could once say to God *"For you are my rock and my fortress, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me."* (Psalms 31: 3)

In your personal life as a youth you could also say that **JESUS CHRIST is my ROCK and FORTRESS!**

**Rock** symbolizes, **PERMANENCE/HEIGHT/SHADE/REFRESHMENT**

Jesus Christ is our rock of permanence. His words and teachings is solid and firm if we set our foot in it (when we listen and follow our soul becomes stable), in all situations of life.

Jesus Christ is our rock of height. When we employ our faith in Him it bring us in an elevated view of our circumstances to understand the need for trials and difficulties in life.

Jesus Christ is our rock of shade. When we employ our love to Him, He shields us from the heat of passion and temptation.

Jesus Christ is our rock of refreshment. When we knock to Him in our prayers before the services He let

the water of life flows to our soul to brings us comfort to our loneliness, courage when we fail, answers to our problems and guidance when we are confused.

**Fortress** symbolizes **REFUGE/SHELTER/PROTECTION.**

Jesus Christ is our wall of refuge. We can run to Him daily and ask for wisdom. We can come to Him in every divine service and experience forgiveness of sins and fellowship with Him.

Jesus Christ is our wall of shelter. We can also come to His congregation and find happiness and contentment in the fellowship of the spirit.

Jesus Christ is our wall of protection. We can trust in Him that he will not let us perish so we can vanish all our fears.

The key for us to have Jesus Christ as our rock and fortress is to allow Him to lead and guide us in our life of faith. May you experience more and more the safety of the rock and fortress of Christ and courageously

advance under His leadership and guidance.

Sincerely yours,  
Timmy Gabriel

## DISTRICT NEWS

### THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS VIA SOUL CARE by RYL Pr. Cloyd Catan

Last April 27, 2008, Sunday, I woke up at 5:30 am to prepare for a Sunday service. It was a cloudy morning. It was a special day. Some members of our church in Cagay congregation are ready to go with me to conduct Sunday service in their congregation.

We took a shortcut to Cagay. On the first mountain, we were passing through a mini forests and walking on a stiff cliff with the only one foot can step at the side of it. We have to walk with

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one arm holding grasses or vines rooted on the side of the cliff for if in case we slip we can hold on through it. As we were going straight down to the river of Tigbao, we did the reverse climbing, like climbing a coconut tree going down. The river of Tigbao was so clear like a mineral water capable for drinking. Almost an hour had passed we crossed the first river. On the second mountain which is Batuanan, we were passing through a farm of bananas, root crops, spicy plants and coconut trees. We wasted no time just to reach the top of this mountain. I was tired already. I felt the pain on my back. My knees were shivering. And I had in mind of going back but I was there already, I had to do it and there's no way of turning back or else I would fail to do my task as a servant of God. So we continued walking under the coconut tress, wild grasses and blue berries. We climbed a short cliff, like climbing on the wall. We reached to the top of this mountain. The mountain of Kantukwaw is the highest mountain among the three. This time I was not able to raise anymore my knees.

We arrived there at exactly 10:20 am . That was 3hours and 20 minutes walk from the main

road of Palali. When we arrived there, they were very happy that we reached their place. My pain was replaced with joy. There were many members waiting to see me. They welcomed us! They were warmth and kind. We started the service 10 minutes after. We shared the text from the book of Isaiah ---. I told them my experience in going their place. The service was very solemn. They listen to my preaching. The attendance was 40.

Going back we took another route because according to the guide it is very dangerous to go back to the way where we were passing in going to Cagay when it is raining. We moved fast. The way was so slippery. We were so wet. In the mountain of Kantukwaw , when we were going down, we were walking in a single file, the daughter of Rector Agir who was behind me, slipped and hit my legs that caused me to turned-turtle and rolled going down. They all shouted "pastor"! I was so lucky that a root of a cut tree clinched into my stomach. As I looked down I saw the river and some coconut trees as small as fingers. At that

high, I would have been dead if not with that root. It amaze me, because I was not hurt, only a little scratch on my right arm. We continued walking. The rain was getting harder and harder. We walked as fast as we could in order for us to cross the rivers before it flood. We did cross the rivers and climbed the mountains. However, on the last mountain going up to Palali my legs cramped like I was paralyzed. It was so painful. We rested for a while until I was ready to move again. We reached Palali almost sunset. I went straight home to Dumaguete. Thanks be to God I am still alive!

That experience of mine was so fearful, as I could have been DEAD this time. But thanks be to God in His hands I am secured! I am so thankful to God for being my refuge and my strength and my present help in times of trouble. The danger I have experienced was nothing compared to the dangers that the apostles had experienced before. That danger was nothing compared to what had Jesus Christ did at the Cross of Calvary for me, for you and for us.

The word of God says: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name; He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him; With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation" Psalm 91: 14-15

He did not allow that to happen as He still has beautiful plans for my life. The word of God says: "*How lovely are the feet of them who brings good news*" Let's go on walking with JESUS the author and the finisher of our faith that one day when HE comes we will be receiving a CROWN OF LIFE for the labor and hardships we have done in obedience to HIS command to go and proclaim the good news of salvation. Let us go on walking by faith and not by sight for it is impossible to please God without faith. ( II Cor. 5:7)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR MAKING USE OF MY LIFE FOR HIS SAKE AND THE SAKE OF OTHERS WHO ARE AFAR OFF WHOM GOD HAD CALLED TO BE WITH HIM IN HIS GLORY, THRU CHRIST JESUS, AMEN!

## **AUGUST 2008 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

### **Sunday**

**August 03, 2008  
Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
Ap. Wolf**

### **Sunday**

**August 10, 2008  
Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
Sh. Silvano**

### **Sunday**

**August 17, 2008  
Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
Pr. Connolly**

### **Sunday,**

### **DISTRICT SERVICE**

**August 24, 2008  
Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
DAPH Hebeisen**

### **Sunday**

**August 31, 2008  
Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
Sh. Silvano**

### **DISTRICT APOSTLE LESLIE LATORCAI VISIT "HEART TO HEART FELLOWSHIP" CONCERT**

**August 1, 2008, 6:00pm  
Makati Central Church**

*Services are also every Wednesday at 8 pm*

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## ***Apostle Letter Box***

*Our Dist. Apostle Leslie Latorcai is coming to visit in our Congregation, my question is...*

*“What are the importance, effects or benefits does it contribute to our Congregation?”*

SJ

### ***ANSWER:***

I am not sure whether I understand this question. The District Apostle did not visit any congregation in the Philippines during his visit. However he conducted a District Service in the Municipality hall of Tayasan. There were some 1800 Brethren gathered from various congregations of Negros Oriental. A concert was presented in the Dumaguete Church and at Makati Church. It was the last visit of the District Apostle Latorcai to the Philippines. (see news at [www.nac-philippines.org](http://www.nac-philippines.org)).

Now about the benefits? Every visit of a servant of God is benefit. A divine service is always an encounter with the Heavenly Father, fellowship with his children, fellowship with Jesus in the Holy Communion, instructions by the Holy Spirit etc. The District Apostle has pastoral responsibility over a certain area and with his visit always a special blessing is connected. A District Apostle visit gives new strength and courage and also direction for the Brothers, new plans are made and strategies for the benefit of the congregations are discussed, not to mention the oneness it fosters beyond ones own congregation. Remember the words of Christ: “Receive those who I have sent”

Loving greetings

Urs Hebeisen