



NAC YOUTHLINK



KOREAN ASIAN YOUTH DAY 2012



EDITORIAL

My dear Young People in the Church,

ROCK SOLID was the Youth Day theme recently in Canada. See more inside.



I would like to ask you to set an example in your congregation. If Let us make it our task to see to it that our youth is rock solid in the congregation thus the

CONGREGATIONS ARE ROCK SOLID

We all know, this does not come overnight but can be accomplished by building **ROCK SOLID FAITH**.

According to the teaching of Apostle Paul, Faith comes from the word.

Thank you for helping each other to become ROCK SOLID.

Rock solidly yours

Urs Hebeisen

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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity"

1 Timothy 4:12



District News Update

Korean Asian Youth Day 2012: "Trust in the Lord and do Good"

This was the theme for this year's Asian youth day which was held in Gyeong Ju, Korea last August 3-5, 2012. A lot of participants came, which were composed of 16 countries from Asia. This was a very successful event.

One of the highlight of this year's Asian youth day was the collaboration of Orchestra from around Asia. The participating orchestras were from Korea, Indonesia, China and Philippines. The participant of the Orchestra had 3 days rehearsal before their performance night. This was the first time they played together.

The Koreans (host country) really made their way to let their visitors felt their culture. The youths went to the Korean Market to invite people for the Performance night and also to have their time to buy things for their performance. The youth also went to the "Shilla Millennium Park" which depicts Korean culture and history. They have a very rich culture, the youth watched the history thru live show and some of them also experienced wearing the Korean traditional clothes, the action of using the bow and arrow from the ancient times, the paint experience and a lot more.

On the performance night, guests arrived from around the globe particularly our District Apostle Hebeisen and District Apostle Andersen. The performance was a surprised to all; it was composed of performance from the major participating countries which were: Indonesia, which showed their musical performance with violinist and Angko players with singers; China, which catered their beautiful voices on their performance; Korea, which showed their cultures "Beat Performance" and of course, our very own, Philippines, which catered their talents from dancing and singing which mirrored Philippine Culture. The Filipinos who participated in the said event were: Marlene Datario, Samuel Silvano, Edward James Ronquillo, Randy Silvano, Marjery Ido, Dianne Morales, Nory Calingcag, Susan Silvano, Maricel dela Luna, Rosabelle Silvano, Genesa Azarias-Macalalad, Rebecca Silvano, Evelyn Delota, Atonette Dela Cruz, David Tuazon, Gina Tuazon, Evangeline Tuazon-Dungo, Clarice Tuazon, and Benjamin Tuazon.

One of the highlight of the event was the Asian Orchestra performance, it was a heartwarming experience to hear a performance coming from them and truly their performance was a success. District Apostle Andersen agreed and even offered the orchestra to perform, in the near future to their country. District Apostle Hebeisen commented that it was evident that the Asian Orchestra played together beautifully. The orchestra depicts the true meaning of being one.

The divine service was also a memorable event for a lot of Bearers of blessing participated especially District Apostle Hebeisen and District Apostle Andersen. Definitely this event was successful and a truly memorable one.

ORCHESTRA TEAM MEMBERS OF INDONESIA GOES TO KOREAN ASIAN YOUTH DAY

3rd - 5th August 2012 is the day of Asian Youth Day in Korea. The youth from Kedoya Congregation (11 members) in Jakarta, Indonesia, were participated to join in an orchestra with the Philippines, Korea, and China Orchestra to perform in Korean Asian Youth Day 2012. It was their first time of performing in an orchestra. They went earlier to Korea for rehearsal with the others countries. The rehearsal was on 1st - 2nd August 2012 at Bexco, Busan, South Korea.

The next day, on 3rd August 2012, they have to go to Bomun Youth Hostel in GyeongJu, where the Korean Asian Youth Day was held. The theme of this Youth Day is "TRUST IN THE LORD DO GOOD". On the first day of KAYD they did some task and mission and also prepare for the performance in the next day. On Saturday, there was some training to make an art balloon and then those playing games in Shilla Millenium Park, an amusement park in the downtown of GyeongJu City.

First high-point of this KAYD was the Festival Night. First, every group perform Nanta Games (Beat Performance), a traditional game from South Korea. Then the Joint Concert gave a great impression for the attendance and also for the both District Apostle



The youth also performed their "Beat Performance" using different themes, from pantomime, dancing, singing, beat from recycled materials an all. The outstanding performance was from the last group which performed a guitar instrumental with pantomime, they showed the unconditional love of God for us.



The last day of KAYD, is the second high-point of KAYD. They had a blessed Divine Service from District Apostle Andersen and others. The Word of Life was from 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity". On that Divine Service District Apostle told us to be an example for others, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity. Then the District Apostle also asks the youth to Trust in The Lord and always Do Good to the other. After the Divine Service, the Korean Asian Youth Day was officially closed by District Apostle Hebeisen and District Apostle Andersen. (Kareene/Indonesia)





Youth Day in Canada

ROCK SOLID was the theme of the North American Youth Summit, from 17 to 19 August 2012. A joyful Youth from USA and Canada came together at BROCK UNIVERSITY in St. Catherines, Ontario.



The logo depicted four pillars referring to what the first apostolic Christian continued to remain steadfast. "Apostles doctrine, Fellowship, breaking bread and prayer"

Rock solid we stand on the solid rock of our faith.

The highlight of the program was the divine service conducted by the Chief Apostle:

"And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:22

The Lord promises that He will assist us in all situations, that He will bless us and accompany us, subject to the condition that we adhere to Him and do what is pleasing in His sight.

That which is pleasing the Lord is summarized in a seven-point-program:

1. to seek Him,
2. to offer and sacrifice to Him,
3. to act according to His word,
4. to be thankful,
5. to serve Him
6. to avoid everything that is not pleasing Him,
7. to strive first of all for His kingdom.

The Lord Jesus already said that "asking brings giving" Apostle John must have experienced the fulfillment of this promise personally because he refers to "...whatsoever **we** ask"

North Luzon Youth Day

The north Luzon youth day was held at Sison, Pangasinan last September 1 and 2, 2012. The youth from different side of Luzon were invited; these were youth from places like Pangasinan North and South, Baguio, Abra, Ilocos, La Union, Paoay, and Makati. The first day started early in the morning at around 8am. The program started with the famous game around the globe entitled "Pinoy Henyo". The mechanics of the game is there will be 2 participants, the one asking and the one answering the questions. The twist here is that the questions to be raised are only answerable by yes, no and maybe. There were also intermissions from the participants from different congregation. Relay games which is famous in the Philippines such as "Longest line", "Banana eating with eye cover", "Blowing of starch to find the coin", and a lot more were played too.

The highlight of the first part of the program was the so called "Mr. and Ms. NAC-Youth". Each participating congregation will choose their representatives. The contest was made of the usual stuffs like the "Getting to know", "Modeling", "Talent " and the most important part "Question and Answer". The judges were our respective ministries; they are to test not only the beauty and brain of the contestants but also to look whether these contestants can represent the epitome of "NAC Youth". After the long deliberation of the program the winners are Mr. and Ms. NAC-Baguio as the first prize winner, Mr. and Ms. NAC-Pangasinan North as second and Mr. and Ms. NAC-Makati as third place.

In the evening, our District Apostle Hebeisen arrived, there was a simple program to cater the youth's talent, from singing, dancing and acting. The audience enjoyed the program even if there was a change of venue due to heavy rains. It is truly evident that with God, nothing is impossible. After the youth catered their talent, the bearers of Blessing together with their wives also showed their talents.

On Sunday morning, the service was held, there is one catchy phrase that the District Apostle gave the youth, it was the theme from the North America youth day, very simple and appealing "**Rock Solid**". It only meant that the youth should be unshakable despite the odds that might be on their way, they should be rock solid.

The last part of the program, which is the most awaited part, the "Awarding Ceremony". All the participants were all winners in their own way. The congregation that garnered the highest point was Baguio congregation. Overall the program was like any other youth day, simple and fun.

District Apostle Hebeisen, Citizenship Changed

The title was quite intriguing, the first time people heard of this brought confusion. These words were quoted to our very own District Apostle during his birthday speech in Korea. He said he is happy celebrating his birthday which comes hand in hand with changing his citizenship from **Ordinary to Senior Citizen**.

Last 26th day of August 2012, he celebrated his 60th birthday. This was a big event that brought happiness not only to our beloved District Apostle but also to those who became part of his 60 years of existence. A lot of visitors from around the globe gave their time to celebrate this wonderful event. There was a program held which was a surprise for him. There were lots of heartwarming numbers; from the youth who dance with the outfits of being as children; the staffs from Le Delice rendered a beautiful dance number that showed Filipino culture; the NAC Staffs also danced to a *Bulaklakan* tune also showing Filipino culture; the NAC-Makati Orchestra which played their hearts out. Others numbers were from the ministers and wives from different countries, and also one of the highlights of the numbers was: the number of the Apostle and Bishops with their wives, which made it really memorable for all, they cater their musical talent, from playing the guitar and harmonica and of course, singing their heart out with different dialect from the Philippines. From NAC-Makati Trio, Rosabelle Silvano, Clarice Tuazon and Antonette Dela Cruz played a very heartwarming piece entitled "The Prayer"; the song number from the soloist Rosabelle Silvano, and also a duet from Le Delice staff, Jhing Mosura and Bryan Cervantes added touching moments during the evening. A lot more performances were rendered.

There was a surprise video presentation from the different youth of SEA was played which came as a surprise for our District Apostle.

A very touching video from District Apostle's sons: Daniel and Sammy Hebeisen followed; they sang a song and gave their simple but touching message.

The sweetest number was from our very own Sister Lucienne Hebeisen. She played the piano and sang a love song for the very first time. She captured the audiences' heart and attention and also she showed her undying love for our District Apostle.

After all presentation dance music was played and everyone enjoyed at the dance floor. Celebration was truly an event showing the love of the people to our District Apostle; it was a way to show him that everything he does is appreciated. He is indeed a blessing to all.



EXPERIENCE OF FAITH

REALLY BETTER?

Our Family No. 8, August 2012

I married my best friend. Already during our courtship and our first years of marriage, my spouse made it respectfully clear that she would remain a member of her Christian denomination.

Religious differences aside, she would join me occasionally for church events and always enjoyed the warmth of the members and their sincerity. Being blessed with children, and after much internal discussion and prayer about what church they should attend, I relented and allowed our children to join her church. We pledged that we would make our home Christ-centered and be positive role models for our children.

Sundays were always bittersweet days. We would part ways in the morning. Driving to church by myself I often felt lonely. I would leave our church on a spiritual high from the divine service experience with my church family, but felt a sense of emptiness that my natural family could not be present and experience the same joy and love. We would reunite for Sunday dinner and recount the details of our day. All the while I hoped my family would have a change of heart and come to church with me. The members in my congregations were very supportive when my family would join me on occasion for special events and fellowships, and for this I was most appreciative. My family always commented that our Church has special warmth not experienced elsewhere.

My employer started to experience serious financial problems and my job was in question. I had transplanted my family several years before to a new location in the hope of moving ahead professionally. We had had to leave behind a comfortable neighbourhood, friends and family. My new employer had assured me at the time that doing so would enable me to enjoy job security and financial gain. But now what? I was puzzled and dismayed by my professional battles and brought everything to our heavenly Father in prayer. I remember even asking him: "Why is this happening? Is this part of your plan for me and our family?" I was fully aware that we are not spared difficult circumstances just because we are children of God. But still... I had moved my family to another place for a 'better' life and now I was faced with unemployment. I led a good Christian life and always strove to follow the example of Christ. As though things were not already bad enough, my job struggles caused unnecessary stress in our marriage and our home life.

I prayed often and fervently. I knew that God works in mysterious ways and that with Him nothing is impossible. At one of our fellowships luncheons at church, I sat next to one of our retired ministers. He asked me how life was going. I shared the details of my current job situation and my sadness about my family going to another church. He assured me: "In due time things will change. Don't give up. Keep praying about it." This had an indelible impression on me and it encouraged me to keep faith. Of course I wondered all the while when things would change... Shortly thereafter there was an internal upheaval in the Church that my family attended. A few months later my family was adopted into the New Apostolic Church and sealed.

I am stronger in faith today because of this unforgettable experience. Now I realize why we had to move. It really had been for a better life. My job is temporal and not the reason we exist. God will provide for every need. Now I realize that our move have had eternal reasons.

The prophet Isaiah said: "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, say the Lord." As my family and I attended the divine service together, I often think of this Bible verse and focus on the goal of our faith. B.H./sab



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