



CABC Connect

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“Come and See, Go and Tell”

by Pastor Elbern Latorilla

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” — 1 PETER 2:9 (NKJV) —

This verse shows the contrast between those who do not believe and stumble over Jesus Christ with those who have experienced the blessings of trusting Him as their Saviour. The little word “but” acts like a hinge on a door that enables it to swing and open up great truths for us to see, know and live by. Peter tells us first of our remarkable position. In Christ, we have become citizens of a kingdom that is not of this world. He chose us, not because of who we are but solely because of His grace, and gave us the privilege of enjoying, not a ritual but a royal priesthood. This means that we can approach God boldly and will be welcomed openly because we come as a holy people set apart by Him because of what Jesus did on the cross for us. Through that finished transaction, He has bought us with a price and made us His own private possession. We are God’s very own property. What fantastic truths these are!

Therefore, we believers are a heavenly people - heaven born and heaven bound - whose one big responsibility is to show forth the excellencies of God in our lives. Every believer is a living advertisement for the virtues of God and the blessings of the Christian life. We have been called out of darkness to God’s marvelous light. The challenge for us then is to radiate that light in such a way that people who watch our lives will see Him in all His splendour and beauty and will be attracted to Him, too. Let’s live this heavenly life in such a manner that we have no qualms in inviting others to “come and see” and enjoy this experience also. When that happens, they will, like us, “go and tell” as well.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

1st Service:	9:00 am
2nd Service:	11:00 am
3rd Service:	5:00 pm
Sunday School:	9:00 am 11:00 am

WEDNESDAY PRAYER HOURS

Morning Prayer:	9:30 am
Evening Prayer:	7:00 pm

CHURCH EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Jan 6: CABC Prayer and Fasting

Jan 13: Christian Foundation Session “Overview of Genesis” led by Bro. Mike Borja

Jan 27: Christian Foundation Session “Overview of Exodus” led by Bro. Mike Borja

Feb 3: Christian Foundation Session “Overview of Leviticus” led by Bro. Mike Borja

Feb 10: Sunday School Teachers’ Training and Seminar

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Short-Term Mission: Philippines

Brother Alex Isip on his short-term mission in the Philippines for 3 months early this year, shared about how the Lord has paved the way for plans to unfold. The Lord kept him fruitful for His work as Bro. Alex recognized that all was only possible by God's grace and through the faithful prayerful and financial support of the CABC family. Here is a summary of what has been accomplished (and all for God's glory).

A. Preaching

1. Dapi Church Jan. 14, 2018 morning Esperanza, Lucena City
2. Buroch Church Jan. 14, 2018 3pm at Esperanza, Lucena City
3. Kyros Bible School Fellowship - Edna Santos' home church, Jan 28, Batasan Hill, Q.C.
4. Shakinah Methodist Church, Feb 18, 2018 San. Fernando Pampanga
5. First United Methodist Church Feb 28, 2018 Bancal Guagua, Pampanga
6. Dampay Christian Church Mar 4, 2018 Iba, Zambales
7. St. Paul Methodist Church March 11, 2018 San Pablo, Guagua, Pampanga

B. Visitations

1. Pastor Carlito Manganti (who helped pioneer Lawiswis group last year) while sick at Sta. Rita General Hospital *has gone home to be with the Lord after a month
2. Lolita Tungol's family – during her wake/vigil
3. Presentacion Canlas (Loss of her husband)
4. Samantha Javier- Pampanga Medical Hospital
5. Henry Susi- Home visit
6. Agipo couple- Marriage counseling
7. Leonardo Nunez -ICU visit at St. Francis Hospital, Angeles City, Pampanga - This is the highlight of my ministry as this man who initially continued to delay receiving Christ after being ministered to regularly by a friend, finally prayed with me to accept Christ as his Lord and Savior

at an hour where visitors were no longer allowed at the hospital and yet we were ushered in by the guard. Praising God for saving another soul even at the last days of his life. Someone planted, I harvested but it was God who caused the seed of the gospel to be alive in this man's heart.

C. Teaching Ministry with the Bertrands

1. January 13-14, 2018 Devotion & Mailbox Club Kapilya sa Buroch
2. First United Methodist Church - Seminar on Sunday School Teachers (32)
3. Devotion shared to Sunday School Teachers at Iba, Zambales Dampay Church

D. Prayer Walk in Iloilo, vicinity of Pototan Municipal Jail, with Bro. Vic and Sis Sherryll Hortillosa and Pastor Lloyd McDougall.

E. Organized a bible study group in Maquipo, Pampanga. Distributed 24 bibles to the children

F. Bible Study Group Moderating and Teaching

1. Symphony of Love 3 (Saturdays) Lawiswis, Pampanga
2. Maquiapo Bible Study Group at 6pm. (Thursdays)
3. Alang Curan Club at 2pm. (Thursdays)
4. Sunday School Men's Group at 11am. (Sundays)



Why do you believe in God and Jesus?

Sister Maritza Salangsang, asked her students in Sunday School the simple question on why they believe in God and Jesus. Here's featuring the answers of two of her students:

Why I Believe in God:

"The reason why I believe in God is because He is my Creator, and He is my friend. He is also my Provider and my Father. But the most important thing that God is, is that He is my Savior. I believe He is my Savior because He died for my sins. Not just mine, but the whole world. I believe in God because He loves me, even when I am a screw up sometimes"

The reason why I believe in Christ and why I think He is Alive:

"The reason I believe that God (Jesus) is alive is because it tells us in Scripture that Jesus rose from the dead in 3 days. In Revelation, it says that Jesus will be returning soon. Why I believe in God since I was three, is because my mom has been telling me (biblical) stories, true ones. I first accepted Christ when I was 3 but I have been taking it more seriously last year when I first went to Youth (Friday fellowship)"

CHURCH EVENT HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Feb 18	Family Sunday Facilitated by Sunday Friends Bible Study group
Feb 23-25	CnU Winter Retreat at Cedar Ridge Camp Theme: "The Cost of Discipleship"
Feb 24	Christian Foundation Session "Overview of Numbers" led by Bro. Mike Borja
Mar 3	CPR Course (details on back page)
Mar 10	Christian Foundation Session "Overview of Deuteronomy led by Bro. Mike Borja
Mar 12-16	March Break for Kids (MB4Kids) (details on page 4)
Mar 24	Christian Foundation Session "Overview of Joshua" led by Bro. Ezra Alderete
Mar 25	Outreach at Journey Church in Markham Choir presented "The Sacrifice" musicale
Mar 30	Good Friday Services
Mar 31-Apr 1	Easter Presentation "The Sacrifice" Musicale <i>April Mission Emphasis Month</i>
Apr 1	Special Meeting for both Services Re: extend the call to Pastor Solomon Reyes to fill position as Associate Pastor for CABC
Apr 7	Christian Foundation Session "Overview of book of Ruth" led by Pastor Elbern Latorilla
Apr 8	Workshop on Church Planting led by Tom Haines
Apr 14	Children's Mission Conference
Apr 21	Annual Prayer Breakfast led by Young@Heart
Apr 21	Christian Foundation Session "Overview of Joshua" led by Bro. Ezra Alderete
Apr 27-28	Annual Church Planning Retreat Fair Havens Retreat Center, Beaverton, ON.
May 7	CABC host for Pastors and their wives' quarterly meeting held at churches' multipurpose hall
May 12	Joint Fellowship More Than Love and Homebuilders Couples
May 13	Mother's Day Sunday Services Facilitated by Transformed in Christ Bible study group
May 19	YPM Urban Street Mission
May 20	Stewardship Sunday
May 26	Praise and Worship Outreach
May 27	Sunday School General Assembly
Jun 2	Spring Cleaning
Jun 9	Church Anniversary Picnic Held at Thomson Park, Scarborough
Jun 10	Church 34th Anniversary Services Led by More Than Love and Homebuilders Couples
Jun 10	Baptismal and Membership Service (see page 4 for the list of new members of CABC family)
Jun 17	Father's Day Sunday Services Facilitated by D'KFC Bible study group
Jun 28-30	CABC Family Camp Fair Havens Center, Beaverton, ON. Facilitated by SOL2 & RICH Bible Study groups (see page 5 for more details)

Summary of MB4Kids 2018:

by Rizza Damian-Facun

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

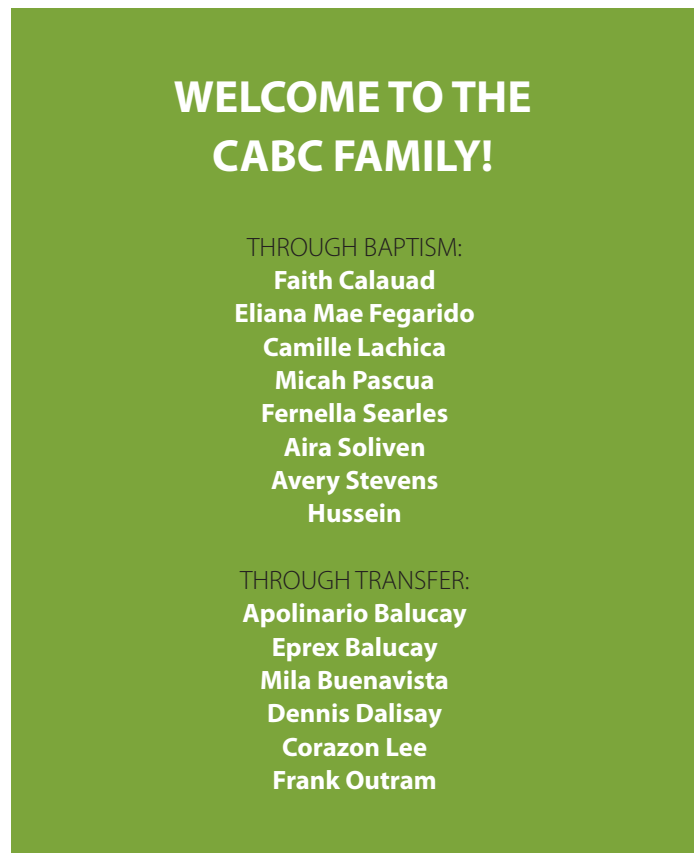
- Biblical lessons looking at the life of Elijah, Rahab, Ruth; Kindergarten had a different lesson which were based on picture books
- Pawsitively Pets
- Nutritional Class with Pizza Nova
- Pizza Lunch/Movie (RightNow Media) and Popcorn
- C4 Bowling, Ice Cream Sundae and Raffle draw
- Sports Activities and Crafts

CAMPERS:

- 32 Registered campers, however only 27 attended (5 did not attend due to sickness)
- 15 are new campers/new to MB4Kids (10 of which are from the neighbourhood)
- 9 of these campers had been with the ministry since 2015
- Feedback from campers and why they like MB4Kids: love the sport activities and games, Pizza Nova and pizza day, meeting new friends, bowling, ice cream sundaes

VOLUNTEERS:

- 20 volunteers, 9 are new, and came different times/days. Compared to last year's camp only 4 from the youth. Many from last year were not able to volunteer due to work & school
- Since 2015, 8 of these volunteers remain faithful to the ministry
- Task ranged from: devotions/praise and worship leader, teachers, kitchen crew, sports/games, drivers.



CABC PICNIC 2018 - HAPPY 34TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY!





CABC Family Camp 2018

207 registered campers (children included) and about 10 transient/day campers enjoyed the warm lovely weather, surrounded by the peaceful and beautiful camp grounds of Fair Havens, as they were fed by God's Word through the powerful, down to earth and wittingly delivered messages of Brother Benji Devadason.

Kudos to the combined efforts of R.I.C.H and SOL2 Bible study groups for overseeing every detail and making this year's camp another memorable one.



CPR Course

by Sheila Herbert

The CPR First Aid course was presented on March 3, 2018 by Instructor Dave. There were 14 registered but only 10 attended. The participants were eager to learn the preventative measures that can be applied in case of an emergency. The purpose of the course is to teach what one should do if someone is ill or hurt and to make sure that they are comfortable until the EM service

arrives. We are thankful for all who made the effort to attend the class. Congratulations to each of the following, who received their two-year certificate:

Edwin Alderete, Maryanne Borja, Melissa Borja, Mary Grace Coronado, Vivian Delos Santos, Ada Fegarido, George Gregas, Sheila Herbert, Anne James and Cristy Pascua.



EASTER PRESENTATION "THE SACRIFICE" MUSICAL



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