

CABC Connect

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

1st Service:	9:00 am
2nd Service:	11:00 am
Sunday School:	9:00 am 11:00am

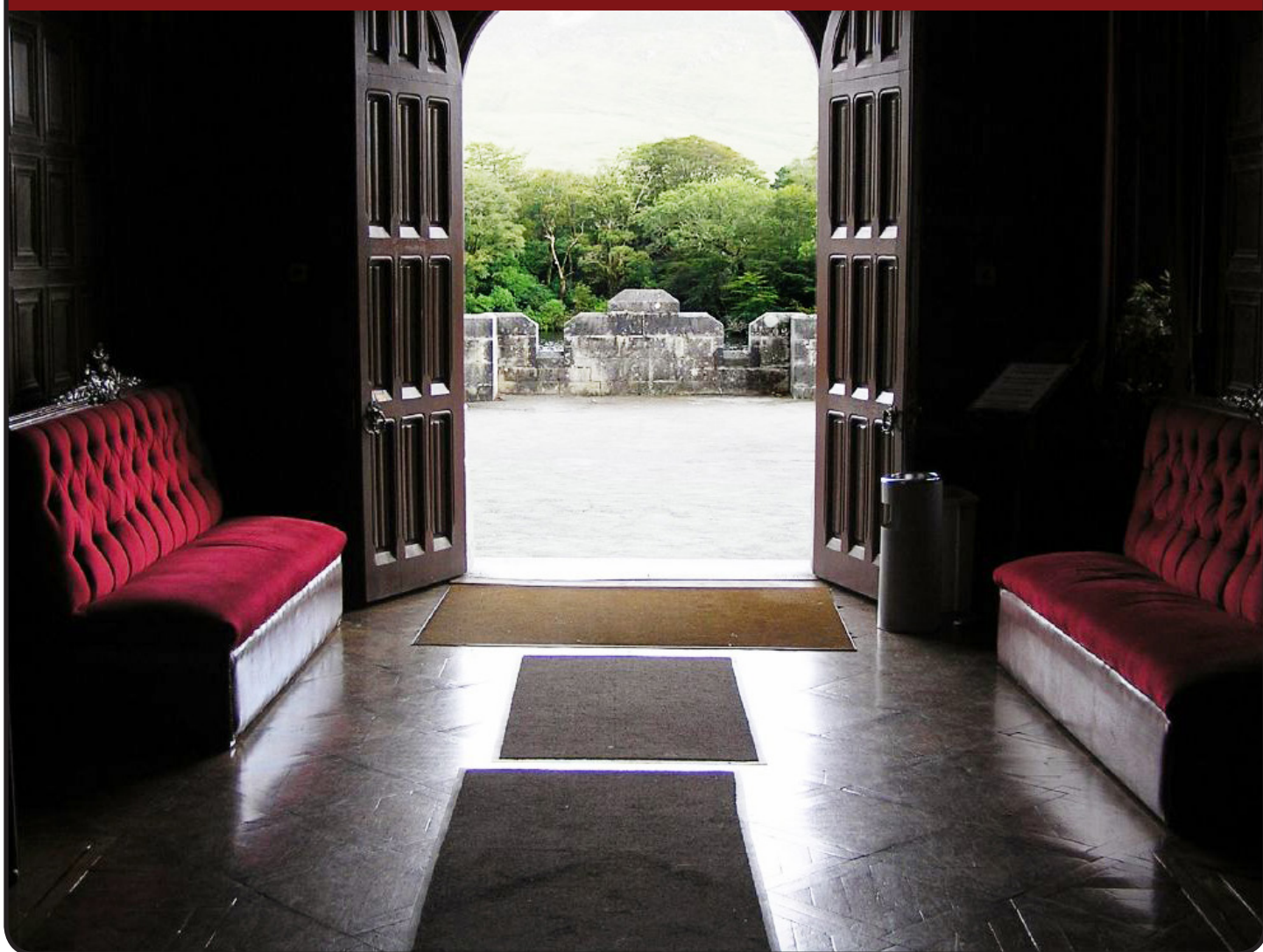
WEDNESDAY PRAYER HOURS

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

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**"Blessed are those who listen to me,
watching daily at my doors,
waiting at my doorway."**

— PROVERBS 8:34





Stepping Out in Faith

by Pastor Jim Wright

We began our ministry at CABC in mid November, 2002. Our years at CABC have been both challenging and rewarding. We are thankful for the many things we have learned; for the opportunities for personal growth; and for the many meaningful relationships that we have enjoyed at CABC. We value and appreciate all of you who have encouraged us, supported us, and showed your love to us over the years.

In the early years it was a challenge to develop the youth ministry, but with the help of a great team of volunteer youth leaders, and with a lot of hard work, prayer, and perseverance, by the grace of God, the youth ministry began to grow. I have had a lot of joy in building relationships with the youth and the youth leaders over the years. I had the privilege of seeing young preteens grow to become young adults. I am proud of them, and thankful for what God continues to do in their lives. I will never forget the impact that they have had on my life.

We are also grateful for the love and support of so many of you in the congregation. We have enjoyed the fellowship in Christ that we have shared with you. You have been a huge and precious part of our lives for more than eleven years, and we will always remember the love that you have shown to us.

It has also been rewarding to have had the opportunity and privilege to study and preach through the book of Hebrews, and now for the last few years to work through the Gospel of John. The Lord has used His Word first and foremost in my own life as I have wrestled with the text to prepare each consecutive message.

And so, how does one discern the leading of the Lord, calling us from one place of ministry to another? Unfortunately, there is no cookie cutter mold that the Lord uses to guide His people – “one size fits all.” Each one of us is unique, and the Lord uses unique circumstances and means to reveal His purposes to us. As the hymn writer said, “Some through the

water, some through the flood, some through the fire, but all through the blood...God leads His dear children along.”

I believe that the key is that we need to prayerfully seek and be open to what the Lord is saying to us in our circumstances; through the people and experiences that come our way; and through the vision and passions for ministry that He stirs up in our hearts. We need to continually ask questions like, “How can I best use the gifts of time and ‘talents’ that the Lord has entrusted me for His service?” “What gets me excited as I dream about serving the Lord?” “What opportunities of service is the Lord bringing across my path as I prayerfully and sincerely seek His leading?” These questions and many more are very personal and individual that everyone must answer for him/herself, and no one else can make those decisions for you. Each one must listen to the still small voice of the Lord speaking into one’s own heart and circumstances.

Another important verse in seeking the Lord’s direction is Ps. 37:4 – “Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” As we delight in the Lord and seek His will, there may be more than one open door, or possibility of ministry. At that point we must decide which one is best suited, which one gets me most excited, which one would I love to do the most? Whether it is who you will marry, or which school you will attend, or which job you will take, or which ministry you will pursue, you must make a choice, and then commit yourself to serving the Lord in that choice.

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.”

— PSALM 37:4 —

As for me personally, over the years at CABC there have been a few issues for which we have sought the Lord's direction and resolution. For several years now, we have sensed a deep longing for a new kind of ministry focus that we can pursue for the remaining years of our ministry, and we sense the Lord opening that door and leading us to step out in faith to experience His amazing provision. It has been with much prayer, and wrestling with the issues, and seeking to discern God's will for us that we have concluded that now is the right time for us to move to a new ministry. With the coming of a new full time youth pastor, my mandate for the youth ministry at CABC has been fulfilled, and with the changing job description and ministry focus at CABC, we believe that now is the time for us to move forward in faith to accept a new ministry call that the Lord has given to us.

Effective March 1, 2014, I have accepted a call to join the ministry at Little Britain Community Baptist Church. I will assume the position of Associate Pastor of Community Life. In His perfect timing, the Lord has opened up a door of ministry where I can focus most of my time on working with the lead pastor, the board, and the congregation to develop activities to reach out into the community; to welcome and nurture those who come to the church; and to help train and equip the people to reach out to their network of relationships for Christ. This focus on evangelism is like the icing on the cake of ministry for me. I am delighted to be able to devote myself to this great ministry that I can work together with others to accomplish.

And so it is with mixed emotions of sadness and anticipation that we step out in faith to follow the Lord into this new ministry endeavor. We will be sad to say farewell to so many good friends at CABC, but we are also excited to give the remaining years of ministry left to us, to focus on community outreach. We will continue to live in Keswick until Michael has graduated from high school, and then we will move to live in the Little Britain area. We trust the Lord to provide a suitable home for us there, as well as teaching opportunities for Michelle in the new school board region. We would appreciate your prayers for us during this time of transition.

We will continue to value our relationships with you, to pray for you, and look forward to hearing news of your progress and developments in the ministry. We hope to continue with many of the friendships that we have formed with individuals and families over the years.

With much love and gratitude,

Pastor Jim and Michelle Wright



Mission: Jesus at Work by Willie Damian

Every year during the month of March, is CABC's Mission Emphasis Month. As the church desires to reach out locally and to the world to bring people to Christ, the Missions Committee invites missionaries from different churches and agencies who will give the sermon for the four Sundays in March. This year, the missionaries were requested to address and explore their sermons with these aspects:

- *Who and what is a Missionary?*
- *Are we adequate for a great commission sized Mission?*
- *How do you know when you are called?*
- *How do you raise your support?*

The messages somehow have enlightened our insights and underlined our responsibility to abide in God's Word. As we do so, we heed our calling to build each other up in His Word, and build those whom we touch upon in our daily lives in the power and glory of our Lord. "What to do next?" is the

question that lies ahead to accomplish His great commission.

One can move in either of the two directions: *from words to things or from things to words*. If we do not make the journey from theories and ideas to concrete situations, then the concrete situations will only be lost under a smoke of words. We need to bring the Gospel to the people and live as the Gospel enables as to live to build people up in Christ.

Some churches are busy trying to work one program of evangelism after another to see if it is accomplishing its objectives and whether or not it is worth doing. While some just could not decide what mission agency and missionary to support. The strategy we ought to apply is one that has been proven accurate and effective by Jesus, however this is not given the attention it deserves.

We need to examine the record of the New Testament, the Gospels in

particular. These were written by eye witnesses' accounts to tell us the truth, primarily to show us that Jesus is truly the Son of God; that He is the perfect example and no one else. We need to read the Bible and give time to trace the stages of Christ as portrayed in the Gospels, and focus on the steps He has taken.

His objective and intention is very clear—to save the world and people for Himself. To build a church of the Spirit so no one should ever perish, but have the everlasting life. To the very end, Jesus gave Himself to bring salvation for all men from all sins.

To Jesus, His mission was world evangelism. He planned to win, He lived, He handpicked the men to disciple, He died and He rose again according to God's heavenly plan. He conceived a plan that did not fail, does not fail and will never fail.

Amen.

PONDERINGS

Your Life as an Open Door by Orpha Palencia



In a quiet moment, as I reminisced on those youthful heydays of reckless abandon, fragments of spattered memories sauntered my mind. How, on my first journey of faith searching for greener pastures, I was transported into the unknown; into a new landscape where dreams for a better life can be materialized and genuinely experienced. Such an unimaginable occurrence cannot be realized without the providential act of God.

He orchestrated the whole thing for me to recognize His sovereign control of my destiny as He opens and closes doors.

It dawned on me that when God opens a door, there is always an urgent call for service to be considered. As God's people, we are called to serve. We become His hands and feet to reach out to the lost world to spread the good news of salvation. We are also called to serve one another in the body of believers - the church, whom Christ is the head.

Serving God is not by coercion or obligation, or a wishy-

washy kind of thing to be taken lightly. Our choice for action in serving has to be clear and intentional; motivated by love and our willingness to obey His Majesty, the King of kings. It must be motivated by humility that characterizes a servant attitude; courage to stand adversity; and compassion that resonate to the love of God.

Serving God is costly. Often times, it requires some enduring way of sacrifice to be able to understand the true meaning of costly service. Are we willing to sacrifice our precious time and effort, our resources to serve God and make Him known? Are we willing to pay the cost for whatever it takes? Therefore, a challenge for commitment has to be established with a determined spirit of undivided loyalty. Joshua's words to the Israelites when he challenged them on their willingness to serve, is a challenge for us to think about and consider. "If serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"—Joshua 24:15.

Sometimes you may wonder... but unless and until you are willing to allow God to make your life an open door for service to accomplish His purpose, that door is not for you.

PHOTO: SOLD members with Pastors and wives and Small Groups Committee members

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

Purpose: To provide a niche for singles where each one can comfortably relate to, in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship; while growing in spirit and truth as we help each other discern God's direction in our lives through the teachings of His Word.

If you are interested in joining the group,
contact Sheila Millendez at (647) 988-2270
or Bong Belaos at (647) 955-6879.

→ Accountability and Support: To have a support group where we can pray with and for each other, as we learn together from God's Word; guiding and lifting each other's spirit up; helping each other deal with social pressures because of the world's view on singlehood.

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MINISTRY FAIR & SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING **JANUARY 4**

CABC started the New Year with an interesting twist: combining a Saturday special congregational meeting, pot blessing fellowship and a ministry fair, wherein posters that showcased different small groups were displayed in the sanctuary and other areas within the building.

BABY SITTING WORKSHOP JANUARY 11

The Nursery ministry provided a whole day Baby Sitting Course through Heart to Heart First Aid CPR Services. There were 12 attendees who took part of the training and are now better equipped to serve in the Nursery ministry of CABC.

CPR SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP **FEBRUARY 8**

Fifteen CABC members were certified for CPR level C after completing a whole day training and workshop by Heart to Heart CPR services of Red Cross Canada at the multi-purpose hall. Spearheaded by Chessy Damian through the Nursery ministry under the Christian Ed committee, the course was done as an additional teaching tool to equip our volunteers.



FAMILY SUNDAY / FAREWELL PARTY FOR WRIGHT FAMILY **FEBRUARY 16**

The Symphony of Love 2 Bible study group facilitated both morning worship services to celebrate Family Sunday. It was indeed a time to be reminded of the blessing of having families of our own and likewise belonging to a bigger CABC family.

The afternoon had most of the CABC family present for a short program and farewell bash for Pastor Jim and his family as we sadly bade them goodbye. Pastor Jim has taken a next step in his ministry following the Lord's direction to another church. SEE PASTOR'S ARTICLE ON PAGE ii FOR DETAILS

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM WORKSHOP **FEBRUARY 1**

About 30 members of the Praise and Worship bands attended the whole day seminar at the sanctuary. Pastor Loel Iatorilla shared God's word. The group watched videos of Paul Baloche and his team about different pointers to being more effective in this ministry. Furthermore, John Isip, our music Director, spoke to the group about tips on how to engage the congregation in singing songs of praise and worship.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES ORIENTATION **FEBRUARY 15**

In line with the many changes within our church structure, a four-hour leadership orientation program was held at the multi-purpose room to inform officers of what is expected of them, and to provide information that will help them make sound decisions. Fiduciary roles of officers were also discussed as well as guidelines for program implementation. But of course, a reminder from God's Word about Leadership accountability was shared by Pastor Elbern before everything else.



MORE THAN LOVE COUPLES' NIGHT **FEBRUARY 15**

Each More Than Love couple invited another couple to join them for an evening of fun-filled fellowship at the CABC all-purpose hall. The evening was graced with testimonies by Lorna Iatorilla, Michelle Wright and Ariel & Josie Poquiz. Couples enjoyed an overflow of food; games that triggered endless laughter; nostalgia through a quartet love song; a comedy sketch carrying a powerful love message; and a journey down memory lane through wedding picture slides and love theme songs in the background. Finally, couples verbalized a recommitment of marriage vows as Pastor Elbern prayed for everyone.



DEACONS' WIVES COOKING WORKSHOP **FEBRUARY 22**

The Deacons' wives once again held a cooking workshop at the Multi-purpose hall with 24 attendees. Michelle Wright inspired the group through a devotion based on Psalm 139. First Aid remedies for common injuries were shared by Gina Montemayor, before the main event where the ladies cooked together guided by Nik Labayen's expertise. An extra treat of preparing and tasting Chessy Damian's cheesecake was a real bonus for the group.



YP FRIDAY MINISTRY **MARCH 14**

An evangelistic drama group called "Unbreakable" presented a missions-focused drama entitled "We Go Anyway – The Story of Cindy Luu". The group was sent by N'Vision the Arts International with the sponsorship of both Millar College of the Bible and Prairie Bible Institute. The Young People's Ministry organized the event and invited the congregation and guests to hear the message.

PRAYER RALLY FOR MISSIONS MONTH **FEBRUARY 26**

Thirty three prayer warriors joined the evening's prayer rally for the upcoming 'focus on Missions Month'. Specially prayed for were the 4 speakers invited plus Pastor Elbern, who were scheduled to share God's word for the 5 Sundays of March. Our 5 sent missionaries and the 4 newly supported ones were also fervently prayed for.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH **MARCH**

MARCH

CNU SNOW CAMP **FEBRUARY 21-23**

Thirty six of our young people from the CNU group went to Cedar Ridge Camp in Bancroft, ON. Pastor Alex was the speaker and the messages were focused on building the community of believers. The CNU group also enjoyed praise and worship, games, and winter activities such as snowshoeing, cross country skiing, tobogganing, ice skating and hockey.



SOLD LAUNCHED **FEBRUARY 23**

The new small group "Singled Out for the Lord's Direction" was launched with Pastor Elbern Latorilla exhorting the group of singles who fellowshiped at the all-purpose room, with the Small Group committee. SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE GROUP.

30-HOUR FAMINE **MARCH 7-8**

The SAY and CNU groups raised \$907.50 for World Vision through the annual 30-hour Famine at CABC from Friday March 7th to Saturday, March 8th. There were 34 participants this year who took part of the challenge of fasting from food and dedicating their time to worship, prayer, fellowship and learning more about the 30-hour Famine cause.

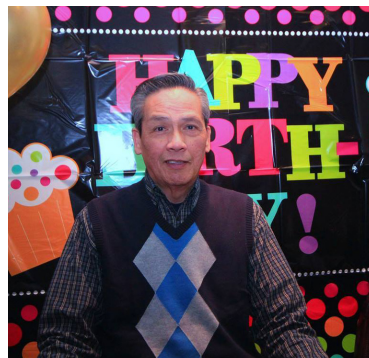
Maligayang Kaarawan Willie!!!

by Neslea Navarro

for Willie's 70th birthday – Jan. 2014

Maligayang Bati sa iyong Kaarawan Kuya Willie!
Alam namin na hindi ka sang-ayon sa magarbong handaan
Pero sa simpleng pamamaraan
Hayaan mo kaming batiin ka sa araw ng iyong pagsilang.

Sa oras na ito ay ikaw ay aming pararangalan
Siyang huwaring asawa, ama, kapatid, kaibigan at iba pa
Tunay na pinagpala ka ng Dios Ama
Dahil sa mundong ito ay naka-pitong dekada ka na.



Isang makisig na tao kung ikaw ay pagmasdan
Ano pa kaya noong si Ate Rose ay una kang masilayan; matalino, simple, maalam sa buhay at huwaran
Kaya kahit na ang kaprangkahan ay hindi masyadong nagugustuhan
Sige na lang, kasi alam namin na ikaw ay mapagmahal at maaasahan.

Sa aming pagkakaalam, buhay mo ay makulay; subok sa buhay, ikaw ay pinatibay
At sa haba ng panahon, iyong natutuhan
Sa Diyos magtiwala at buhay mo sa Kanya ay ini alay.

Sa iyong kaarawan, nais ka naming pasalamatan sa lahat ng kabutihan na iyong ginawa
Sa iyong pamilya, ikaw ang patnubay at punong sandigan
At sa amin ay walang hanggang pagkakaibigan, ating sumpaan.

Nawa pagpalain ka ng Maykapal; kaligayan at pagmamahal sana ay iyong makamtan
Sa oras man nanglungkutan, karamdaman, kasiyahan at pagsubok sa buhay
Huwag mo sanang kalimutan, lahat kami sa iyo ay nagmamahal...

*Happy Birthday brother Willie

We know you do not approve of a lavish celebration
But in our simple way
Allow us to greet you on your birthday

At this time you will be honored
As an exemplary husband, father, brother, friend and more
Truly blessed by God the Father
Having reached seven decades in this world

One handsome man as we behold
How much more with Sister Rose's first glimpse on you;
smart, simple, prudent and a role model
So even if your candor is not very much liked
Just go ahead, because we know that you are loving and
dependable.

To our knowledge, you lived a colorful life; tested, you have
been strengthened
And in the span of time, you have learned
To trust in God, and offer your life to Him.

So on your birthday, we'd like to thank you, for all the good
you have done
To your family, you are their guide and main cornerstone
And to us, eternal friendship, this is our vow

May God bless you; may love and happiness be yours to keep
And In times of loneliness, sickness, happy times and
throughout the tests of life
Please do not ever forget, that we do love you...

*(Translated for our Non-Tagalog speaking readers /Ed)

Young @ Heart: 2014 Calendar

JANUARY

Sunday, 05

Word of Wisdom

Willie Damian

FEBRUARY

Sunday, 02

Is Marriage Good?

Sheila Herbert

MARCH

Sunday, 02

Word of Wisdom

Carmen V-Burnett

APRIL

Sunday, 06

Word of Knowledge

Cathy Careng

Saturday, 19

Prayer Breakfast
8 to 10 am

Lydia Arcenas
Senior Group

MAY

Sunday, 04

Gift of Faith

Julie Pe-ang

JUNE

Sunday, 01

Word of Knowledge

Cathy Careng

Saturday, 14

Joint Senior Fellowship
with other senior groups

Sheila Herbert
Senior Group

JULY

Sunday, 06

Working of Miracles

Lorna Bovell

AUGUST

Saturday,
date - TBA

FIELD TRIP

Rita D'Agostino
Overall Leader

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 07

Prophecy

Delores O'Connor

OCTOBER

Sunday, 05

Discerning of Spirits

Lorna Latorilla

NOVEMBER

Sunday, 02

Divers of Tongues

Ramonica Mendio

DECEMBER

Friday, 05

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Speaker: TBA

Cathy Careng
Overall Leader

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www.cabchurch.org

If you would like to contribute
or be involved in any area(s),
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Remember Leonila

By Phil Joshua Manalastas

You have sowed much,
And your life,
A great reaping.

In your times of poverty,
To be tired of living,
Would have been easy to do.
But you were a stone,
Planted in the ground,
That gathered much moss.

In your closing years,
Of endless vigil,
Your prayer went further than roads,
And for that,
Your house is blessed.

Now,
At the end of your days,
You are younger than us all,
So go on,
And meet our Maker,
Then ask around for Benjamin,
I'm sure an Angel or two can point you in the right direction.

For you,
Grandma,
Nanay,
You precious soul,
We do not shed tears in rain.



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