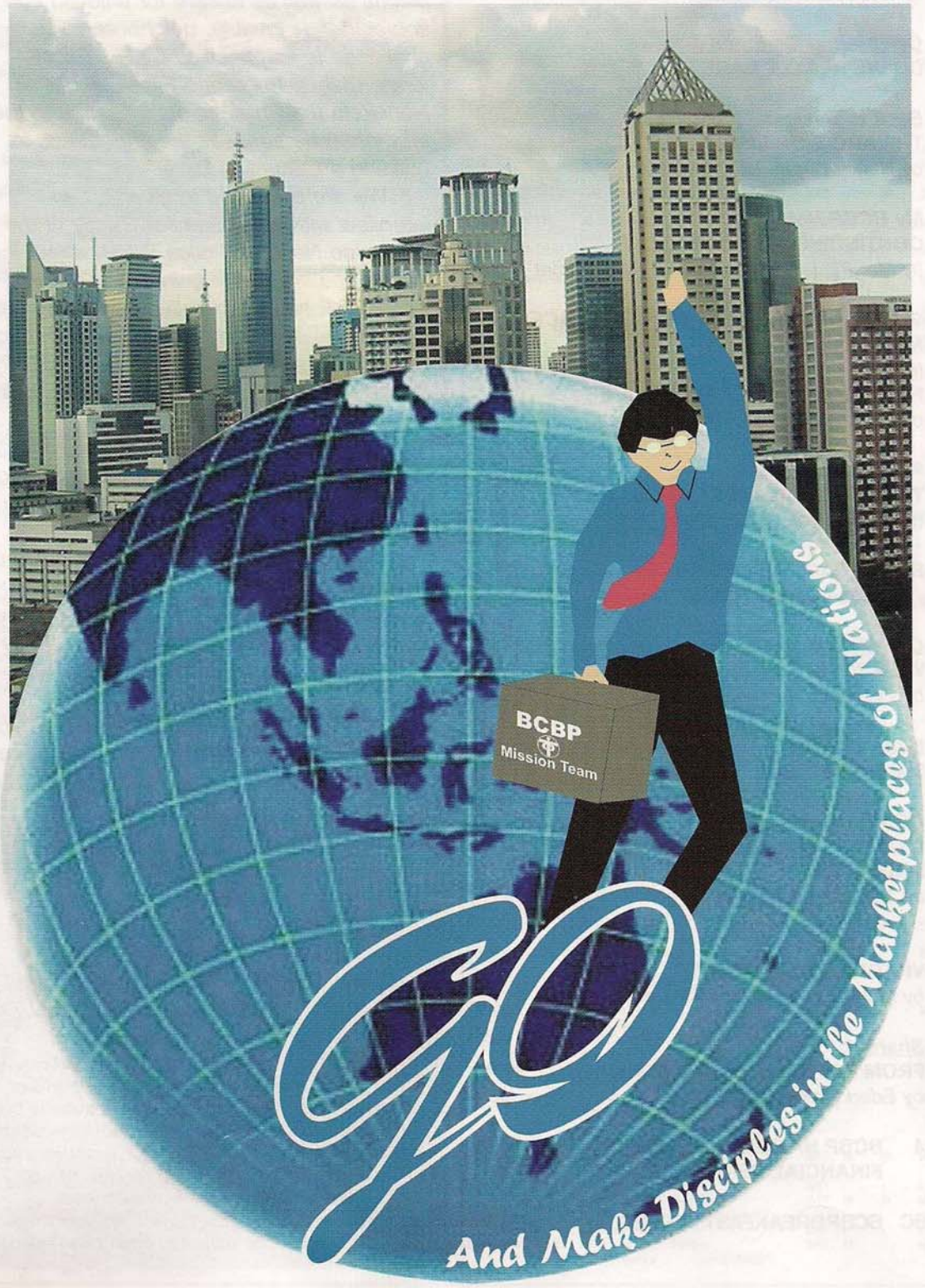


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Editor's Note

Our BCBP Mission. Loving. Caring. Growing in Spirituality and Service. These are a few of the highlights in this Kapatiran. President Bobby Laviña challenges us to conquer our own mountains to enable us to live out the BCBP Mission in our marketplaces as well as to care for unloved and, sometimes unlovable, neighbors. This challenge is emphasized by His Excellency, Bishop Fernando Filoni, Papal Nuncio to the Phils., in his message to the laity when he stresses the importance in building a Culture of Love.

We are privileged to give you an interview with Gen. Samson Tucay of the Philippine National Police (PNP) about the transformation that is going on in the PNP. The BCBP has been actively assisting this transformation throughout the year through its mission program the PNP-BLSS (MEP); Ray Garcia of Bacolod shares about their experiences.

The BCBP National Office has released the Audited Financial Statement for Year 2005 and we reprint it in full for your information.

In our December issue we will continue coverage of the various BCBP Mission programs and thrusts. And we encourage sharings about your experiences in these activities, especially of marketplace victories.

*Be an Evangelizing Presence in your marketplace and build a Culture of Love. -
Nancy R. Catan*

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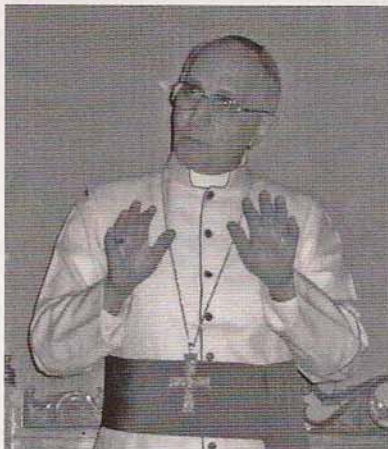
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Building A CULTURE OF LOVE

THE EPISCOPAL Commission on the Laity through its secretariat, the Sangguniang Laiko ng Pilipinas (Council of the Laity of the Philippines, LAIKO) celebrated National Laity Week September 24 to October 1, 2006. The BCBP as a Catholic Lay Organization is a member of the LAIKO with Bro. Jun "JC" Catan of BCBP Manila designated by BCBP President Bobby Laviña to represent the Brotherhood.




transformation and the sharing of God's love in the spirit of Christian charity. He emphasized the transforming power of the Eucharist in building this culture of love and the responsibility of each one of us in manifesting Christ's love as sons and daughters of God to each other, our families, our communities, our parishes and especially to those in most need of His love.

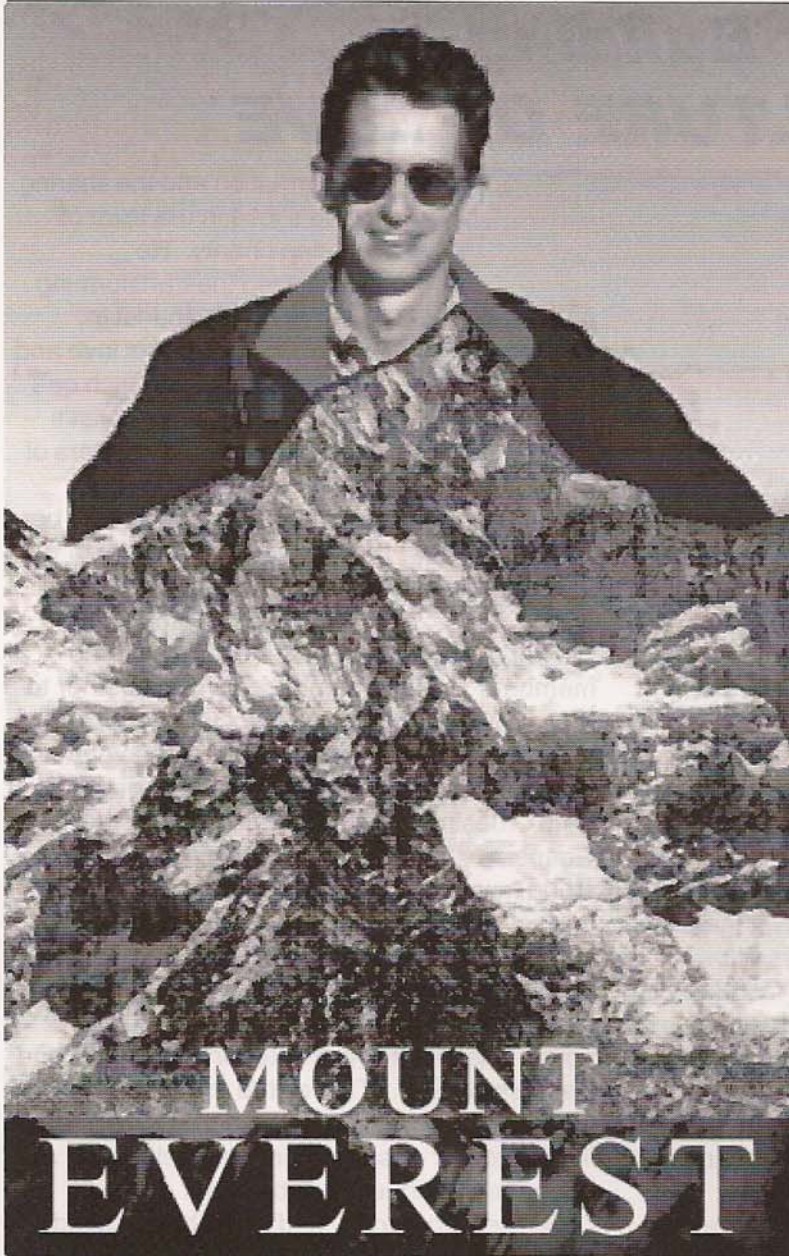
Sunday, Sept. 24, saw the gathering of LAIKO members at the Manila Cathedral with selected organizations, beginning with the BCBP, presenting an overview of their vision, mission and activities to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Fernando Filoni, Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Most Rev. Gabriel V. Reyes, D.D., Chairman of the Commission on the Laity, other LAIKO members and members of their respective organizations. This was followed by a concelebrated mass, highlighted by the reading and signing of a "Covenant of Solidarity of the Laity" by different lay organizations, witnessed by the Papal Nuncio.

His Excellency then held a private audience with the LAIKO members after the mass wherein he stressed the importance of the role of the laity in the Church in building a Culture of Love. Building a Culture of Love involves rediscovering the immensity of God's love in all creation as well as rediscovering one's vocation as an active agent in positive social

The "Covenant of Solidarity of the Laity", after expressing the members' unity of intention to work together to respond to the challenges, social needs, and sufferings of our times, states that the various lay organizations under the umbrella of the LAIKO desire: "with a child-like faith in the Gospel, to begin living fraternity as a stepping stone towards building a culture of love so that this covenant does not simply become a statement of intention, but a reality among us."

In his comments Bishop Reyes said that we all have a common calling – the Call To Love – since we are created in the image and likeness of God. This call to transform the world as a community radiated by love is not limited to our pastors, nuns and religious. All of us, he continued, are born out of love, generated from love, and have been called to actively work for the creation of heaven in our midst where love, peace, unity and understanding prevail. He issued a call to all the lay faithful to be active, to live God's love, and to unify in building a Culture of Love. 





and the BCBP

By Bobby Laviña, BCBP President

LAST MAY 15, David Sharp died on Mount Everest. This 34-year-old Briton was one of eleven who died during one of the worst six-week seasons for individual fatalities on the mountain that has already claimed hundreds of lives. So what is so remarkable about David Sharp's death?

Forty people passed David Sharp as he lay dying on the slopes of Mt Everest. Forty people saw him lying there but continued on their way to the top. Most of them said that he

was already as good as dead when they came upon him and any attempt at rescue would ultimately have been futile and cost more lives. A Lebanese climber and some sherpas stayed an hour with him but ultimately moved on.

The buzz about Sharp's death was punctuated by a late-breaking story about the survival of Lincoln Hall, a 50-year-old Australian who was rescued a week later after a guide abandoned his own attempt at the Everest summit and sat with Hall until help arrived.

Were the climbers who passed Sharp callous or merely realistic? Were they more concerned about the high price they had to pay to attempt to summit? Or were they just so intensely focused on the pride of conquest—being on top of the world? This ethical controversy will probably rage for a few more years but I think this story is more important as an illustration to us of what BCBP members are called to do.

The Lord's constant call is "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." (Mark 8:234)

For BCBP members, this call takes many forms. It could mean continuing to fight corruption in business and government either through the Be Honest campaign or through direct efforts like BCBP Iligan's.

They are about to sign a MOA with the City Council to get involved in helping ensure a transparent bidding process at City Hall.


Denying oneself could mean taking care of family concerns even after a long week at work by doing one-on-ones with the children. It could also be spending time and cell phone load to call the PNP trainees who took the LSS, following up on their conversion process.

Carrying our cross could mean giving up a day in the week to get personally involved in the welfare of the nanays of BCBP Ecoreach to help them with their micro business and to feed their hunger for God's word. It could also be continuing to love that unlovable neighbor and inviting him to attend the breakfast.

*The Lord has given us an admonition
He has also given us a lot of opportunities to show how well we understand it.*

The Lord has given us an admonition but, at the same time, He has also given us a lot of opportunities to show how well we understand it.

Will we be among the 40 who will pass the David Sharp's of this world in our pursuit of fortune, power and fame or will we abandon our own comfort, risk embarrassment and loss to take care of those in need out there?

I am writing this in a room darkened by the loss of power due to typhoon Milenyo and I am wondering how our brothers and sisters have been affected; how our Ecoreach nanays and their families are. I am thinking how this typhoon is another reminder that all is on loan, how things can change so quickly and how we need to move fast if we are to make a difference in the marketplace - if we are to conquer our Mt. Everest with every one in tow. 

Do We Really Care?


LIVING TOGETHER in the BCBP community, enjoying fellowship occasions (breakfasts, assemblies, action group meetings, etc.) should bring us closer together. In the BCBP we are called to be a "caring community". This means looking for and exploring ways to build bridges to the people around us. There are five principles in really caring that can help set us apart from our every-man-for-himself society and offer hope and help to a world in desperate need of both.

Be creative. Take inventory of your resources and using your ingenuity try new ways of reaching out to others, of encouraging the downhearted or just improving your smile.

Be attentive. As you become friends, "hear" their needs, even the unspoken ones. Be attentive to the needs and resources around you, and you'll become a true friend.

Be a receiver. Receiving gratefully and gracefully is as important as the giving and sharing of oneself. A neighbor or friend is not just someone we help but someone we can ask to help us.

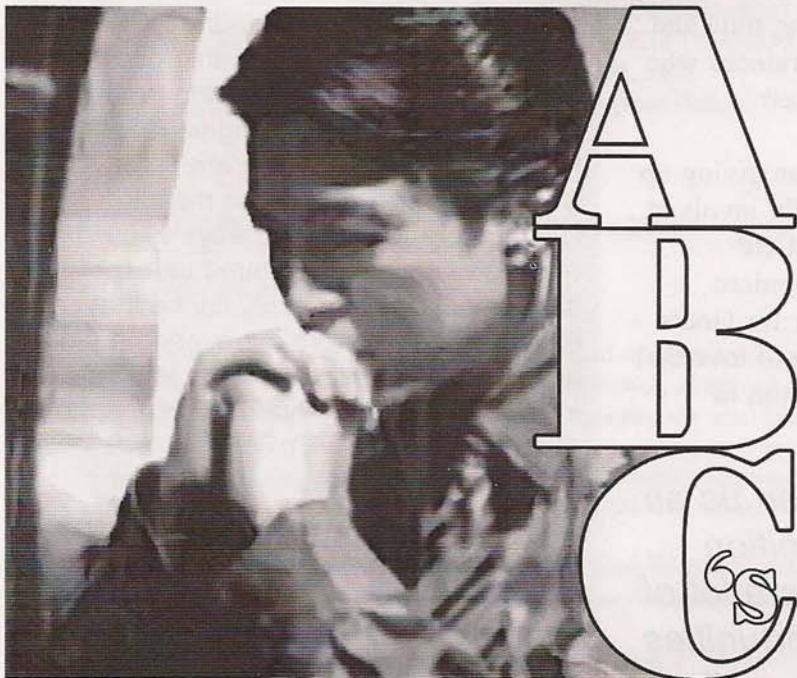
Be realistic. Common sense and human limits tell us we can't be sharing, giving and caring all the time to everyone. Practice the gift of Christian community in small, doable ways like setting aside one day a month to tidy up your neighborhood, or one afternoon a month to "bond" over coffee with some sisters or brothers that you have not had a chance to get to know well.

Be brave. Volunteer for a service that challenges you. Join Eco-Reach activities and visit the 'nanays' in their homes. God's presence gives us the courage to respond to His challenges to "care" regardless of our apprehensions. 

By Nancy R. Catan

One of the first things we learn when we study a language is its alphabet. But have we ever learned the ABC's relating to the development and growth of our spiritual life, our spirituality? Some time ago I came across an Alphabet of

Spiritual Literacy with tips on how basic practices can spell meaning in one's daily life. It pointed out several areas in my life that needed improvement and inspired me to a deeper intimacy with myself, my neighbor, and God. I'd like to share this alphabet with you (the italics are mine).



of SPIRITUALITY

A – ATTENTION. Pay attention. Stay awake and totally alert. See with receptive eyes and discover a world of ceaseless wonders.

B – BEAUTY. Walk the path of beauty. Relish and encourage its inward and outward expressions. Acknowledge the radiance of God's creation.

B – BEING PRESENT. Live in the present moment. Don't obsess about the past or worry about the future. All you need is right here now. Remember Matt. 6:25-34.

C – COMPASSION. Open your heart, mind, and

soul to the pain and suffering in the world. Reach out to others and discover the rewards and obligations of deep feeling. *This is where BCBP Eco Reach Program comes in!*

C – CONNECTIONS. Cultivate the art of making connections. See how your life is intimately related to all life on the planet. *Including the environment.*

D – DEVOTION. Express your feelings of praise and adoration through devotional practices. Pray with words and pray through your actions.

E – ENTHUSIASM. Celebrate life with this


intoxicating passion. It adds zest to everything and helps build community. Hold nothing back. *How does my enthusiasm (or lack of it) affect the BCBP community?*


F – FAITH. Recognize and accept that there is another dimension to life than what is obvious to us. Live with obstacles, doubt, and paradox, knowing that God is always present in the world.


F – FORGIVENESS. In both your private and public lives, discover the sweet release that comes from forgiving others. Feel the healing balm of being forgiven and of forgiving yourself.


G – GRACE. Accept grace and your world will be larger, deeper, richer, and fuller. Look for its intimations everywhere. Let this seed of the Giver of Life bloom in your words and deeds.


G – GRATITUDE. Spell out your days with a grammar of gratitude. Be thankful for all the blessings in your life.


 **H – HOPE.** Let this positive and potent emotion fuel your dreams and support your service of others. Through your attitudes and actions, encourage others never to lose hope.


 **H – HOSPITALITY.** Practice hospitality in a world where too often strangers are feared, enemies are hated, and the “other” is shunned. Welcome guests and alien ideas with graciousness.


 **I – IMAGINATION.** Give imagination free rein in your life. Explore its images and ponder its meaning-making moments, and it will always present you with something new to be seen, felt, or made known.


 **J – JOY.** Rejoice and be exceedingly glad. Find this divine energy in your daily life and share it with others. *Philippians 4:4-8.*


 **J – JUSTICE.** Seek liberty and justice for all. Work for a free and fair world where oppression and inequality no longer exist.


 **K – KINDNESS.** Let Spirit flow through you in little acts of kindness, brief words of encouragement, and manifold expressions of courtesy. These deeds will add to the planet’s fund of good will.


 **L – LISTENING.** Cultivate the art of deep listening in which you lean toward the world in love. All things in the universe want to be heard, as do the many voices inside us. *This is also known as empathic listening, a skill learned in the BCBP’s Steward Leaders Training.*


 **L – LOVE.** Fall in love over and over again every day. Love your family, your neighbors, your enemies, the unlovable, your seemingly inaccurate and less smart employees and co-workers and yourself. And don’t stop with humans. Love animals, plants, stones, even the galaxies. *God does! He created everything and saw that it was good.*


 **M – MEANING.** Constantly try to discover the significance of your experiences. Seek further understandings from sacred texts and spiritual teachers.


 **N – NURTURING.** Take good care of the best that is within you. Self-exploration and personal growth continue throughout our lifetime and equip us to tend to the needs of others.


 **O – OPENNESS.** Hold an open house in your heart for all people and all things. Practice empathy with others and receptiveness toward God.


 **P – PEACE.** Protect the earth’s future by promoting peace very day. Your small steps will link you with others who are combating violence in the world.



 **P – PLAY.** Be playful. Express your creative spirit in spontaneity. Hurrah the pleasures of being, and let loose your laughter.

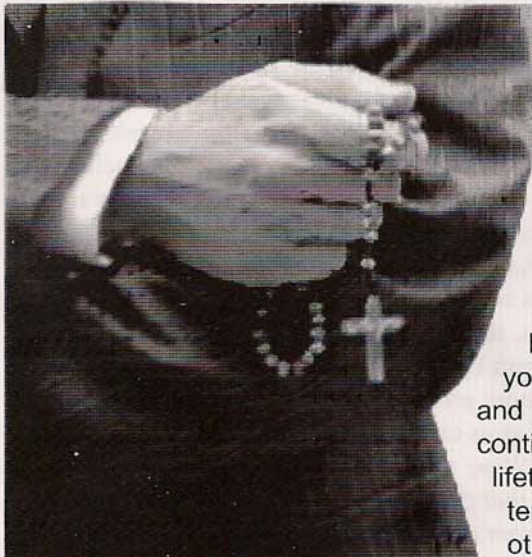
 **Q – QUESTING.** Savor questions and thrill to the quest. See your life as a journey that quickens your faith and deepens your soul.

 **R – REVERENCE.** Practice reverence for life. The sacred is in, with, and under all the things of the world. Respond with appropriate respect and awe.

 **S – SHADOW.** Give up trying to hide, deny, or escape from your imperfections. Listen to what your demons have to say to you.

 **S – SILENCE.** Slow down. Be calm. Find a place where you can regularly practice silence. There you will find the resources to revitalize your body, mind, and soul.

 **T – TEACHERS.** Be willing to learn from the spiritual teachers all around you, however unlikely or unlike you they may be.  Always be a sensitive student.





T – TRANSFORMATION.

Welcome the positive changes that are taking place in your life. Open up the windows and let in some fresh air. Wholeness and healing are waiting in the wings.



U – UNITY.

Respect differences but affirm commonalities. Work together with those who are trying to make the world a better place.



V – VISION.

Practice the art of seeing the invisible. Use the wisdom of your personal vision to renew yourself and your community. *Be guided by the wisdom of God and the promptings of the Holy Spirit.*



W – WONDER.

Cultivate a vibrant curiosity and welcome the reports of your

senses. The world is alive and moving toward you with rare epiphanies and wonderful surprises. Remember you are standing on holy ground.



X – THE MYSTERY.

Accept the unknown as part of life. Don't try to unravel the profound mysteries of God, human nature, and the natural world. Love the ineffable. *Remember that we are servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1 Cor. 4:1.*



Y – YEARNING.

Follow your heart's boundless desire. It takes you out of yourself and fosters an appreciation for the multidimensional pleasures of life.



Y – YOU.

Accept that you are a child of God. Sing your own song with gusto.

Fulfill your mission as a copartner with the Holy One in the unfolding drama of the universe.



Z – ZEAL.

Be passionately aroused by life. Cherish every moment, honor your commitments, and treasure your kinship with all. *Especially with the BCBP community! Everyone in the community!* ✠



Source: *Spiritual Literacy: Reading the Sacred in Everyday Life*, by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat. (Scribner, NY. C1996)

Continuing Resolve

WHILE ON a leisurely walk with a friend during a round of golf, he mentioned experiencing frustration and difficulties in his work, although he found the job enjoyable and doable. He complained of intrigue and lack of cooperation from some insecure co-workers, even in projects that were designed for their advancement. He could not fathom the reason for the indifference and the situation was sapping his energy and lowering his resolve.

Isn't this situation familiar in the BCBP milieu?

We invite friends for breakfast and they don't show up. We bring them through the BCLP and they drop out. We see brothers and sisters merely paying lip service to their faith and continuing in their old unchristian ways.

This is a reality we all face. But will this faze us? Do we let this reality distract us from our commitment?

My BCBP Notebook ✠

by Mar Figueroa, RCD NE Leyte & Samar

It doesn't take much strength to go down a river. But it takes a lot of strength and faith to swim upstream. Starting a new trend and resisting the popular wave takes a great deal of self-reliance and self-assurance. Observe the people breaking new ground. They are doing it because they believe in what they are doing and they are willing to accept criticisms and setbacks.

As we establish inroads into the hearts and minds of others, as we reach out to bring others to Christ, the rebellion of Satan and the rejection of the truth by evil and/or misled men become more and more pronounced.

Let us call to mind these words of John:

"Now, this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us..." 1 John 5:14-16

Amidst all the seemingly endless negative news about the Philippine National Police and various valid reasons to mistrust our police force, comes this breath of fresh air and hope in the person of Gen. Samson Tucay, Director for Training of the PNP recruits nationwide. A PMA class 1978 graduate, son of a poor tenant farmer from Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, who has risen through the ranks, he exemplifies a new generation of renewed professionals who have encountered the Lord, gotten transformed and made a deep personal commitment to fight the good fight for Christ.

BCBP has extended assistance in the area of LSS seminars for several hundreds of trainees in various venues. For this cooperation, he agreed to be interviewed by me and our national president, Bro. Bobby Laviña, informally in a restaurant last 17 August 2006, for the sake of spreading the Good News, specially about the PNP. General Tucay also established the TABA Pulis program run at Subic Bay, initially with a class of 35 'misfits', rogue cops with folders of cases, in 2004. It currently has benefited 2,253 graduates with a new life in Christ and new-found dignity in themselves.

The interview was totally in Taglish but I have tried my best to sound as orig as possible in English. –Ronnie Caballero

From Rogues to True Riches

An Interview with Gen. Samson Tucay, Director for Training of the PNP

by Ronnie Caballero, BCBP Makati

KKapatiran: Can you describe how you got into the (Catholic charismatic) renewal?

Dir. Samson Tucay: My basic orientation is of wine, women and song, but the roots go deep and way back to my days in the PMA when the macho culture was foisted on me. To be one with the culture they had to ingrain in you a certain level of toughness attuned for one not to spill the beans on your comrades if you fell into enemy hands. So to ensure this, they had to beat you up themselves to see if you would make the grade. I underwent several versions of hazing, including a level all knew as "making you regret the day you were born". All kinds of physical cruelty, psychological torture, etc. that could be given without detection and proof were given. To me it was the loss of one's dignity. This was the system's "monster factory".

I was actually ready to give up but they even brought my father to the academy as a surprise to convince me that quitting only meant poverty if I returned to tend our farm. So I stayed but I came out as a monster ready to get even with the world out there. If this had been in the old days and you looked at me as you did coming into this restaurant, you would have gotten a few punches already from me.

K: Really? Since I had not met you yet, I was merely looking for who likely would be the PNP general among the clients seated in the restaurant

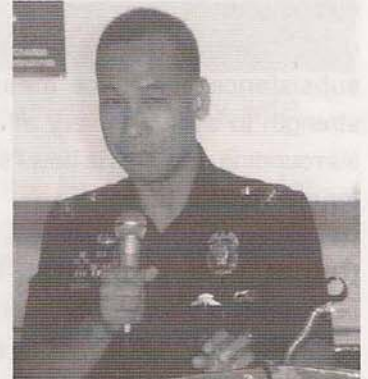
and my eyes rested on you twice. I will really be careful next time about that.

DST: This training paradigm really resulted in many 'monsters' walking the streets.

The machismo system took care of its 'monster' products; wine, women and song were easily within reach anytime without limits at the 'best' venues. Martial law days just even made the situation worse. I am sure you have met what I am talking about. I was one of those guys.

But the mentality took a toll on my family. My children would not speak to me, my wife almost left me ... this led me to reflect about my life. I decided to leave the service temporarily and joined the U.N. force in Cambodia to earn clean money, not money from jueteng.

In those months there, I began my self-reflection. I received good pay that would have easily given an extension of my wine, women and song days. Instead after an ordinary working day, I turned to long-distance running bringing some locals with me so I could avoid the land mines. As I slowly regained my physical strength through this





training paradigm needed to counter this 'monster' culture. Reflection led me to the conclusion that Christian renewal basically restored my human dignity which allowed me to experience genuine transformation.

K: What about the non-officers? Are they subject to the same temptations as the officers?

DST: Definitely. The quota system goes all the way down. The P200 peso bribe for a traffic violation looks so good specially if you have not yet eaten. But definitely the perks and 'rewards' are higher for the officers.

Upon further reflection, I saw that the 'monster' (the shattering of a person's dignity—all in the name of training) was indeed manufactured in the training schools (e.g. putting chili on genitals, swallowing 10 tablespoons of salt, drinking 5 pitchers of water). On all levels of training I saw that this 'monster' was very prevalent. Even then, the temptations were still not around. The hate-filled 'monster' living in the temptation environment made matters even worse. I even had the experience of an AFP Brig. General slap me in the face with his slippers saying that it was not him (who slapped me) but his slippers. Do you see what kind of monster factory this is? A lot of hate, driven into debt by loans, paid a meager salary, given a rank and a gun, the 'monster' now is unleashed into society with one thought "Babawi ako!"

I'm sure you heard the story of Gen. Lomibao, a 4-star Chief of the PNP? His very own 20-year-old son encountered 'kotong' cops at a Caltex station who divested him of P50 for coffee money outside Camp Crame at 3 a.m. in the morning, despite being identified as the general's son. He had not violated any law, was courteous, yet the cops insisted.

When the incident reached the PNP Chief, he came to me in a quandary about what to do. So a decision was made to send the whole station to the 'TABA' Pulis program in Subic without necessarily pointing fingers. After the month-long renewal program, dignity was restored. The culprits stepped forward and apologized to the whole station who had had to undergo hardships with them. The whole unit responded in true

running regimen of 10 to 12 kilometers daily, I also turned to prayer to avoid temptations. This combination of disciplines started the awakening of faith within me. Receiving US \$145/day subsistence allowance meant I really needed strength to avoid the very affordable temptations surrounding me. This is how I survived temptations for my 5-month stay there.

When I came back to the Philippines, I had a classmate who invited me to the Bukas Loob sa Diyos LSS. My shepherd then is still my shepherd to this very day. Shortly after, as I was undergoing this process, I was looking for a place to have coffee and stumbled on this group of 5 to 6 younger PNP-PMAyer officers huddled together. They invited me to sit down with them. They were the CORPS Movement Foundation Inc. (Christian Officers Reform the Police Service), a clean, credible group of people. Later the CORPS chairman was appointed station commander of Station 10 – Kamuning, the biggest police station in the country. As soon as you report there a weekly "envelope" arrives along with 5-star wine and women invitations, top picks. You can imagine what an impact this strong Christian man had on this monster culture. These were the early beginnings of the renewal work in the PNP.

Having attended the Marriage Encounter, served in various baptisms of the Holy Spirit, Sunday assemblies, and the Family Encounter led me to the question: "Why is the police the way it is?" It led me to think about and formulate this

camaraderie and genuine forgiveness, assuring them that they, too, were grateful to have undergone the program. The tremendous change in their lives was worth all their time.

Documented scalawags (with folders of evidence) are brought to the center to undergo the program. I take away their gun, cell phone, radio, T.V., newspapers and watches. Smoking, drinking and visitors are not allowed. For one month they relate with who is in the camp and with my trained staffers. Everyone is up at 4 a.m. Breaks are only for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They retire at 8 p.m. Very strict regimen and inspection of barracks and ranks is done daily. Drills and hard athletics are given, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. The only difference is that I do not shout at them and I listen to their grievances. Whatever I ask of them, I show by example that I have done it first myself, whether it be a haircut or shining shoes or our daily run, etc.

What is important is that I listen and I pray with them. Little by little, I tell them that no goodness or transformation is possible if we do not have God in our life. The program focuses on MYSELF (1st week), ME and MY FAMILY (2nd week), ME and MY GOD (3rd week), and ME, MY GOD and MY WORK (4th week). It is our laboratory for motivating them to be God-centered, service and family-oriented empowered men.

We serve & protect

and

WE PRAY



K: We know how vicious and brutal crime and the insurgency can be. Do you think you or your renewed men have become 'softer' in fighting these sinister forces?

DST: I have a standing challenge with anyone in the PNP force to parachute with me into enemy territory to encounter the enemy. Long ago in my macho days, I used to hide my fear from my men by constantly pacing until I felt better ... because if I stood still they would see my knees literally shaking before an encounter. Now, after saying some prayers I am more composed and fierce when facing criminals or insurgents. No, I am not soft or have become 'malambot' because of my faith. So far none of the 'machos' up to this day have taken me up on my challenge.

K: What is your favorite Scripture verse?

DST: Matthew 6:33. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you." You will never know that God is what you need until you find out that God is all you need. This I read in Rick Warren's Purpose Driven Life book.

K: How many years are left for you in the PNP?

DST: Two years before retirement. But I hope to keep on with this ministry even beyond retirement. I also hope to extend this ministry to other government employees and executives (B.I.R., Customs, etc.). **K**

PNP-BLSS (MEP): The Bacolod Experience

*by Ray Garcia, BCBP Bacolod,
RCD Negros*



THE MARKET Evangelization Program (MEP-BLSS) with the Philippine National Police recruits was the “shot-in-the-arm” that BCBP-Bacolod needed. Faced with various mission and formation concerns these past few years, it came as a “fresh wind of encouragement and inspiration” especially for those of us who served.

Preparation and logistics

Since the go-signal to proceed came rather late, we had only a little over a month to prepare for the Brotherhood Life in the Spirit Seminar (BLSS) for 334 police recruits at the Philippine Public Safety College, Police National Training Institute, Regional Training School 6 in Bacolod City. It was agreed among the heads that this was going to be a “borderless” BCBP-Bacolod undertaking (North and South Chapters, East Outreach). North Chapter Head Bro. Bobbie Legaspi was named Course Leader, with South Chapter Head Bro. Pepe Ledesma and East Outreach Head Ogie Ascalon overseeing the various committees.

Upfront, there were 3 major challenges: the BLSS format, the service team, and funding. With no experience in conducting a condensed form of the LSS, the BLSS Manual of the Greenhills Chapter provided by Sis. Marite Laviña proved to be helpful with certain modifications adapted for the Bacolod BLSS series.

Another proof of the work of the Spirit was the inclusion of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. The advice from Soldiers for Christ was that there should be no proselytizing since there were non-Catholic Christians and even non-Christians among the trainees. This was

taken to mean that references to Catholic doctrines and the use of Catholic practices were to be avoided. However, RCD Bro. Ray Garcia and Bro. Bobbie had the chance to talk to the Chapter Head of the Tacloban Chapter during the Area meeting of Chapter Heads and Treasurers in Iloilo last April. Among other things, he shared with them that they provided time for confession and had a Mass during the BLSS. This was subsequently adopted in Bacolod. It did not in anyway affect the appreciation of the program by the non-Catholics. On the contrary, there was a lot of respect and understanding among the trainees of different religions. But for the Catholic trainees which comprised about 80% of the total, this gave many the opportunity to go to confession after many, many years. (A number had their first and last confession at the time of their first Holy Communion.) Again, the Holy Spirit was actively directing the program every step of the way.

The number of servants required was a major concern. For each batch of 111 trainees, there was need for 22 Discussion Group Leaders (DGL's), preferably to serve through all the 3 weekends. In addition, warm bodies were needed for the various committees: secretariat, food, music, finance, intercessory, audio-visual, and liturgy. The total requirement was not reached until the first day of the BLSS; and for the next 3 weekends, there were over 50 members serving, coming from the 3 Chapters and Outreach, excluding those who volunteered for

the intercessory team.

And the last major concern was funding. For the 3 batches, there were 334 sets of hand-outs to be photocopied, 1,336 snacks for the trainees and about 300 lunches and 600 snacks for the service team,



stipend for 18 priests, and other administrative needs to be attended to. But, as usual, this turned-out to be the least of the concerns, for at the end, there was an excess in the total amount raised for the 3 weekends.

There were a number of other gaps prior to the start of the BLSS. There was apprehension over the receptiveness and openness of the participants. There were some doubts as to whether the program would be effective, considering that it would be compressed to only two days. But as the BLSS progressed, miracles happened. Everything was provided for. God was in control.

The most important preparation was of course spiritual in nature. Weeks before the start, a 3-day novena was held, with an empowerment session at the end. An intercessory team was also organized for the 3 weekends, with continuous prayer from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. of each session day. Aside from this, a half-day refresher session was conducted for those serving as DGL's.

The BLSS-MEP experience

Over-all, the trainees were very receptive and cooperative. Many observed that there was genuine hunger ("uhaw") for God among the trainees. As one DGL observed, "they were like sponge, so hungry for God's Word!". This was very obvious during the discussion groups. In fact, the time allotted for sharing in small groups had to be increased to satisfy this felt-need to share, to unburden, to seek clarification and counsel. Another "complaint" was that "bitin ang singing". They wanted to learn more songs. In fact, a high point was during the mini-talk "Vocal Prayers / Praising

and Raising of Hands" given by Bro. Nel Dingcong of the South Chapter. This mini-talk ended with a time for praise and worship, where a few trainees exhibited the Gift of Tongues even if no workshop on this was conducted.

Another "exhibition" made by the Holy Spirit was when the final session ended earlier than scheduled, and there was a "window" of about an hour prior to the Mass. The Course Leader opened the floor for sharing by the participants. It was a time of grace for everyone, including a Muslim, a Mormon and a Baptist who eagerly volunteered. (Mormon's sharing/paraphrased: Whenever I passed by the sessions, I would think that "kawawa sila" since they have to sit it through the whole day, listening to all those talks. Now, after experiencing this, I can say "kawawa ako" if I did not go thru this program.)

Those who were able to speak shared about the realizations that they had during the BLSS, and how they were touched by the love and care of the BCBP members serving. They had undergone a number of value formation programs during their stay in the training center, but these were normally in the form of talks and personal reflection. With the BLSS, they were touched in the special way by the presence and service of our members who sacrificed their time away from their families and work to be with them for two whole days. God used the witness of the presence of many BCBP servants to touch the hearts of 334 young men and women.

An innovation was introduced during the 2nd batch. After the talk on Transformation, the former Outreach Head of Silay, Bro. Nato Ofamen, was asked to share. This made a

great impact on the young policemen and women, for Bro. Nato, dressed in the PNP uniform, witnessed to them that it is possible to be a Christian police professional. Bro.

Nato is currently a PNP Inspector heading the mobile group patrol in Bacolod City.



BCBP Marketplace Evangelization Program (MEP)




there have been activities that were jointly sponsored, including joint BCLP's and BCMR's; but usually, the lead-Chapter would come-out having the highest attendance and doing most of the work. And individual Chapters would usually handle the committees separately. This time, it was truly borderless. Each effort had members from the 3 Chapters and Outreach joining hands. And all readily gave their cooperation to the leadership of the program.

"The most fulfilling service ever..."

For BCBP-Bacolod, the "shot-in-the-arm" resulted in a renewed evangelistic fervor. All the servants agreed that it was one of the most, if not the most fulfilling service that they had ever rendered. It was an experience of the Holy Spirit's power, of God's protection and of His love manifested in the *koinonia* among the members. Everyone was cooperative and ready to fill-in the "gaps" that cropped-up along the way. No one complained of the long hours of service.

Significantly, it was the first time that BCBP-Bacolod members had experienced the "borderless BCBP" that Pres. Bobby Laviña envisions. No more North, South and East. We were just one community. In the past,

The call to continue

The mission does not stop with the BLSS. The call is for creativity and innovation in formulating a follow-up program. A commitment assembly will be held before the graduation from the training center of the 334 policemen and women, wherein they will be invited to make a commitment to be followers of Christ and to be Christian police professionals. Their subsequent assignments will be tracked; and those assigned in areas with BCBP Chapters and Outreaches will be endorsed for follow-up. For those assigned in Bacolod, a monthly prayer meeting is initially planned. And as this is being planned (and written), the next batch of 200 trainees is expected to start their training in June. 

FEEDBACK

PNP MEP-BLSS participants of Regional Training School 8, Tacloban City:

"Awakened us and strengthened our faith in God."

"I really felt God's presence in my life."

"I realized my wrongdoings, mistakes and asked for forgiveness which I did not do for a long time."

"I learned that prayer really works."

"With the Holy Spirit in me, after 19 years, I finally forgive my mother for leaving me."

"The seminar taught me to be a better person and made me understand the trials in my life."

"The seminar gave my life direction."

"Thank you BCBP for sharing God with us newly recruits of the PNP. Now we are no longer afraid to face the real world because God is in the center of our lives. Please continue your work and someday we hope and pray to see you again, this time as Brothers in Christ."

"As a Police Officer, God will now always be the center of my life."

"I cannot explain my feelings. I have been transformed."

"I feel light. My problems are still there but I face them everyday with the thought God through the Holy Spirit is in me, with me."

"The BLSS renewed my entire life. Now I live with God. I felt lost but now I found my way back to my God. Thank you, BCBP!"

Best Practices for BCBP Breakfasts

During the past few months seminar-workshops in Mindanao, Visayas and Luzon have been held by NSC for Mission, Vice President Rene Cortes, to discuss Mission activities, with particular emphasis on the BCBP breakfast, not only how to improve the Breakfast impact but also to unify procedures throughout the BCBP country. We give you a synopsis of the Mission Ministry Best Practices Seminar output.

Details are available from the BCBP national office. –Editor

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

It is the responsibility of the Mission Director to see to it that the Breakfast is fully supported by the chapter in terms of manpower, finances, etc. All members, especially older members, should be encouraged to attend. The MD together with the Breakfast Team are to conduct a regular evaluation of the Breakfast.

The Men's Breakfast Head shall oversee both the Men's and Ladies' Breakfasts. His primary concern is to ensure a regular inflow of first timers; it is the responsibility of the MD to monitor the attendance of BCBP members. Preparation is a must for the Breakfast Team; details should not be left to the last minute. IDs and name tags, the Breakfast Program in the recommended format, breakfast menu, book table, and physical arrangements are part of this preparation. The "one-look" concept must be observed with uniform streamers and banners centrally sourced from the National Office.

There should be a "timed" flow of the Breakfast, skillfully managed by the Emcee. Promptness and punctuality are vital factors to achieve this. Food must have been served, consumed, and tables cleared before the sharing begins. It is the responsibility of the emcee to institute "noise control" as necessary; cell phones must be silenced, and conversations ceased when the program starts.

JOHN 21:12

Jesus said to them
"Come, have breakfast".
And none of the disciples
dared to ask him,
"Who are you?"
because they realized
it was the Lord.



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PUTTING ORDER IN THE BREAKFAST

The Breakfast Team should pray together prior to the activity. Prayers during the Breakfast should be short, friendly to first timers and welcoming to BCBP members. Never forget Grace Before Meals. The pray-over of the sharer is not a mini-worship session and should be done reverently without drawing undue attention to the pray-over. We are reminded that the BCBP Breakfast is ecumenical and the Breakfast Team should be sensitive about this. The reading of Scripture is to be reserved for the Scriptural Response after the sharing and not done at the beginning of the program.

The Music Ministry plays a very important part in attracting first-timers to continue coming to the breakfasts. Thus the Music Ministry must practice and be prepared with songs chosen to support the breakfast theme and/or spiritual leadings. Songs during the Breakfast should be common, upbeat songs, not worship songs. The BCBP song is to be used as the



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closing song. The Music Ministry must encourage community participation in the songs; it is not there to “perform”.

A good practice is for the Music Ministry members to eat when the breakfast is served. This moment of silence during meal time can be a good opportunity for the sponsors and other members alike to bond with the first timers.

It is the responsibility of the greeters to warmly welcome both first timers and members and make sure that when seated, they are introduced to the other members at their tables. First timers should be seated together with their sponsors, preferably near the front.

The Emcee is a member of the Breakfast Team. He must manage the time properly and have control of the program flow. He should make sure that no negative nor green jokes are told during “Joke Time”. He must be familiar with the BCBP’s history, mission and vision, and different breakfast venues, and not just read them from a ‘codigo’. All announcements shall be given only by the Emcee, not the service heads or others. Non-breakfast related matters involving BCLPs, BCMRs, Assemblies, Teachings or “commercial matters” should not be made especially when first timers are present.

GUIDELINES FOR THE SHARING

Every sharer should be accredited and checked out with his/her respective chapter head, MD or Breakfast Head. Ideally chapters and outreaches are encouraged to develop a cooperative effort among them to establish a pool of accredited sharers. The Breakfast Head should obtain an advance copy of the sharing so it can be properly reviewed for content (emphasis on marketplace victories and BCBP life, not dwelling too much on the past), BCBP values and listener impact. Also, the sharing should always be delivered on a first-person basis, recounting the sharer’s actual experiences in his/her journey with the Lord.

The emcee shall be the one to introduce the sharer. When the sharer is finished, there must be a scriptural response followed immediately by the closing prayer; response and closing prayer should be given by one person only. The response should be limited to a short relevant scriptural reading (one or two verses); no interpretation or summary of the sharing should be done.

After the breakfast, the BH and MD should evaluate the sharer and the sharing for future reference and/or recommendation to other chapters. A sharer must share in his own chapter first, before accepting invitations from other chapters or outreaches.

FIRST TIMERS

Although the greeters take care of the first timers, all members and the sharer should welcome them. If a token is given, it should be a religious item. Cue cards must be used in the introduction of the FTs to minimize lengthy introductions and comments.

Several ways on how to invite FTs and sustain their attendance were discussed. One way is to assign one breakfast to an action group or unit who would then be responsible for inviting FTs to that breakfast. The chapter/outreach may sponsor a mass and distribute invitations to the breakfast before and after the mass. Some areas have conducted a Grand Breakfast to attract FTs. To facilitate follow-up, there should be a FT form to be filled up.

OTHER MATTERS

It is emphasized that the Breakfast Team should undergo sufficient training to be able to conduct the Breakfasts in the BCBP way. This is because the Breakfast is the main entry point for FTs and a source of nourishment and strength for all BCBP members. Additionally, both the emcees and the discerners should attend their respective BCBP workshops.

The Music Ministry must also attend the Music Workshop plus have regular practices so that all members will know (and if possible, memorize) the songs they sing at the Breakfasts. This will enable them to be more confident and joyful during their songs. ✠



by Fernando de Larrazabal

We Are Not Monks

*Go, therefore,
and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19*

JESUS prepared his apostles by instructing them to go to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The apostles did as instructed and enclosed themselves, devoting their time to constant prayer. After they received the Holy Spirit, they went out to preach and evangelize. They did not content themselves with enjoying the fruits of the Holy Spirit and with one another's company. Rather, they went out, as instructed by Jesus, to bring the good news of salvation to others.

What would have happened to the Christian faith if they had enclosed themselves, spending their time just praying and communing with one another? Christianity would have been lost.

In the Philippines, although the majority are Christians, a good number are not fully aware of Christ's presence among them. There is an urgent need for those enclosed Christians to go out from their cozy and protected communities where they enjoy one another's company, while praying for their own sanctification. They are not monks living in a monastery, but part of the laity who profess to be followers of Christ in the marketplace.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, I ask for the privilege to go out and bring others the joy of your word. I want to be a useful member of your Church. We are all called to be messengers of the Gospel, and I promise, with your grace, to spread the good news that Christ alone saves. Amen.

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Salt and Light

AN OFTEN quoted scripture is this passage in Matthew's Sermon on the Mount where Jesus compares our role in our communities to salt and light. Read and reflect on Matthew 5:13-16.

Sharing Starters:

1. Salt purifies, preserves and flavors. How are these three functions of salt applicable to us today as believers in Christ?
2. What does Jesus imply is necessary for our light to be effective in the world today?
3. How do you feel about your current lifestyle in comparison to salt and light? Explain your answer.
4. Peter wrote to some people of God who lived in a hostile culture about how to live effectively among unbelievers in the world. Read and reflect on 1 Peter 2:11-12. Share about your insights.
5. What are two or three small steps you can take this week to act as salt or light in your community? In your family? In the BCBP?

EcoReach: A Call to Deeper Commitment and Action

by Sadi Saguisag, EcoReach Vice President

IN THE SPAN of just three years, the BCBP's EcoReach Foundation has extended more than ten million pesos in loans to 2,000 nanays. As of September 2006 BCBP EcoReach is operating nationwide with twenty full-time development officers in Metro Manila/ Luzon (Paranaque, Makati, Las Pinas, Quezon City, Binan-San Pedro, Calamba, Bulacan and Legaspi), in the Visayas (Iloilo/Molo, Roxas, Bacolod, Tacloban, Cebu and Tagbilaran), and in Mindanao (Cagayan de Oro, Davao, Iligan and Pagadian).

The financial highlights of the years 2003, 2004, and 2005 (Figure 1) show that the sources of funds from BCBP member donations, a movie premiere, fund placements and the nanays' 3% C.A.E., contribution to administrative expenses, total P4,750,000, with expenses totaling P2,787,000 for the same period. This gives a net cash surplus of P1,713,000 over the 3-year period.

However a closer look (Figure 2) reveals that the actual operating costs for personnel and administration exceeded the 3% C.A.E. resulting in a net deficit from operations of P1,462,000. This was funded by member donations and the movie premiere. In order for the Foundation to expand its operations more funds are urgently needed.


Members' donations from 2003 to 2005 amounted to Pesos 2,523,000. Assuming 30,000 BCBP members, the

average 3-year donation per member was only P84 or P28.00 per year. This does not reflect well on our community as an organization of generally successful businessmen and professionals. What is P28.00/year? What can P28.00 buy?

EcoReach needs the wholehearted support of all BCBP members to be able to sustain its operations and expand its helping hand to the thousands of nanays waiting for our help. I call on all members, everyone who reads this, to dig deep into your hearts and examine your commitment to God, your commitment to the Lord's work.

Scripture tells us very clearly in James 2:14-17 where our Christian responsibility lies.

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

This is the opportunity for you to put your faith into action, to bring the BCBP core values to life, to be an active participant in transforming destitute families, by digging deeper into your pockets for the EcoReach program. God bless us all. 

Visiting the "Nanays"

by Mong Robillo, BCBP Davao



SEVERAL Sundays ago my wife Ollie and I visited 23 "nanays", beneficiaries of the BCBP's credit for small livelihood projects. Our Development Officer Cleofe led the way along muddy pathways and abject poverty in the slums of Bangkal to the EcoReach site. We all crowded into a small downstairs room with the 'nanays' as their group leader led a prayer in Visayan, then read their pledge of commitment.


We felt Christ's love and hope in that gathering as we met and talked with the nanay-participants. I now had real faces and real people to confront instead of just the concept of 'helping the poorest of the poor'. I realized that it is not enough to empathize with the poor; much more is still needed to make a dent in the battle against poverty. Now I know that I cannot be a true follower of Christ unless I do my part in reaching out to those who most need our help through programs such as the BCBP's EcoReach. 

Fig. 1 FUNDS STATEMENTS 2003-2005 (PhP000)

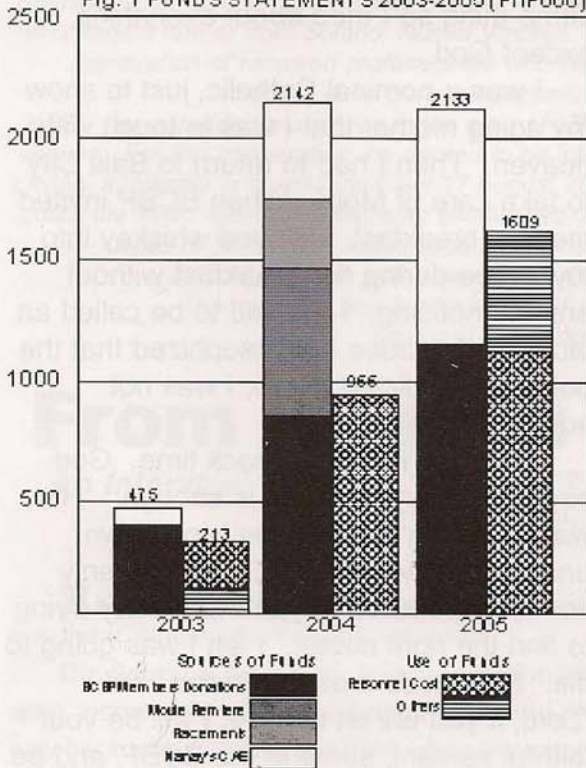
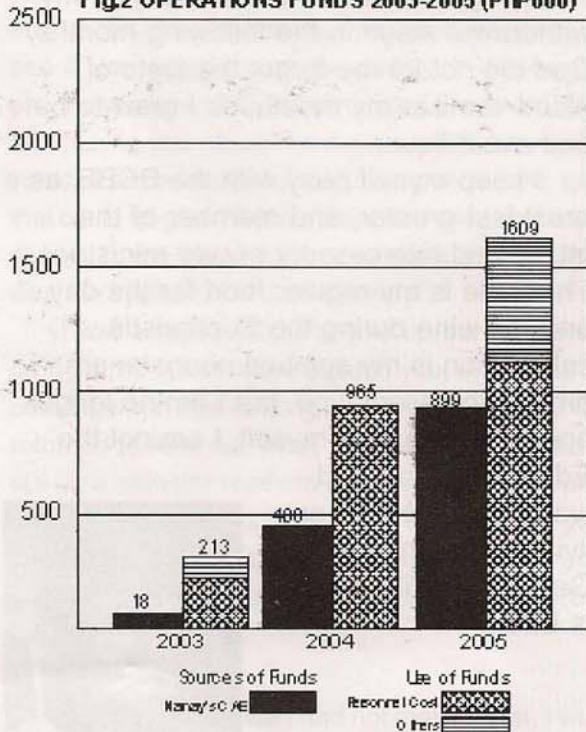
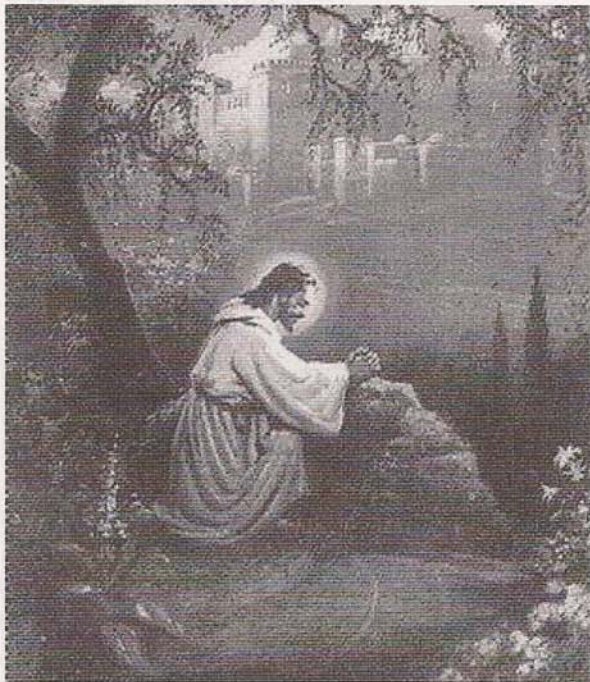


Fig.2 OPERATIONS FUNDS 2003-2005 (PhP000)





From Gethsemane to Eden

WHOEVER NAMED me Eden during my baptism got it wrong; I should have been named Gethsemane which would better describe my life of 53 years. But they were right after all, because after I got over my Gethsemane, I am now in Eden right here on earth.

I was a certified drunkard from sunrise to sundown and an angry man. My bottle of whiskey and I were best of friends and enjoyed each other's company. My parents even sent me to Australia to live with my sisters and brothers who work there, hoping I would change my ways. But I refused to work and went bar hopping in Sidney's night spots.

I finished college, struggling, in seven years, in seven colleges and universities.

I went university hopping, bar hopping, girl hopping. I was easily bored with doing the same thing so I tried about everything except God.

I was a nominal Catholic, just to show my aging mother that I was in touch with heaven. Then I had to return to Bais City to take care of Mom. When BCBP invited me to a breakfast, I slipped whiskey into my coffee during the breakfast without anyone noticing. I refused to be called an alcoholic because I philosophized that the bottle got addicted to me, I was not addicted to the bottle!


And then it was payback time. God seemed to say "Enough is enough." His way of calling me was me lying down, unable to move, face up, and suddenly vomiting blood. Everyone was busy trying to find the right doctor. I felt I was going to die. So I made a deal with the Lord. "Lord, if you will let me live, I will be your faithful servant, serve in the BCBP, and be a good example of an ex-drinker." The miracle happened, He healed me. I returned to my bantay-mama schedule as if nothing had happened. But during my withdrawal stage in the following months, God did not let me forget the taste of blood vomit in my mouth, so I grew to hate and avoid liquor.

I keep myself busy with the BCBP, as a breakfast greeter, and member of the music and intercessory prayer ministries. The Bible is my regular food for the day, and the wine during the Eucharistic celebration is my spiritual nourishment. I am still the silent type, but I am no longer angry. As I look at myself, I am not the Eden/Gethsemane I was before. Now I am living within the Lord's Garden, and its name is Eden.



*by Eden Garcia, BCBP
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Certified Public Accountants

Punongbayan & Araullo **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

The Board of Trustees
The Philippine Foundation of the Brotherhood
of Christian Businessmen and Professionals, Inc.
(A Nonstock, Nonprofit Organization)

We have audited the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements of The Philippine Foundation of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals, Inc. (the "Foundation") for the year ended December 31, 2005. This statement of cash receipts and disbursements, which was prepared from the books of accounts maintained by the Foundation's national office, is the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this statement of cash receipts and disbursements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the fourth paragraph, we conducted our audit, which was limited to the books of accounts maintained by the Foundation's national office, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the Philippines. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of cash receipts and disbursements is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of cash receipts and disbursements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of cash receipts and disbursements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Foundation records its transactions on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. As discussed in Note 2, the statement of cash receipts and disbursements is a summary of the cash activities of the Foundation's national office and does not include certain transactions that would have been taken into account had the Foundation prepared its financial statements on an accrual basis, as contemplated by generally accepted accounting principles in the Philippines.

Due to the condition of the Foundation's accounting records, we were unable to satisfy ourselves by means of other auditing procedures as to the beginning cash balance amounting to P949,192 as of December 31, 2004. The amount of the beginning cash balance enters into the determination of the ending cash balance in 2005.

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In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter regarding the beginning cash balance as discussed in the fourth paragraph, the statement of cash receipts and disbursements referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2005, as carried in the books of accounts maintained by the Foundation's national office, on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

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**THE PHILIPPINE FOUNDATION OF THE BROTHERHOOD
OF CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN AND PROFESSIONALS, INC.**

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	<u>Notes</u>		
RECEIPTS			
National operating fund	4	P	4,047,242
Others	5		<u>1,446,665</u>
Total Receipts			<u>5,493,907</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Management committee	6		2,333,244
Salaries and wages	7		1,218,561
Printing and advertising			475,012
Anniversary	8		433,000
Other operating expenses	9		<u>965,442</u>
Total Disbursements			<u>5,425,259</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS			68,648
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR			<u>949,192</u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	3	P	<u>1,017,840</u>

See Notes to Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements.

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NOTES TO STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2005

(Amounts in Philippine Pesos)

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

1.1 Operations

The Philippine Foundation of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals, Inc. (the "Foundation") is a nonstock, nonprofit organization primarily engaged in promoting, supporting, and encouraging the total human development and spiritual formation of businessmen and professionals; improving of Filipino marital and family life and community consciousness; and, conducting programs and projects that aim to inculcate moral and human values in family life and community.

The Foundation was incorporated with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 7, 1982 and was registered with the Bureau of Internal Revenue on January 1, 1997.

The registered office of the Foundation is located at 2nd floor, 216 Comfoods Building, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

The Foundation has a national office that oversees the overall administration and management of chapters and outreaches nationwide. As of December 31, 2005, the Foundation has 52 chapters and 63 outreaches in the Philippines and 2 outreaches in the United States of America.

1.2 Approval of Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

The statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2005 was authorized for issue by the Foundation's National Treasurer on August 24, 2006.

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Foundation records the transactions on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The statement of cash receipts and disbursements is a summary of the cash activities of the Foundation's national office and does not include certain transactions that would have been taken into account had the Foundation prepared the statement on an accrual basis, as contemplated by generally accepted accounting principles in the Philippines.

The statement of cash receipts and disbursements was prepared from the books of accounts maintained by the national office of the Foundation.

The accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements presents all transactions relating to the activities of the Foundation's national office and does not include the cash receipts and disbursements of its chapters and outreaches.

3. CASH FUNDS

The breakdown of cash funds as of December 31, 2005 follows:

Administration fund	P	725,538
Calamity fund		287,302
Petty cash fund		<u>5,000</u>
	P	<u>1,017,840</u>

The Administration and Calamity funds are both maintained in current accounts with the Bank of Philippine Islands.

4. NATIONAL OPERATING FUND

This fund represents 25% of the tithes collected from all chapters and outreaches which are forwarded to the national office. This fund is used for the administrative expenses of the national office, expenses related to trainings and seminars, and travel and accommodation expenses of the Board of Trustees and Management Committee (ManCom).

5. OTHER RECEIPTS

This account consists of receipts from subscriptions of books and other publications, anniversary assessments, donations, refund of unused plane tickets, and proceeds from sales of religious manuals, handouts, and miscellaneous novelty items.

6. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This account represents the accommodations and travel expenses incurred by members of the Board of Trustees and ManCom during the quarterly management committee meetings.

7. SALARIES AND WAGES

This account pertains to salaries and other employee benefits of the Foundation's employees.

8. ANNIVERSARY

This represents the amount provided by the national office to the host chapter for expenses incurred in the Foundation's anniversary celebration.

9. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

This account is composed of the following:

Rentals	P	345,319
Utilities		180,536
Donations		112,350
Others		<u>327,237</u>
	P	<u>965,442</u>

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By Bobby Larita, BCBP President

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METRO MANILA NORTH													
CAMANAVA	Max's Restaurant, EDSA, Cal. Ray Serafica 09177951577	SAT	S	M	J	M	TANAUAN	Darasa Fiesta Rsrtr- Pol Hernandez 09188872352	SAT	J	-	M	-
GREENHILLS	Club Filipino Burni Bugan: 09215640818	THU	S	J	M	M	BICOL-PALAWAN						
GREENHILLS-PASIG	Valle Verde Country Club Bert Usan: 09178449510	SAT	M	-	M	-	LEGAZPI	Quick & Hearty - Albay Mon Lawenko 09204714640	SAT	-	J	-	S
QUEZON CITY	Max's Rest, Sct Tuazon Frank de Paz: 09178338018	SAT	S	M	J	M	NAGA	Champagne Grden Tony Concepcion 09214492842	SAT	S	J	M	M
RIZAL	Max's Restaurant, Taytay Erol Villanueva: 09178661732	SAT	M	J	M	S	PALAWAN NO.	Legend Hotel Celso Quiling 09193816284	SAT	J	-	S	-
MARIKINA	Max's Rest, Blue Wave Mall Benjie Cruz: 09178057689	SAT	J	J	J	S	PALAWAN SO.	Javlon Hous /Badjao Rest* Bert Falsis 09217958223	SAT	-	S	-	J*
METRO MANILA SOUTH													
ALABANG	Ayala Alabang Ctry Club Soty Loren 09178322261	SAT	M	S	M	J	IRIGA	Parkview Hotel & Resto Tony Magana 09195888034	SUN	-	J	-	J
LAS PIÑAS	Gloria Maris/Philam Clubhse* Ruel Saniel 09185547721	SAT	J*	M	S*	M	SORSOGON	Buddy Madarang 09214811275 Jollibee Sorsogon* Gie Diaz 09185547428	SAT	M	-	J	-
MAKATI	Max' Restaurant, Glorietta 3 Caloy Co 09189272243	WED	J	S	M	M	CEBU REGION						
MANILA	Hacienda Rest, Ma. Orosa Ferdie Corra 09176271009	FRI	J	S	M	M	BALAMBAN	Balamban Nat'l H S Boy Beltran 09176209795	SAT	-	J	-	M
MANILA NORTH	Chowking Puregold Mall, Tymn- Bong Rivera 09174236838	SAT	J	J	J	J	BANTAYAN	Bantayan Sothn Inst Sweet Spot	SUN	J	-	J	-
PARAÑAQUE	Max's Restaurant, Sucat Jojo Pascual 0917-5778648	SAT	M	J	M	S	BOGO	Edgar Decena City Sports Club	SAT	J	-	J	S
PASAY/VILLAMOR	Villamor Golf Club Greenside Ruben Makairap 09228109168	SAT	J	M	S	M	CEBU NORTH	Tony Tagulao 09175462139 Sacred Heart Ctr.	SAT	J	M	S	M
NORTHWEST LUZON													
BAGUIO	Session Delight, Session Rd Gary Simangan 09287271528	SAT	-	J	M	S	CEBU SOUTH	Rod Ngo 09176200180 Casino Filipino	SAT	M	S	M	J
DAGUPAN	Regency Hotel, Dagupan Jun Gutierrez 09064377759	SAT	J	-	M	-	CONSOLACION	Onek Priagula 09178887606 Orosia Rest.	SAT	-	J	M	M
URDANETA	Ciudad Ferdinandina Ariel Noranda 09179676671	SAT	-	J	-	M	MACTAN	Archie Alivio 09173327522 Crown Regency	SAT	M	J	S	J
LAOAG	Plaza de Laoag Romy Coloma 09198728453	SAT	-	-	-	J	MANDAUE	Guy Ceniza 09175467165 Lumpia House	SAT	M	J	S	J
SAN FNDO-LU	Sea & Sky Vic Ancheta 09198570076	SAT	J	J	-	-	TALISAY	Bebe Batiancela 09177408641 Chowking Talisay	SUN	-	J	-	S
NORTHEAST LUZON													
TUGUEGARAO	Delfino Hotel Gary Hernandez 09173902413	SAT	M	M	S	J	TAGIDUMAGUETE						
SANTIAGO	Mc Donald's, Maharlika Rd. Willy Simbul 09175487046	SAT	M	J	J	J	BAIS	Bros Haven Wardo Villanueva 09214899401	SAT	-	M	-	J
BAYOMBONG	Governor's Palace, Solano Oscar Bacena 09187809316	SAT	-	J	-	J	DUMAGUETE NO	Bethel Guest Hse/ Ely Dejaresco 09168296047	SAT	J	M	S	-
APARRI	St. Patrick Hotel Angel Rabago 09279437744	SAT	J	-	J	-	DUMAGUETE SO	Plaza Ma. Luisa Bats Balbon 09209606639	SAT	J	-	M	-
CENTRAL LUZON													
ANGELES	KM 86 Food Rest Sta Maria Meng Evaresto 09189401614	SAT	-	J	-	S	SIQUIJOR	Webs Legacy Inn Tata Quilicot	SAT	J	-	J	-
BULACAN	Max's Rest, Guiginto, Bul Sol Calada 09178871363	SAT	J	J	J	S	SAN CARLOS	Carmel's Greg Santillan	SAT	-	J	-	M
CABANATUAN	Royce Motors, Mahrlika H'way Nick Vicencio 09209135140	SAT	J	J	M	S	TAGBILARAN NO	JJ Seaford Village Arturo Navarro Jr 09202693315	SAT	-	J	M	M
OLONGAPO	Ann Raquel Rest, Magsaysay Ed Santos 09189289760	SAT	J	J	J	J	TAGBILARAN SO	La Roca Hotel/ Jollibee*	SAT	-	J	M*	J
SAN FNDO-PAMP.	Villa Conchita Resort & Sports Comp Anthony Arellano 045 9618382	SAT	J	J	J	J	TUBIGON	Gerry Egos 09193944848 JJ Rest.	SUN	-	J	-	M
SOUTHERN TAGALOG													
BATANGAS CITY	Alpha Hotel Manny Rosales 09178443295	SAT	M	S	J	M	TALIBON	Boy Caga 09202321369 Talibon Pensn Hse	SAT	-	-	-	-
BALAYAN	Agot's Restaurant Hermie Lopez 09172062789	SAT	-	M	-	M	NE LEYTE & SAMAR						
BIÑAN-SAN PDRO	May Restaurant Willie Nava 09189035076	SAT	J	M	S	M	NAVAL, BILIRAN	Naval Country Inn Juan Pastor 09157754885	SUN	J	J	-	-
CALAMBA	Riverview Resort & Conf Ctr Estie B. Vibora 09159751017	SAT	J	M	S	M	BORONGAN	Cafe Se Le Vee Sonny Uy 09177222803	SAT	J	-	J	-
CALAPAN	Filipiniana Hotel Boy Javier 09103019774	SAT	-	J	-	S	CALBAYOG	DPC Function Hall Sonny De Veyra 09173381743	SUN	J	-	J	-
CAVITE CITY	Servando's Rest/ Jollibee* Nooky Umali 09175318938	SAT	M	J*	M	J*	CATBALOGAN	Maqueda Bay H/R Jaime Barnales 09202530880	SAT	J	-	J	-
DAET	Golden Palace Restaurant Brandy Lagriada 09175561022	SAT	M	J	M	J	CATARMAN	DCC Annex Jess Laodenio 09168763219	SUN	-	J	-	J
GUMACA	Chowking Restaurant Hector Babista 09209028461	SAT	M	J	M	J	TACLOBAN	My Best Friend's Place Lito Canete 09209012283	SAT	-	S	M	J
GEN. TRIAS	Tempura Sam Restaurant Boie Castro 09195714042	SAT	-	J	-	M	SOUTHWEST LEYTE						
IMUS	Lorelle's Grill & Resto Nilbert Anceno 09178527166	SAT	J	M	J	M	BAYBAY	Parish Center Bong Modina 09279187596	SUN	-	J	-	S
LIPA	Luntian Rest, Lipa Jun Latay 09178566345	SAT	M	J	M	S	MAASIN	K of C Clubhouse Joe Abot 09202655175	SUN	J	-	S	-
LUCENA	Halina H/R Jollibee* Joselito Jalago 09155060759	SAT	M	J	S*	M	AMPIL FUNCTION ROOM*	Yul Gerong - 09158511879	SAT	-	J	M	J
SAN PABLO	Coco Palace Vic Longno 09175445315	SAT	M	J	M	J	ORMO	Pongos Hotel Vince Rodriguez 09189196732	SAT	-	J	M	J
SN JOSE MNDRO	Sikatuna Bch Htl Manny Rosales 09178443295	SAT	-	M	-	L	SOGOD	K of C Rey Lara 09182265430	SAT	J	-	-	-
STA. ROSA	Chowking Restaurant Brix Ayson 09204355772	SAT	J*	M	M	M	HILONGOS	Parish Center Nonoy Ladion 09108518994	SAT	J	-	J	-
TAGAYTAY	Royale Parc Hotel Soty Loren 09178322261	SAT	M	M	M	M	PALOMPON	PACCI Jek Sanchez 09277189830	SAT	J	-	M	-
NEGROS REGION													
BACOLOD NO.	Quan Rest/L'Fisher Hotel Bobbie Legaspi 09273135547	SAT	M	M	M	J	BACOLOD SO.						
BACOLOD SO.	Jollibee - La Salle Exec Inn/L'Fisher Hotel Pepe Ledesma 09177070057	SAT	-	-	L	-	BACOLOD EAST	Jollibee - La Salle BCBP Activity Center Ogie Ascalon 09209269851	SAT	M	-	M	-

Be HONEST

Even if others are not
Even if others will not
Even if others cannot

"He who walks honestly walks securely"

Proverbs 10:9



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KABANGKALAN	Snackee Restaurant Albert Garcia 09228115476	SAT	-	J	-	DIGOS	Arnaldo's Hotel Tudy Escuvilla 09282021021	SAT	-	J	-	J
SILAY	Domingo's Leonel Horvidalla 09104038331	SUN	M	M	S	GEN. SANTOS	East Asia Royale Hotel Francis Carlos 09177267679	SAT	J	-	J	-
VICTORIAS	Domingo's VMC Fastfood Martin Osano 09275192490	SUN/QTR	-	-	-	MALAYBALAY SURIGAO	House Malibu Gateway Hotel Jun Bayana 09208344407	SAT	J	-	S	-
	Marjhuns	SAT	-	L	-	TAGUM	CAP Bldg. Tagum City Eddie Silagan 09177193767	SAT	-	J	M	J
PANAY REGION						VALENCIA	Taipan Restaurant	SAT	-	J	-	S
ILOILO	Amigo Terraces Hotel Tony Llasus 09206186886	SAT	J	M	S	MINDANAO WEST						
MOLO	Jolibee UPV Tom Cheng Chua 09193007978	SAT	J	M	S	DIPOLOG	Top Plaza Hotel Nilo Dalmacio 09185935688	SAT	-	J	M	S
KALIBO	Nazareth Home Jack Acaling 09186978112	SAT	S	J	M	ILIGAN	Madeficious Native Foods Mel Almazor 09268760286	SAT	M	J	-	J
BORACAY	Tropical Guest House Stn 3 Rey Tagua 09194903590	SAT	J	J	J	KAPATAGAN	Arcilla's Compd, Maranding Dodo Ebarido 09183093593	SAT	J	-	J	-
ROXAS	Pizza Junction, Rizal St. Oca Andrada 09209105182	SAT	J	M	M	OROQUETA	DPWH Function Hall Bobby Ruiz 09194044803	SAT	-	J	-	J
MINDANAO EAST						OZAMIZ PANABO	Royal Garden Hotel Ma. Clara Restaurant Oca Oducayen 09157691140	SAT	M	-	J	-
BUTUAN	Luciana Convention Center Lazer Lapa 09198840639	SAT	-	J	-	PAGADIAN	KC Hall Sto Niño Cathedral Joe de Pedro 09168819456	SAT	-	J	-	J
CDO EAST	Kagayanon Restaurant Tito Mora 09209155959	SAT	M	M	J	ZAMBOANGA	Astoria Hotel Buloy Mendoza 09179858475	SAT	J	-	J	-
CDO WEST	Vip Hotel Cons Arce 09189083613	SAT	M	S	J	IPIL	Sibugay Hotel Buloy Mendoza 09179858475	SAT	-	J	-	J

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