



Lamdag

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.



THE NEWSLETTER OF BCBP NAVAL (BILIRAN) CHAPTER

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Insights from the Chapter Head

BRO. BOBOY/ SOL MONTEJO

Keep the flames of BCBP alive

On February 23, 2014, a new Chapter Head and governance team will be installed to serve BCBP Naval for the next 3 years. On their shoulders rest the responsibility of keeping the flames of the Brotherhood alive and burning. The flames of servanthood, discipleship, evangelism, honesty, orderliness, uprightness and righteousness.

Our three-year tour of duty as Chapter Head has been both a happy and sad experience for us. Happy in the sense that we have kept the key activities of BCBP going, bringing in new members and keeping the core membership intact and; sad in a way it is during our term that two active male members passed away due to sickness, two couples broke up due to illicit affairs and some simply faded and shy away from the Brotherhood.

Very few first timers

The key BCBP activities like the Men's and Joint Breakfasts, 1st Friday Mass and Teaching and 3rd Friday Assembly are conducted regularly although the attendance is not as many as before. Only on rare occasions there are new breakfasters on the breakfast fellowship where the main purpose of this fellowship is to invite 1st timers every scheduled breakfast and share to them the goodness of the Lord thru the breakfast sharer/s. To compound matter worse, no local new sharers are willing to make his/her life sharing.

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BCBP Naval celebrates 3rd year anniversary

BY SIS NANETTE GARIN-PLA

BCBP Naval is celebrating its 3rd Year Anniversary as a Chapter on February 23 with a renewed call for its members to have a stronger personal relationship with Jesus. This year's celebration which coincides with the installation of the new governance team is centered on the theme: "Remain in Me and bear much fruit" (John 15:5).

After 3 years as a Chapter and 12 years since its first Breakfast in mid-2001, Chapter Head Boboy Montejo,

exhorts the members to keep the flames of the Brotherhood alive and burning by abiding in Jesus who is the source of life. He said that it is only when we are connected with Him that our activities and endeavors can be fruitful.

"We can only attract other businessmen and professionals to the BCBP through our actions and lifestyle manifesting the presence of Jesus in our lives," Bro Boboy added.

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SERVANT LEADERSHIP. The new governance team of BCBP Naval: (Seated from left) Bro Ton Lachica, Formation; Bro John Pastor, Mission; Bro Noel Pla, Chapter Head; Bro Gonie Potot and Bro Jonathan Parone, Unit Leaders. (Standing from left) Bro Herman Donato, Programs and Services; and Bro Yolán Salomon, Treasurer; Bro Pete Ecalla, Unit Leader.

New governance team for Naval chapter

BY BRO BERNARD PASTOR

A new chapter head and governance team for BCBP Naval will be installed on the occasion of the chapter's 3rd year anniversary on February 23 in a simple but solemn ceremony at NSU Gym.

During the ceremony, Bro Nelson Daus, BCBP Area Managing Director for E. Visayas, will give the inspirational message and reads the Man-Com letter of thanksgiving for the outgoing chapter head Bro Boboy Mon-

tejo. He will also read the letter of appointment for the in-coming Chapter Head. Similarly, Bro Bebot Gillesania, RCD for Southwest Leyte, will read the appointment letters of the other members of the Governance Team, and administer the Service Commitment Pledge.

Members of new governance team to be installed are Bro Noel Pla, Chapter Head; Bro John Pastor, Mis-

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Members of BCBP Naval extends help for Yolanda victims

BY: BRO JOHN V. PASTOR

Even if the town of Naval was also hit by typhoon Yolanda, this did not prevent BCBP members here to extend help to the more destitute victims in the neighboring province of Leyte.

Medical mission

Ten (10) selected members of BCBP Naval, including 3 Doctors and 2 nurses join other volunteer doctors from Manila to conduct medical mission in the towns of Sta. Fe, Alang-alang, Kananga, Palompon and Calubian on December 13 to 18, 2013.

Around 4,000 victims, mostly children benefited from the medical consultations and services they provided. Most of the cases encountered in the medical mission were hypertension and upper respiratory tract infection.

Aside from free medicines and vitamins, the group also distributed relief goods.

The medical mission was co-sponsored by the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines (AMRSP) and the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM).

Other BCBP members helped in preparing and serving meals to the medical team, in coordinating with local partners, and in transporting team members and supplies to the mission areas.

Relief Operation

More than a week after Typhoon Yolanda devastated the town of Naval, some BCBP members quickly responded to the needs of the victims in the locality by distributing 2,000 packs of relief goods each containing 3 kilos of rice, can goods, noodles and mineral water.

The relief operation were able to serve 16 barangays in Naval and 4 barangays in Almeria. Indigent families whose houses are totally damaged were given priority.

The activity was made possible with the help of Bro. Manuel Montejo and the Cebu Jaycees who donated the relief goods.

“Even if we are typhoon victims ourselves as our houses are partially damaged and our businesses partly affected, helping those who are less fortunate is our way of thanking the Lord for keeping our families safe and for sparing our town from a more severe devastation similar to that in Tacloban,” commented Bro Yolanda Salomon, the team leader of the relief operation.

“It feels good to help knowing that we are doing it for the greater glory of God,” he added. “Service done in Jesus name lasts for all eternity.”



Music ministry sings Christmas carols to brothers in Tacloban

BY: BRO ORSON MANGCO

Out of love and so much concern for their situation, members of the Music ministry consoled our BCBP brothers and sisters in Tacloban by visiting their families and singing Christmas carols to them last December 28.

They also gave each of the family a bundle of tasty *suman*, Naval's famous delicacy.

With Bro Joseph Escalona as their guide, they went from one brother to the other whose houses were severely damaged by typhoon Yolanda. In every house they went to, they

opened with the song “Joy to the World” to tell them that despite their situation they can still celebrate Christmas and be joyous about it.

After the singing the group extended their hands and prayed over the family for blessing and protection.

“Through our songs we reminded them that their trials are temporary and that there is still hope for them - the hope Jesus gives us with His birth in the manger,” says Bro Noel Pla who leads the pray over.

“Calamities and tragedies choose no one, but those who put their hope in Jesus will renew their strength,” he added.

“It was so touching you could see them wiped off their tears as we sang along. It was an emotional moment knowing that they were remembered and being prayed for by their brothers and sisters in the BCBP,” commented Sis Dolor Salas.

Due to the heavy rains, the group cancelled their plan to do the same for our BCBP brothers in Ormoc.

Cardinal Tagle to grace Naval Diocese 25th anniversary

BY: BRO RODRIGO VICTORIA

No less than Most Reverend Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, D.D., Archbishop of Manila, will grace the 25th anniversary celebration of the Diocese of Naval on March 8, 2014.

"This is the first time for Cardinal Tagle to visit our Diocese in time of its silver anniversary," said Bishop Filomeno G. Bactol, D.D. of the Diocese of Naval in an interview at his office.

Bishop Bactol informed that bishops and priests from other ecclesiastical provinces in Eastern Visayas composed of the dioceses of Palo, Calbayog, Catarman and Borongan will also be attending the said occasion.

He further said that members of the Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) from the 15 parishes under the Diocese will also attend the anniversary, and will bring with them local products from their respective parishes for exhibit beside the cathedral.

The silver anniversary focuses on the theme Kalambuan 25: "Nagdilaab ang akong Kasing-Kasing" taken from Luke 24:32 which illustrates the fiery



and heighten emotions of two persons leaving Jerusalem on their way to Emmaus after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ where they met and had a conversation with a man whom they recognized later to be Jesus after he said a blessing, broke the bread, and handed it to them," Bishop Bactol emphasized.

The Diocese of Naval was established on March 8, 1989 with Msgr. Bactol as the first bishop.

AGLs, ULs attend Leadership Training

Action group leaders (AGLs) and Unit leaders (ULs) of BCBP Naval attended the whole-day Leadership Training for AGLs held last January 18 at OCCCI Conference Hall, Naval, Biliran.

The training was conducted to reorient them of their roles and responsibilities as AGLs. It was facilitated by the Chapter's Formation Director Bro Noel Pla and his wife Nanette together with selected members of the governance who were the Lecturers.

Bro Nathan Parone discussed about the importance of an Action Group as the basic unit of BCBP. Bro Bernard Pastor talked about the Role of an Action Group Leader, while his wife Sis Donnah explained to the ladies the Role of an AGL's wife.

The topic on the authority and responsibilities of an AGL was given by Bro Carding Victoria and Bro Ton La-

chica. The training also gave the participants some tips on how to build personal relationship with members. This was clearly presented by Bro Herman Donato.

There was also a review and practicum on how to conduct an action group meeting using the 7-steps method which was facilitated by Sis Nanette.

The afternoon session was allotted for drafting the AGLs and ULs pastoral plans which provides direction for each Action group. The activity ended with the topic on Pastoral Care given by Chapter Head Bro Boboy Montejo.

Most of the AGLs were thankful for the training as it clarified their functions which they often took for granted. They expressed renewed vigor in leading their action groups.

BCBP Naval has 10 Action groups.

BCBP members visit Bishop Bactol

The members of BCBP Naval led by its Chapter Head Bro Boboy and Sis Sol Montejo made the traditional New Year visit with Msgr. Filomeno Bactol, Bishop of Naval in the afternoon of January 1, 2014 at the Bishop's residence.

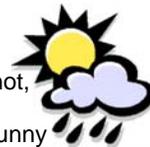
The group updated the Bishop on the BCBP's status and presented the activities that will be undertaken for the year 2014, including coordination with on-going activities of the Diocese.

The visit ended with the group receiving the Bishop's blessing.

The Unpredictable Weather

BY: BRO GONIE POTOT

The weather of today
Is whether you like it or not,
Now is raining heavily,
Tomorrow maybe very sunny
Or both of the same day.



Christians and non-Christians
Are pondering around,
What is happening on earth
When our weather before,
Used to be predictable.

Typhoons, floods and earthquakes
Are happening everywhere,
Even in areas like Mindanao
Known as typhoonless, earlier,
Now, the favorite place to hammer.

Recently, earthquake and tsunami
Devastated the Japanese country,
Filipinos and other overseas workers
Were in total disarray,
Either to go home or to stay.

Confusion rocks their way
What to do in the locality,
Economy is dwindling badly
No work ... , no money,
Starvation comes to play.

Everybody wants to be wealthy
At the expense of honesty,
Culprits used to invoke
Right against self-incrimination,
As well as right to privacy.

Now, God starts harvesting
The good and the bad alike,
The bad on unending fire
The good and not so good,
For the Most High to consider.

“Remain in Me and bear much fruit”

As we celebrate our 3rd year anniversary as a chapter, the Lord reminds us: *“I am the vine and you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit; for apart from me you can do nothing”* (John 15:5).

The key to bear fruit is to connect ourselves to our Lord Jesus. We must continue to abide in Him who is the source of life, in order to bear much fruit. The Lord is telling us that it is not our activity that produces fruit, it is our personal relationship with Him.

Maybe, everyone is impatient that the New Basic Formation Program becomes too long to complete. And for the Breakfast maybe we lack the passion to spread the good news such that we hardly get new breakfasters. Given the scenario, it seems that we do not bear fruit and our tendency is to blame our activity.

However, the Lord is reminding us that when we are not bearing fruit for the Lord we should check out our relationship with Him. Are we connected to the Lord Jesus? Do we have the Spirit of the Lord Jesus in us such that we are able to manifest His love to others?

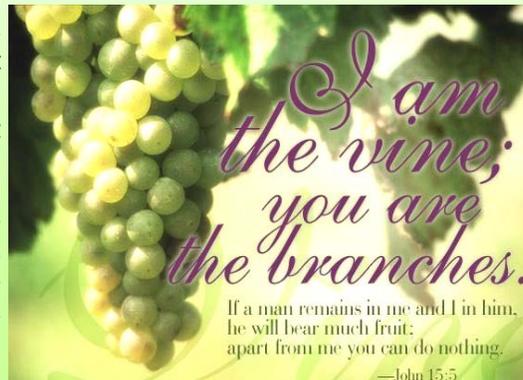
The love and care which comes from our personal relationship with

our Lord Jesus Christ radiates to those people around us. Hence, what will attract others to our BCBP Community is the witnessing we do for Christ in our family, in our businesses, workplace and in our community.

We are called to evangelize others in the way we live our lives, imitating Christ and living out Christian values where the Lord has planted us and manifesting the fruit of His Spirit that is in us — “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, humility and self-control” (Gal 5:22).

The bottom line is: “Remain in Me and bear much fruit”. Only when we abide in Christ and He abides in us, can we truly make an impact in the marketplace as Christian businessmen and professionals!

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GO for the year 2014

BY: BRO TON & SIS ENING LACHICA

GO for Godly Organized. The output of our Action Planning held last December 30, 2013 by the members of the Governance Team is Spirit-filled and God-guided. With God’s guidance, we were able to grasp the real issues confronting the Chapter, and carefully, through the leading of the Spirit, come out with strategies and concrete activities to address them. This shall become basis for our actions for the year 2014 and beyond.

During our planning, we recognize some of the issues or “alarm bells” which, I believe, other chapters are also experiencing. These are:

1. The increasing number of inactive members and the dwindling attendance of members in BCBP activities, especially in action group meetings and Friday assemblies.

2. The Lack of pastoral care or personal touch among leaders and members.

3. Our BCBP activities are becoming monotonous with same faces doing the talks and prayers. This might be one reason why other members do not feel like attending the activities.

4. Lack of passion to evangelize. It seems that we are too busy with our lives and don’t have time to reach out, somehow a reason why we lack first timers during breakfasts and we get few participants

in BCLPs.

With these “alarm bells” in mind, we came out with the following strategies, namely:

1. Inculcate the spirit of mission among BCBP members
2. Tighten the basic BCBP Programs
3. Revive and strengthen pastoral care
4. Create and implement new tools/ programs

These strategies are aligned with the direction of the BCBP National office.

The first strategy hopes to nurture the evangelistic zeal among our members in order to recruit more businessmen and professionals to the BCBP. The marketplace is our battleground. Hence, we make sure that gospel values are adopted and practiced in the day-to-day conduct of our businesses and professions. Through the boldness of our actions, our decisions, and our dealings we can attract our colleagues, suppliers, customers, clientele, and others to embrace for themselves a fuller life in Christ.

The second strategy involves tightening the basic BCBP Programs, such as the Breakfast, BCLP and MEP to make sure that they are of the quality and with the right content and message that will attract first timers and new members.

The third strategy will strengthen the sense of brotherhood in the BCBP, being a community of mutual care and support. We remind the members that it is our goal in the BCBP to strengthen the Brotherhood by strengthening one another and to help one another to grow in Christian maturity. In the process we deal with one another equally, regardless of social position, and support one another’s service.

And finally, to create and implement relevant programs and services to adapt to the realities of our times, especially in the areas of protection of family and life, preservation of the environment, good governance, and promotion of justice and peace. Likewise, to think of more creative ways to bring about wider awareness on our main advocacies: the “Be Honest” and “BCBP Time is On-Time”.

More specific and concrete activities for each of the strategies were identified and plotted into the 2014 Calendar for implementation. The Action Plan was presented to the general membership during our Third Friday Assembly last January to ensure that all members understood and adhere to all activities as scheduled.

However, all these plans cannot be realized without the blessings from above, thus Jesus Christ said in Mathew 28: 19-20, “Go... I am with you”.

In God's amazing hand

BY: BRO NOEL B. PLA

Self-proclaimed atheist

I regarded myself as disciple of "atheistic existentialism" following the famous atheists and philosophers: Jean Paul Sartre and Friedrich Nietzsche. I enjoyed my new-found "freedom": No God, no religion, no structured morality. Life, for me, is pure existence that ends at the grave.

I held on to this belief for years, not expecting it to ever change. But I met someone who awakened my wandering soul. She was caring, kind, and very intelligent. Knowing my atheistic views, she tried to convince me that God is real and God is love. She would spend hours showing verses from the Bible or articles from books and magazines to support her argument.

She talked about God like He was her closest friend. I knew her life well. She would tell me, quite candidly, that she was unceasingly praying that God would act upon her concern for me. For years, I regularly saw what seemed to be answers to her prayers. I watched her life through a myriad of circumstances, and her faith in God was unwavering.

So, I wanted to believe in God on one hand, because I admired her life and her love for others. But I couldn't believe in something against my intellect, against my better judgment.

Baptism in the Spirit

She was so persistent that I gave in to an invitation to attend a Life in the Spirit Seminar. As expected, there were lectures about who Jesus was, what is God like, the Holy Spirit, love, faith, forgiveness, etc.. Nice ideas, but that was all. Wanting something to be true, doesn't make it true.

I thought that was all for the 2-day Seminar. But the final activity was not an intellectual exercise at all. They call it as "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" where I never expected to experience a different kind of thing. During that moment I felt there was an energy that dawned on me when they prayed over me, and I felt somebody embraced me so tightly. Then flickers of thought came into my mind of images I once was familiar such as the Blessed Sacrament. our family attending Sunday mass together, our altar at home where we used to pray the rosary every 6:00 o'clock in the evening, and my classmates in the seminary.

At first, I did not understand my feelings, but later I realized it was Jesus who embraced me -- who assured me that I am still loved despite my sins and unbelief in Him. In that very instance I felt unexplained lightness and peace.

From that time on, I recovered my faith in God and do not philosophize anymore. Indeed, my experience in the Holy Spirit is more convincing than any philosophical discourse.

Growing in the Spirit

Today, this woman became my wife. Together, we nurtured our faith in a God who truly existed and is alive. We became active members of a faith community, the BCBP. The teachings and sharing we heard help us grow spiritually, emotionally and socially. BCBP became a way of life to us, sharing our time with our brothers and sisters and putting God at the center of our business and profession. This led me to a personal relationship with God and a deeper meaning for my existence. Here I learn to simplify my life, to live each day relying on God's graces.

Every morning, we have a couple prayer, and a regular scripture reading which deepened our trust in God and strengthened our relationship as a couple. For us, even how busy we are, a day won't be complete without praising and thanking God and asking His guidance and protection.

Abundant blessings

God blessed us abundantly by giving us a decent home, a cute and healthy son, a source of income for our daily needs and most especially, a loving relationship with my wife.

Before, I denounced God because of the suffering I saw around me. This time, I learned to appreciate God's blessings which I often took for granted and become even more compassionate to those in need.

This time, the things that bothered me so much are given meaning and I do not question God's ways anymore. For God said through the prophet Isaiah: "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither your ways, my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*" (Isaiah 55)

Entrusting our lives in God's hands now, we know for certain that we will live life to the full.



I was brought up in a very religious environment. As a child, I was attracted to the life of St. Francis of Assisi, and dreamed of becoming a Franciscan Friar someday. I was even sent to a catholic high school, where I learned more about Christian values and how to live the Christian way of life.

My stay in the Franciscan Seminary in Manila gave me insight that faith alone is lame, and that as believer of the Gospel, I cannot afford to keep my eyes and ears closed to the unjust realities around me where people are very poor and oppressed. I have no idea then of the socio-political and economic causes of their suffering, except that they are people of God stripped of their rights and dignity.

Is God real?

My exposure with the day-to-day sufferings of the poor in Manila led me to question God: *Why did He allow His people to suffer? Why is it that the people in Smokey Mountain are extremely poor, while those in Forbes Park are lavishly rich? Why did God allowed politicians to loot people's money amidst hunger and extreme poverty? Why did God allowed evil to triumph? How can a God of love permit war, poverty, injustice, and death, to happen in this world, letting the innocent as the usual victims?*

With all these unanswered questions in my mind, I began to doubt God's love and started rationalizing that God must be "dead". The Biblical God who is ever powerful and loving is not real. Karl Marx was right that God is just an illusion that provides reason and excuse to keep this evil society function as it is.

I started to denounce religion, believing in Karl Marx, that it is "an opium of the people". It was then a turn around that I decided to leave my dream of becoming a priest.

Random thoughts from a 70 years old

BY: BRO. ALEX SALAS



I am seventy years old, a senior citizen many times over. I am thankful to God I have reach this far. Not many of us are blessed with this number of years. In fact I outlived many of my friends and even my own brothers who went ahead of me. I am left to pray for the eternal repose of their souls and at the same time try to remember of our younger days gone by.

How do I live now? Well, I am settled in a house under a huge hill at the back but facing the sea oozing with fresh air. It has a beautiful ground laced with mixture of several varieties of plants which is a sight to see. It is tended by my wife Claring, who has the flair for plants and animals. She has, by the way, a swarm of native chickens and I with fighting cocks for sale. This becomes our hobby and enjoys feeding them every day.

I like my present environment free from pollution and away from the maddening crowd of a chaotic town-streets. I am a homely person and it just suited me well so much so that my neighbors are far and few. At home as there are only two of us, we do our chores helping each other. We love to read during our leisure time. I read any available materials to keep my mind active. Together we regularly read the Bible and Anawim for our spiritual education and our desire to keep the Lord always close in our hearts. First Friday and second Sunday of every months, not to mention other Sundays in the BCBP schedules, are most awaited because this is the time we could be together with our

brothers and sisters.

Yes, I am not without any illness. I have a few of them. Last year I was hospitalized and I thank the BCBP prayer ministry for interceding to the Lord for my recovery. The BCBP Cebu Central went to the hospital and had me prayed over. It is heartening to know that you have a community that cares. While suffering of some ailments, I do my regular trip to the market and stores for our needs. I could still drive my cab and motorcycle only during the day but not anymore at night. The recommended exercise by my doctor is cycling and swimming because it doesn't exert weight but I found them expensive and taxing.

The advantage of being a senior citizen is the benefits and special privileges extended by the government to us. Our medicines and commodities purchased are liberally discounted. Likewise we have discount on transportations, hotels and movie houses which somehow alleviate us financially. Medicines, particularly, which prolong our life, the big discount is a great relief. But the disadvantage is that we cannot move fast as we used to years ago. Like, I walk limping a little, cannot sit for long and tire easily.

In the last typhoon we were holed up in our house because we were lazy to evacuate. Besides, we underestimated the force of Yolanda. We were frightened especially when the strong wind had blew our house' rooftop making us wet and trembling with fear. In that moment I called God many times to please stop the typhoon.

I am glad our Lamdag Newsletter is revived. We can write our thoughts and share it to others for whatever it is worth. Roman 12:6 says ".....if our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have....."

Well, it is late in the night. My thoughts are dimmed. God Bless!

What makes God smile?



God smile...

1. When we love Him supremely
2. When we trust Him completely
3. When we obey Him wholeheartedly
4. When we praise and thank Him continually
5. When we use our abilities.

The smile of God is the goal of our life.

- Rick Warren, *Purpose Driven Life*



THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Refrain:

The Light of Christ has come into the world.
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1. All men must be born again to see the kingdom of God. The water and the Spirit bring new life in God's love.
(Refrain)
2. God gave up His only Son out of love for the world. So that all men who believe in Him will live forever.
(Refrain)
3. The Light of God has come to us so that we might have salvation; From the darkness of our sins we walk into glory with Christ Jesus.
(Refrain)

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Dwindling attendance

The 1st Friday Teaching and 3rd Friday Assembly have likewise dwindling attendance. We even go to the extent of holding our teaching night at St. Clare monastery and have one of the Franciscan Sisters/Priests talk on an assigned topic. At times, the assigned speaker/worship leader would beg off due to some important concerns and it's usually the Formation Director who does the teaching/worship. But, it seems that the interest of the members in attending the Teaching and Assembly has diminished.

Unfinished BCLP

Three (3) BCLP's were conducted, once every year, although the last BCLP was not finished due to typhoon Yolanda. Of the 25-30 graduates of the last two BCLP's, only ten are now active.

We did not conduct a BCMR on our own but we send there (3) couples to Tacloban to join their BCMR together with some couples from Catbalogan, Borongan and Calbayog. We conducted only one MEP held at the PNP Provincial Headquarters.

Leadership Training

Last January 11, 2014 and January 31, 2014, we conducted a one-day Leadership Training for the AGL's, UL's and the heads of the different ministries and; another one-day Speakers Bureau Training for our BCLP speakers, respectively. Even though these were the only trainings we conducted in the last 3 years, we take pride in it as we did it on our own.

Our three (3) Directors, Bro Noel Pla (Formation), Bro Jed Morillo (Mission), and Bro Herman Donato (PSD), all had attended the National Trainings on their respective Directorate.

Service Ministries

All year round, two(2) ministries keep BCBP Naval firmly planted on the ground – the Music and Intercessory Ministry. The music ministry, led by Bro Ano and Sis Bebeth, supported by Sis Nova and Sis Merle and the rest of the Choir members, continue to sing all for the Lord's Glory. Their dedication and commitment earned for BCBP Naval admiration from almost anybody who hear their music.

Unknown to many, there is an Intercessory Prayer every Wednesday at the Naval Cathedral right after the 5 pm mass. The men and women behind this ministry are admirable. They have problems of their own but they still intercede and pray for all of us.

Action Group Meetings

The Action Group, the heart and soul of BCBP, also has its share of problems. Some of the members do not want a re-organization and are reluctant to join their new action group. They prefer to lie low



BCBP members posed with President Manny Jimenez during his visit in 2013 to grace the 2nd Anniversary Celebration of Naval Chapter.

than join their new AG. Some of the assigned new AGL's were unwilling to accept their new responsibility. As a result, some of the AG's have no regular AGM's. Even the governance team is not spared from this predicament as some members only attend the governance meeting if they feel like attending, not with their heart and commitment.

Less tithers

We started 2013 with a lot of promise as the percentage of tithers vis-à-vis the number of the general membership reached 70%. When the year ended, it plummeted to 35%.

One activity we would like very much to be developed and regularly conducted is the one-on-one. This is a very effective tool in threshing out misunderstandings and finding ways to resolve problems.

Thankful to God

Sis Sol and I are very thankful to God He let us led this community. We felt we have not done our best. But in our weakness, He still loves us and showers us with His Abundant blessings. Our children (Boyet, Bimbim and Ycon) all grew up under the watchful eyes of our BCBP brothers and sisters.

The Challenge

We may have disappointed some of you. We may have hurt some of you. To some, the flames of BCBP may have been dimmed or extinguished under our watch, but for Sis Sol and I, the flames of BCBP are flickering and alive as in Psalm 71:14 "But as for us, we will always have hope; we will praise You more and more."

To the new Chapter Head, Bro Noel and Sis Nanette Pla, good luck and best wishes! We know BCBP Naval will be in good hands under your stewardship.

To the Governance Team, good luck and best wishes too! Your heart and commitment is very vital and your dedication could spell the success of failure of our Chapter.

To the rest of our brothers and sisters of BCBP Naval, continue to grow in maturity with Christ. The responsibility of stoking the flames of BCBP does not rest on the Governance Team alone. Each of us has our respective role in keeping the flames of BCBP alive, no matter how big or small it is. The important thing is we have done our part.

Let us live in Christ and be the change agents we ought to be in our respective businesses or professions so that our LIGHT -

THE BCBP LIGHT - WILL BE A LIGHT FOR OTHERS TOO!

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sion Director; Bro Ton Lachica, Formation Director; Bro Herman Donato, Programs and Services Director; and Bro Yolanda Salomon, Treasurer; Bro Gonie Potot, Bro Pete Ecalla and Bro Jonathan Parone, Unit Leaders.

The new team combines the "wisdom of old" and the "dynamism of the young", with 3 of the members are senior citizens. The rest are relatively young and had been members of the previous governance team.

Bro Boboy will hand-over the Chapter banner to the new Chapter head Bro Noel who will be serving BCBP Naval for the next 3-years.

Bro Noel joined the BCBP in 2005, and served as Discussion Group Leader, Action Group Leader, Formation Director, and BCLP Course Leader. He is married to Sis Nanette Garin-Pla.

BCBP Naval celebrates, from p.1

BCBP Tacloban Chapter sows the BCBP seed in Naval, Biliran, and carefully nurtures it as an Outreach until it became a full-fledged chapter in February 2011.

The half-day activity starts with a Grand Breakfast Fellowship at 7:00 in the morning with Bro Nelson and Sis Baby Daus as the couple sharer. Bro Nelson, the BCBP Area Managing Director for E. Visayas, is the owner of Breeders Agrivet Supplies, Inc.

At 9:30AM, a Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Benjie Pantas, followed by the installation of the new Chapter Head and governance team. This will be held at the Naval State University Gymnasium.

Visitors from the different BCBP Chapters and Outreaches in the region are expected to witness the occasion.



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BCBP NAVAL OUTREACH

FEBRUARY 2014

3rd Year Anniversary GRAND BREAKFAST & INSTALLATION OF NEW GOVERNANCE TEAM

COVENANT OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN & PROFESSIONALS

I _____ commit myself to be a regular member of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals, and with the help of the Lord, I dedicate myself to the following:

I WILL LIVE AS A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST

- I will pray every day for at least 15 minutes and intercede daily for the BCBP
- I will read Scripture everyday for at least 15 min
- I will participate regularly in the worship life of my church
- I will avoid serious sin and wrong doing
- I will put good order into my private and family life and in all my relationships.

I WILL MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE TO THE LORD FOR SERVICE

- I will regularly attend the BCBP Breakfast
- I will faithfully attend our action group meetings and share with my action group members what the Lord is doing in my life and I commit to love and support the members of my action group
- I will faithfully and punctually attend and participate actively in all BCBP activities, in general assemblies, in the chapter, in the unit and action group I belong
- I will dedicate myself to bring other businessmen and professionals to Christ through the BCBP Breakfast and the BCBP Christian Life Program
- As a member of the BCBP, I will follow the directives of those who have responsibility over my service
- I will support the life and mission of the BCBP with the talents and resources that God has given me
- As a husband (wife), I will wholeheartedly support my wife (husband) in her (his) covenant to the BCBP

I WILL BE A CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMAN & PROFESSIONAL

- I will be righteous and just in all my business dealings
- I will give my employers what is due them in terms of the time and the effort I put into my work
- I will be fair and not misrepresent our products/services to our customers
- I will relate to my peers / subordinates / employees with justice and respect
- I will respect company assets and properties and use them solely for the company's business operations
- I will take Christian responsibility for fair labor practices, just wages and human working conditions within the company, as far as my authority will allow me
- I will take Christian responsibility for my financial obligations to the government

May our Lord Jesus Christ help me to live the Covenant of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals more fully everyday for His greater honor and glory

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

GRAND BREAKFAST (7:00-9:00am)	BRO NELSON/ SIS BABY DAUZ <i>Couple Sharer</i>
THANKSGIVING MASS (9:30-10:30am)	REV. FR. BENJIE PANTAS <i>Officiating Priest</i>
INSTALLATION CEREMONY: (10:30-11:45am)	
Opening Song	
Opening Prayer	BRO BERNARD/ SIS DONNAH PASTOR
Inspirational Message and Reading of Thanksgiving & Appointment Letters:	BRO NELSON DAUZ <i>AMD Visayas</i>
Letter 1: Thanksgiving & Approval of Recommendation	
Letter 2: Appointment of Incoming Chapter Head	
Thanksgiving Speech	BRO BOBOY MONTEJO <i>Outgoing CH</i>
Ceremonial Turnover of Chapter Banner	
Acceptance Speech	BRO NOEL PLA <i>In-coming CH</i>
Presentation & Appointment of New Governance Team	BRO BEBOT GELLISANIA <i>AMD Southwest Leyte</i>
Service Commitment Pledge of New Chapter Governance	
Candle Light Ceremony	
Re-Commitment Ceremony	
Closing Remarks	BRO VINCE RODRIGUEZ <i>SWL Region PSD Coordinator</i>
Closing Prayer	BRO TON/ SIS INING LACHICA
Closing Song	
Lunch & Fellowship	
	<i>Master of Ceremonies:</i> BRO. MELJOHN/ SIS NOVA JORGE

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