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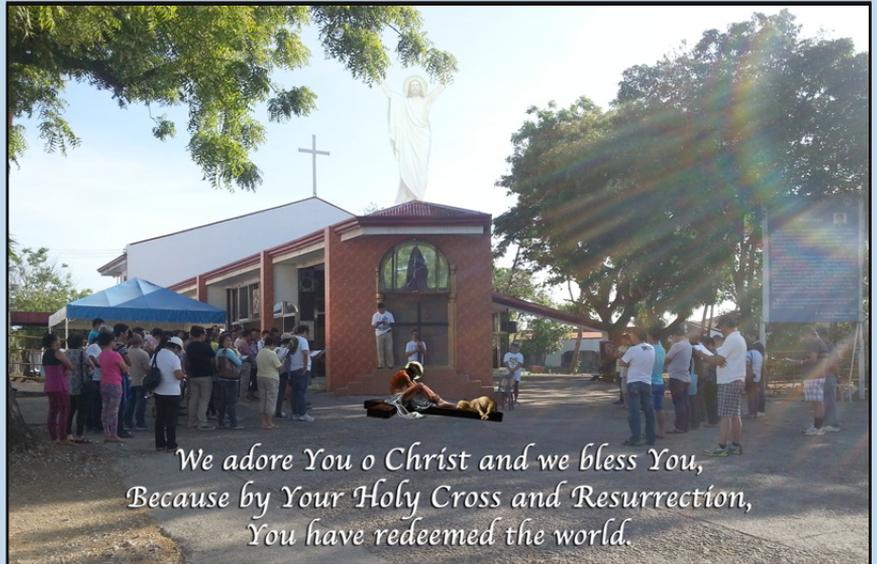
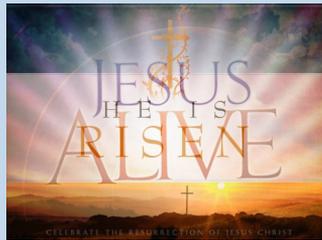
April 2015

"Bringing Christ into the Marketplace
and Winning the Marketplace for Christ"



Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals

Mactan Chapter



*We adore You o Christ and we bless You,
Because by Your Holy Cross and Resurrection,
You have redeemed the world.*

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Chapter Holds Lenten Activities

In union with the entire Christian world, BCBP Mactan members took its part in the observance of the Lenten season; starting with Ash Wednesday, until the Paschal Triduum, as a community or through their individual or family activities of penance, fasting and works of mercy - going to pilgrimages, doing the way of the cross and visiting churches.

The chapter held its Lenten Recollection and Retreat last March 21. The retreat master, Fr Clyde Salitrero from the Order of Carmelites, delivered a very powerful and moving teaching through his own experiences on the Ten Lessons of St. Teresa of Avila for the Lenten Season. Then he administered the Sacrament of Reconciliation to



The Recollection with Fr. Clyde Salitrero, O.Carm.

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Cherish things while you still have them before they are gone, and you will realize how precious they really are. One of the hardest things to deal with is regret. Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forward. So enjoy life.

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almost all the members in attendance, before presiding over the culminating activity; the Holy Mass. Fr. Clyde is a bonafide BCBP priest and the son of former BCBP Mactan couple members Charlie and Val who moved to Bohol.

Then on April 2, Holy Thursday, the whole chapter held its Way of the Cross at the grounds of the Indiana Aerospace University campus. A number of individuals and families residing near the university joined the activity.



The Way of the Cross

BCBP@35 - Advisories & Updates

It is less than a month to go for the BCBP 35th National Anniversary Celebrations this coming May 1-2 at the SMX Convention Center, Seashell Lane, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City. For the benefit of those who are attending and even those who cannot, here are some essential information and guidance.

Schedule of Activities

April 30, 2015 – Thursday

10 am – 12pm - NAC35 Golf Tournament
Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club

May 1, 2015 - Friday

9am – 12pm - NAC35 Badminton Fellowship
Powersmash Badminton Courts,
Makati

12 noon – 3pm - Registration / Exhibits
SMX Convention Center

3 – 4:30pm - Entrance / Snacks
SMX Convention Center

4:30 – 8pm - Opening program / General Assembly
SMX Convention Center

May 2, 2015 – Saturday

6:30 am – 8 am - Breakfast Meeting
SMX Convention Center

8 am – 12 pm - Business Forum
SMX Convention Center

11am – 4 pm - FREE TIME

4:30 pm – 6 pm - Eucharistic Celebration
SMX Convention Center

6pm – 7:30 pm - Dinner
SMX Convention Center

7:30 pm – 12 am - Closing Program / Fellowship (SMX)

Also in the morning of Good Friday, a number of our members again gathered together at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Church at Brgy Pajac to decorate the Caro for the Santo Entierro procession later that afternoon. This has already become a traditional activity of the chapter as a way of helping out in the parish activities.



Decorating the Caro for the Santo Entierro

Dress Code

Friday Assembly
NAC35 Official Shirt
and most
comfortable jeans



Saturday Breakfast
Business Attire



Saturday Fellowship

Men: Coat but no
need for a tie.
Ladies: Cocktail
Dress or Blazer with
SLACKS



(for more info kindly visit <http://bcbpnac35.org>)

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was understood everywhere. Numerous conversions followed his preaching. He is estimated to have converted 25,000 Spanish Jews, which God Himself assisted by the gift of miracles. He was believed to have performed 58,000 miracles, or eight a day. St. Vincent Ferrer died at Vannes, France, in 1499, while delivering his last sermon. He was canonized in 1455.

The intercessory ministry chose St. Vincent Ferrer as saint intercessor this month. Together, let us continue to be inspired by his devotion to our Savior and to our most Holy Mother. Let us continue to ask for his guidance as we face whatever comes our way. St. Vincent Ferrer, pray for us!



*Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking
creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.*

Teaching: Ten Lessons of St. Teresa of Avila for the Lenten Season

Fr. Clyde Salitrero - O.Carm.

1. PRAYER

"We must have a determined determination to never give up prayer!" Analogy: what air is to lungs so is prayer to the soul. Healthy lungs need constant and pure air; healthy soul must be constantly breathing through prayer – the oxygen of the soul!

2. DEFINITION OF PRAYER

"Prayer is nothing more than spending a long time alone with the one I know loves me." Its like two friends loving each other. JESUS himself called the Apostles friends – so you are called to be a friend with Jesus!

3. LOVE FOR JESUS

St. Teresa said that she found many graces by meditating upon the Humanity of Jesus. By spending time with Jesus, the Son of God made man and entering into dialogue with Him is a sure path to growth in prayer.

4. LOVE FOR JESUS IN HIS SUFFERINGS

It is a common denominator among many saints – the call to contemplate the love of Jesus through his sorrowful passion – Padre Pio, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Faustina. For St. Teresa, she had a mystical experience of "Ecce Homo", she saw Jesus with His crowned Head and this moved her to a greater love for Jesus.

5. HOLY SPIRIT: THE DIVINE TEACHER IN PRAYER

One woman who struggled with prayer talked to a priest, the advice of the priest changed her life. The priest insisted on praying to the Holy Spirit! From then on, Teresa's prayer life improved! Let us be led by the best of

all teachers, the Interior Master of prayer, the Holy Spirit.

6. SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

During the course of St. Teresa's life, she had recourse to several spiritual directors, some of these are now saints: St. John of the Cross, a Carmelite; St. Francis Borgia, a Jesuit; St. Peter of Alcantara, a Franciscan and Fr. Jerome Gracian, a well-known Dominican scholar and theologian. True, all of us cannot have three canonized saints and a brilliant Dominican theologian to guide us spiritually, but we can and must all find some form of periodic spiritual direction from someone whom we see as spiritually mature and able.

St. John of the Cross said, "He who as himself as guide has an idiot as a disciple." Bingo!

7. CONVERSION AND REFORM

TO CONVERT OTHERS WE MUST START WITH OURSELVES

Jesus' first words in preaching were: "Be converted because the Kingdom of God is at hand." (Mk. 1:15)

8. SPIRITUAL MASTERPIECES – HER WRITINGS

Without doubt, one of the major contributions to the Church as well as to the world at large are the writings or spiritual masterpieces of Teresa. One of her basic themes is that of the importance of prayer, and striving to grow deeper in prayer until one arrives at the Mystical Union of the spouse with Jesus the Heavenly Spouse. Anybody who takes his or her spiritual life seriously should know Teresa's writings and spend some time in reading some of her anointed writings: "Her life"; "The Way of Perfection";

"The Interior Castle"; "Foundations".

9. THE CROSS AS THE BRIDGE TO HEAVEN

Jesus said, "Anyone who wants to be my follower must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." St. Teresa lived with a constant friend – the cross of Jesus. For St. Teresa to carry out the reform of the Carmelite, she suffered constant attacks and persecutions from many nuns in the convent who preferred a more comfortable lifestyle, from priests (Carmelites) and from other Church authorities. Instead of becoming discouraged and losing heart, she joyfully trusted in the Lord all the more—anyway, it was His doing!

10. OUR BLESSED MOTHER AND ST. JOSEPH

During the course of her Religious Life, St. Teresa loved the Blessed Virgin Mary—as is common in the lives of the saints. Her specific Marian devotion was Our Lady of Mount Carmel. She also cultivated a tender and filial love to Saint Joseph, attributing her recovery from a sickness that almost ended her life to the powerful intercession of St. Joseph.

CONCLUSION:

May the great woman Doctor of the Church—the Doctor of Prayer—St. Teresa of Avila, be a constant inspiration to you, to all of us in our own spiritual pilgrimage to heaven. May she encourage us to pray more and with greater depth, arrive at a deeper conversion of heart, and finally love JESUS as the very center and well-spring of our lives! Amen.



Every morning is a wonderful day to begin building tomorrows future. Just make use of your day to grow like the sunrise and humble yourself like the sunset.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM: The Joy of the Gospel

Fr Martin Okafor-Ilozue CSSp
BCBP Mactan BCLP 19

Introduction: At around noontime of Nov 26, 2013, Central European Time Zone (UTC+1:00), Pope Francis released his first apostolic exhortation from St. Peter's Basilica, titled *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). It comes on the heels of his first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei* (The Light of Faith), which he composed alongside Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. This exhortation, however, is his first solo teaching document as pope.

1. The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.

I. A joy ever new, a joy which is shared

2. The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice

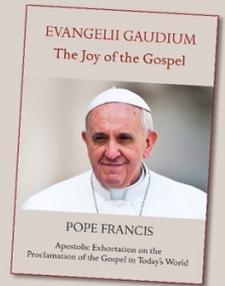
is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ.

3. I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace". How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we

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The Joy of the Gospel

First Apostolic Exhortation
of Pope Francis



are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. Christ, who told us to forgive one another "seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22) has given us his example: he has forgiven us seventy times seven. Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unflinching love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew. Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards!

4. The books of the Old Testament predicted that the joy of salvation would abound in messianic times. The prophet Isaiah exultantly salutes the awaited Messiah: "You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy" (9:3). He exhorts those who dwell on Zion to go forth to meet him with song: "Shout aloud and sing for joy!" (12:6). The prophet tells those who have already seen him from afar to bring the message to

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Life continues whatever happens. All we need is to be positive & be brave with all the challenges we encounter. Faith in God is still the best armor.

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others: "Get you up to a high mountain, O herald of good tidings to Zion; lift up your voice with strength, O herald of good tidings to Jerusalem" (40:9). All creation shares in the joy of salvation: "Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth! Break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones" (49:13).

Zechariah, looking to the day of the Lord, invites the people to acclaim the king who comes "humble and riding on a donkey": "Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he" (9:9).

Perhaps the most exciting invitation is that of the prophet Zephaniah, who presents God with his people in the midst of a celebration overflowing with the joy of salvation. I find it thrilling to reread this text: "The Lord, your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives you the victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult

over you with loud singing, as on a day of festival" (3:17).

This is the joy which we experience daily, amid the little things of life, as a response to the loving invitation of God our Father: "My child, treat yourself well, according to your means... Do not deprive yourself of the day's enjoyment" (Sir 14:11, 14). What tender paternal love echoes in these words!

5. The Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross, constantly invites us to rejoice. A few examples will suffice. "Rejoice!" is the angel's greeting to Mary (Lk 1:28). Mary's visit to Elizabeth makes John leap for joy in his mother's womb (cf. Lk 1:41). In her song of praise, Mary proclaims: "My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (Lk 1:47). When Jesus begins his ministry, John cries out: "For this reason, my joy has been fulfilled" (Jn 3:29). Jesus himself "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (Lk 10:21). His message brings us joy: "I have said these things to you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (Jn 15:11). Our Christian joy drinks of

the wellspring of his brimming heart. He promises his disciples: "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (Jn 16:20). He then goes on to say: "But I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (Jn 16:22). The disciples "rejoiced" (Jn 20:20) at the sight of the risen Christ. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that the first Christians "ate their food with glad and generous hearts" (2:46). Wherever the disciples went, "there was great joy" (8:8); even amid persecution they continued to be "filled with joy" (13:52). The newly baptized eunuch "went on his way rejoicing" (8:39), while Paul's jailer "and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God" (16:34). Why should we not also enter into this great stream of joy?



This is only a partial publication of Pope Francis' exhortation. The entire document can be read at the Vatican website:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html

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years now, decorated the Sto. Entiero of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Pajac. At 3 pm the whole family went to church for the Veneration of the Cross and the procession. God, who may have seen how tired I was, took pity on me. I got a ride with the multicab that carried the Sto. Entiero during

the procession.

Black Saturday was a rest day. By mid afternoon the family prepared for the Easter Vigil. We traditionally go to the Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral for this church celebration. This year was exceptional. Archbishop Jose Palma was the main celebrant. At the end of the mass His Eminence

gave the final blessing with a plenary Indulgence for all who received it. From the church we explained to the children what plenary indulgence is. They too felt so blessed.

The Holy week ended beautifully as I sang the Psalm for the Easter dawn Mass.

A Holy week indeed! Alleluiah!

We cannot change yesterday, it is gone, that is clear, nor begin tomorrow until it is here. So, all that is left is to make today as fruitful and enjoyable as it can be.

Chapter Head's Message: Come, and Follow Me.....

Orly Manuel - Chapter Head - BCBP Mactan BCLP 1



When Jesus met his first disciples, he said, "Come and see." And when the time had come for Jesus to announce his passion to them, he said, "... take up your cross each day, and follow me." After his resurrection, the same words he repeated, "... Follow Me." "Now you shall be witnesses to this," was also one of Jesus' last instructions before his ascension.

All those were action words. The same urging entreated by the Holy Father during his apostolic visit to the country, "Act!" "Acts are important," emphatically says Pope Francis.

When I first joined BCBP many years back then, I thought, it was enough that I have found the Lord

through our community, and a new and simple life lived in him shall have sufficed. But soon after I realized that the way laid out by the Lord was "to follow him." Thus, bringing me and the graduates of our early BCLPs that followed, to our outreaches in the cities of Ormoc, Zamboanga, and Bogu. And, I soon found out too and understood that in BCBP we are formed, and tasked to "follow him," not to settle and be content in the solace and security of our assigned or desired groups; simply enjoying the consoling and comforting environment, and the fellowships it offers.

In a few days, BCLP 10 in Bogu, and BCLP 22 in Mactan shall have began, and the task goes on. So much work have to be done. So much

help and support is needed. So much involvement is required. The call to "Bring Christ to the Marketplace" and "Win the Marketplace for Christ" echoes loud and clear for every BCBP member.

Again, so says "Lolo Kiko," "Only by stripping away our complacency will we be able to identify ourselves with the least of our brothers and sisters" (in the marketplace).

And so, this Easter Season, as the Lord has risen and given us victory over sin and death, we as a community, must arise too from mediocrity and complacency even as we reflect and learn to ACT upon the words of the Lord.....

"FOLLOW ME!"



A Very Holy Week

Nery Gula - BCBP Mactan BCLP 1

Approaching the Holy Week I prayed to God for the grace to really make it HOLY. And what a Holy Week we had!

After attending the Mass on Holy Monday, Jun and I were inspired to visit our sick brothers in the community. We went to Kuya Jess' place but were not able to see him. He was asleep then. We proceeded to visit Kuya Peping Caballero where Ate Remy welcomed us. After a short chat we prayed over them. Coming home I can't help but be awed at how God made the day holy.

On holy Wednesday I began the

day very early by planning the route of the Way of the Cross that we do in the subdivision every Holy Wednesday. This Lenten activity which we initiated has become a tradition in our small community. We finished the well attended Way of the Cross just in time. Rain showers came after taking back all the stations and all homeowners had gone home. God is really good.

Holy Thursday, the 1st of the Triduum days started with the early Way of the Cross of BCBP Mactan. It was just the start of a very busy day. The 10th station for the Parish's Way of the Cross was assigned to our chapel. I had to set up the station with its decoration. The rest of the day was spent in the

church for the Last Supper mass and the Visita Iglesia that followed. Lying down to sleep, I thanked God for the exhausting but very fulfilling day.

Good Friday was the best. With only a few hours of sleep, I got up very early to prepare "arroz caldo" at the same time monitoring the way of the cross so I will not miss it as it stopped by our subdivision. Together with some neighbors we proceeded to the church to personally distribute the arroz caldo to the parishioners who joined the Way of the Cross. Jun had an opportunity to serve when he was asked to read the gospel reading for the 14th station. An hour after, Jun and I joined the BCBP brothers and sisters who, for more than ten

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Wonderful people reflect God in their lives, think His thoughts, speak His words and love without discrimination. May you remain such a wonderful person.

April 2015 Calendar of Activities, Birthday & Anniversary Celebrants

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Fig Monday	Holy Tuesday	Apr 1 Spy Wednesday Ann Olalo Baby Daus Ed Pobre	2 Maundy Thursday Way of the Cross	3 Good Friday Eton & Veron Apao	4 Black Saturday	5 Easter Sunday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Action Group Meeting Week						
		BCLP 22 Novena (Day 1) Lando Buctuanon	BCLP 22 Novena (Day 2) Jun Torres	BCLP 22 Novena (Day 3) BOGO BCLP 11 (S1)	BCLP 22 Novena (Day 4) *Breakfast Fellowship Logen Paradero Virgie Campañon	BCLP 22 Novena (Day 5)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
BCLP 22 Novena (Day 6) Glo Sanchez Inday Bahandi	BCLP 22 Novena (Day 7)	BCLP 22 Novena (Day 8)	BCLP 22 Novena (Day 9)	Chapter Assembly BOGO BCLP 11 (S2) Ailyn Torres	*Breakfast Fellowship BCLP 22 (S1) Kim & Suzel Famor	Alex Bondoc
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Action Group Meeting Week						
			Lita Tumalak	BOGO BCLP 11 (S3)	*Breakfast Fellowship BCLP 22 (S2)	Cords Cordova
27	28	29	30			
		Alvin & Ann Olalo	Rajid dela Peña	Arlin & Lita Tan Dong Sumalinog		
Chapter		Anniversaries		Birthdays		Formation
Mission		Programs & Services		Holidays		

Man of the Month: Gel Sanchez | Unit Sponsor of the Month: Unit A (Retuya)

Please inform the chapter secretariat of missed names or corrections

Intercessor of the Month: St Vincent Ferrer, Patron of Engineers & Builders



Saint Vincent Ferrer
Feast Day: April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer once said, "We must love our neighbor as being made in the image of God and as an object of His love." So who is St. Vincent Ferrer?

St. Vincent Ferrer is considered as the greatest Dominican preacher. He was born at Valencia, Spain in 1350. He was highly influenced by his parents to love the poor, to fast on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and to have an intense devotion to Jesus and Mary. After joining the Dominican order in 1374, he soon became a famous preacher, and everywhere his lectures and sermons met with extraordinary success. He once said to his fellow priests: "In your sermons use simple language and precise examples. Each sinner in your congregation should feel moved as though you were preaching to him alone. An

abstract discourse hardly inspires those who listen."

St. Vincent traveled through Europe, preaching mainly on sin, death, hell, eternity, and the speedy approach of the day of the judgement. He spoke with such energy that most of the listeners were able to freely confess their sins and repented from their sinful life. Several priests accompanied him in his travels, helping him in his ministry. He instructed them in this fashion: "When hearing confession, you should always radiate your warmest charity. Whether you are gently encouraging the faint hearted or putting the fear of God into the hardheaded, the penitent should feel that you are motivated only by pure love." He was accredited to have the Pentecostal "gift of tongues" so that his word

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If you cannot be a pencil to write anyone's happiness, then try at least to be an eraser to remove someone's sadness. Be a channel of blessings to others.



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BRINGING CHRIST INTO THE MARKETPLACE AND WINNING THE MARKETPLACE FOR CHRIST

The BCBP is a community of like-minded Christian businessmen and professionals who have consciously decided to band together to bring about the transformation of the marketplace.

BREAKFAST

Venue: Crown Regency Suites - Mactan

Weekly Schedule: Saturday 7:30 - 10:00 AM

1st week: Men's 2nd week: Joint (Men's & Ladies)

3rd week: Men's 4th week: Simul (Men's & Ladies)

Contact Person: Felix Angana - Breakfast Head

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March 2015 Breakfast Sharers



Mon Figueroa (March 7)

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"Happiness has been placed by God at our doorstep. We just have to enjoy what we already have. It's a matter of appreciating God's daily blessings."

"God gives each of us a chance after chance to be saved from death and brought into the light that gives life." (Job 33:29-30)



Jun & Nery Gula (March 14)

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"God cares for us because He loves us. His ways are mysterious. His kindness is beyond measure. His mercy and love are so vast and so deep that the graces He bestows on us overflows. So why worry when you can pray?"

"I praise the Lord because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
(Psalm 139:4)



Bing & Ani Sarigumba (March 21)

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"serving the Lord even in the season of trials and difficulties, believing that He is kind and merciful, loving and generous God of all who takes no pleasure in causing sorrow, pain and failure"

"You have become honorable in my eyes, and glorious. I have loved you, and I will present men in behalf of you and people on be." (Isa 43:5)



Jhun & Carol Pardico (March 28)

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"God's light always overcomes the darkness. His ways of bringing us to the light may not be pleasant and appealing at times, but they are the best ways."

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
(2 Cor 12:9)

God has arranged events and placed people in your life for a reason. In the same way, you have been appointed to be part of someone's life for a reason as well. Make that reason count, coz for every life you touch, you are gaining treasures for your own. Be a gift.