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From her desk

Changes

As Christian believers, God expects us to change. To change the way we live that is more pleasing to Him and will bring glory to His Name.

In fact, Jesus Christ wants us to change and become like little children; otherwise we will not enter the Kingdom of God.

He clearly mentioned in Matthew 18 particularly in verse 3, "And he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Then in verse 4, it states "Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Our Church has been dealing with several changes and one of them is the transformation of our official quarterly magazine called Vision Magazine into a bi-annual publication through e-Vision Magazine. Every activity and information going on around the church will be posted via the official website of the Church (www.dcagc-camacop.com) and can be checked further through e-Vision Magazine.

The staff of Information Management Department headed by Rovic Jereza decided to maximize the Church's resources that include the magazine publication, and also make some more improvements on the official website of the Church.

We believe that God wants us to use His resources properly, and this particular change in the IMD is part of God's Will by obeying His leading for His glory and honor alone!

Enjoy surfing the new look of our Church's website!

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On that day

By Mary Joy S. Ganibe

On that day you said
A way to prosper you'll give
But how should I believe you
When your shirt is not even branded?

On that day you said
A great comfort I'll receive
But how should I believe you
When I know how your family lived

On that day you said
Salvation awaits
But how should I believe you
When I know my life is a mess

You see Pastor
We had met once before
I had been watching you
Outside those colored walls

Persistently you asked me
To go inside your church
But as dirty as I am
I didn't dare to come along

All things you said
Sounded foolishness to me
Until one day I saw
A dying person next to me

On that day I remembered
Everything you said
And so I thought
I heard HIM speaking in my head

On that day I reckoned
What a glorious blessing the Lord gave to me
When He sent me your way
Amidst my weary day

The answers I longed for
Had come from your voice.
As you preached God's word,
I started to rejoice.

Prosperity and Comfort
I finally achieved
I thank God for you
For showing me the way

Leaping through C41 discipleship

By Mary Joy S. Ganibe

"One can make a difference." This was the emphasis relayed by Rev. Romy Romarez when asked about the concept of DCAGC's evangelism and discipleship system called the C41.

It was in the year 2008 when the membership department of Davao City Alliance Gospel Church thought of a way to mobilize the church for evangelism. "Currently, we have more or less 3,000 church members. However, we know that we can actually double this number if each member will at least evangelize and disciple another individual. Because of this, we came up with the idea of C41 which means Care-for-One," said Rev. Romarez, former head of DCAGC Membership Department.

Last July 9, 2011, a C41 Seminar and Workshop was held at Davao City Alliance Gospel Church which aimed to train church members and leaders to evangelize. Emelda Dacquiado, one of the board of directors of the Philippine Student Alliance Lay Movement, Inc. (PSALM) Ministry, spoke during the seminar and shared her personal testimony about witnessing and discipleship.

C41 leaders were trained to use evangelism materials such as the 4SL, and other sources of witnessing tools. On the other hand, C41 contacts are then catered into the discipleship program using the 10 Caring Circle Lessons, and other Bible study guides. Later on, these contacts will be trained for commissioning so that they can also care for one person and will later multiply their number.

C41 training is held every quarter and uses a framework which allows every leader to experience different levels of evangelism and discipleship training.

"We encourage all church members, not only the leaders to do the C41. Care for just one person in your community, workplace, school, or neighborhood. Just one, and let that one care for another one, you can also be one family, caring for another family," said Romarez. ■

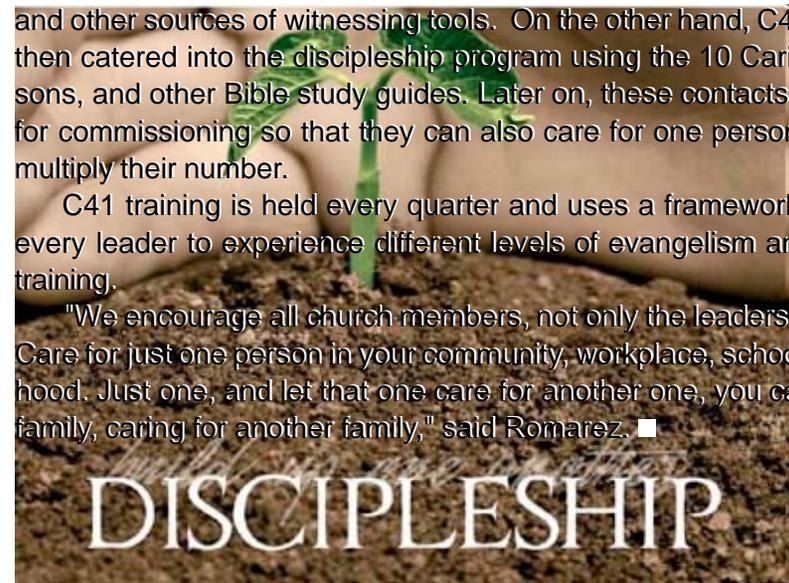


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Pinoy Biggest Gainer proclaimed

By e-Vision Magazine Staff

It was the first time that the Information Management Department (IMD) of Davao City Alliance Gospel Church (DCAGC) held their search for Mr. and Ms. Pinoy Biggest Gainer 2011 at Marco Polo Davao's Polo Bistro poolside last November 26, 2011.

The aim of this event was to encourage the skinny and underweight teens with one single adult to eat healthy foods and add some weight that is also appropriate for their height.

Last Saturday yielded some good results. Out of the nine promising contestants, two of them bagged the awards. Proclaimed winners, namely Kong and Peppermint, luckily got the titles as Mr. and Ms. Pinoy Biggest Gainer 2011, respectively. The male winner added 5 kilos while the female winner gained 7.5 kilos.

"This first competition was truly amazing! Their parents were certainly glad that their children now want to eat healthy foods and keep a healthy weight according to their height," said over-all committee chair of Mr. and Ms. Pinoy Biggest Gainer 2011 Ana Theresa F. Basilio.

The nine young contestants composed of eight young teens and one single adult professional have been weighed and monitored since December 2010. The contestant who has achieved a bigger gain at present compared to his or her previous weight monitoring is the declared winner, she explained.

I am happy with the good turn-out of the said event, which is actually a double celebration because it's the early Christmas party of DCAGC IMD led by department head Butch Jereza, Basilio said.

The organizing committee was truly thankful for the unselfish support of their major partners and sponsors that made the event very successful, she said.

This very exciting and one-of-a-kind event has been participated by Marco Polo Davao, Globe Telecom, and The Mindanao Daily Mirror, Inc. Other major sponsors are Lito Sy Studio, Holiday Gym and Spa, NCCC, Precision Seals and Rubber Products Inc., and 93.1 Crossover. ■

A mass wedding was held last August 13, 2011 at the Junior Church of Davao City Alliance Gospel Church, which is under the Membership Department formerly headed by Rev. Romy Romarez. The goal of this program is to marry the live-in partners under the DCAGC. In partnership with the Child Survival Program (CSP), a couple was declared legally married.

A short background about the Child Survival Program: This is a program of Davao City Alliance Gospel Church in Partnership with Compassion International. This is a non-government Christian organization which has a mission statement of "Releasing Children from Poverty in Jesus's name". CSP caters to the less fortunate children ages 0 to 2 years old. Most of the parents of these children are living together as unwed couples. To extend help to these DCAGC members, the Membership Department, Pastors, CSP and CDSP staff have worked together to coordinate a mass wedding for their marriage to become legal. The blessed couple was Loreto Tenoso and Rowena Dacanay Tenoso. They have one daughter named Nicole.

The CSP staff prepared the program, physical arrangement, and delicious food with decorations such as candles, and the veil during the wedding ceremony while the couple prepared only their ring and their Cenomar (Certificate of no marriage). Rev. Romarez was the officiating minister who witnessed with the church pastors, namely, Pastora Laila Lapi-an, Pastora Rose Quir, Pastora Vivelyn Romarez, and Rev. Toto Cayubin.

Rowena's mother was teary eyed when she thanked the church for helping her daughter become legally married to her husband. She cannot believe that her daughter's wedding was sponsored by the church.

It's so good to hear that in our ministry, we are helping our members not just in their spiritual life but in other aspects as well. As what the DCAGC's mission statement says, "DCAGC exists to lead people to Jesus Christ... holistically transforming communities... to manifest God's glory." ■

Mass wedding at Junior Church

By Mariancres D. Mamburam

First year of youth service

By Mariancres D. Mamburam

"Once we just thought that we could have a worship service for youth and now, we're celebrating its one year of existence." A thought from Youth Pastor Jay Cruz as the youth core leaders gathered together at the backstage to pray before the worship service starts.

The DCAGC celebrated God's faithfulness last September 18, 2011 particularly during the 3rd Worship Service: the Youth Worship Service. It started last September 19, 2010. The third worship is designed for the youth worshipping God at DCAGC during Sundays from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Under the Magnification Department, the youth service is being led by the talented young Christian leaders as guided by their Youth Pastor who is also the new Head of the Magnification Department, Pastor Joed Cruz. From the ushers, sound system, projector, program up to the Praise and Worship Team, the youth handles them every Sunday.

Being ushered by the PSALM (Philippines Student Alliance Lay Movement) student leaders during the anniversary celebration, young people were welcomed warmly at the door. With Desiree Donn Maglanoc and Charles Michael Tolosa as the emcees, Pastor Jay officially welcomed the congregation in celebrating God's faithfulness at the youth service. It started with an invocation through dancing followed by a song number by the GEOSA (Good Examples of Spiritual Artists). Dr. Levi Quir, the executive pastor was invited to speak God's message for the young congregation. Afterwards, a song was presented by the youth choir conducted by Joy Cabiles. The speaker of the youth service was acknowledged and received his token of appreciation.

One of the GEOSA guys, David Bryan Gayo was asked: How does it feel to be part in the Youth Ministry. And he strikingly said "Being part of the Youth Ministry was a great privilege for me because it's like being given a chance to become part of something big, something spectacular..."

As you can see in our generation today, God really needs people to reach out more souls for Him. The youth is the favorite target of the enemy as they are easily confused by their emotions and pressured by their peers. The only remedy for that is love. John 4:8b says "God is love." In addition, Dr. Levi Quir said the church is not just for personal purposes but was also designed to reach out more souls to God. Through this youth ministry, may the Lord be glorified by the lives of these youth as they continue the ministry in ushering young people to the church of God's Son Jesus Christ. Having this reason, the DCAGC hopes and pray that this ministry will exist and continue to grow not just for one year but for more years to come in order to accomplish God's Great Commission. ■

Once more, DCAGC conducted a Blood Donation Program in partnership with the Department of Health Region XI last November 12, 2011. This was the first time when the number of donors has reached a total of 41 blood donors, which is the highest number of donors in any blood donation program of our church to date.

"*Kay sa future manginahanglan ko ug dugo, naa koy makuhaan. Gusto pud nako mutabang sa ubang tao.*" This was the statement of a first-time donor, John Rey Lindo when asked about the reason of donating.

The event was spearheaded by DCAGC's Missions Department head Rev. Rey Cayubin. In an interview, he was glad and thankful to the Lord for all the people who gained the passion to share their lives. He reiterated that it was better to give than to receive, especially when it comes to blood donation. We may not be able to repay the donors but we can always pray for them especially for the growth of their passion for people.

Blood donation keeps

getting better

By Jofferson Jones C. Panos



As for those who haven't donated yet, he said: "I encourage them to take this activity as an opportunity to extend their lives to others and also to know their physical condition as well. However, they should not only think of what they can receive, but of what they can give to others."

DCAGC regularly conducts its blood donation program which is usually announced weeks before the event. It encourages everyone to donate. Our red blood cells have only a life of 120 days. Instead of keeping the lifeless ones, it would be better to start donating our blood. ■

Repeat the Sounding Joy

By e-Vision Magazine Staff

The celebration of Christmas would be incomplete if you failed to listen to the angelic voices of the Davao City Alliance Gospel Church Sanctuary Choir. On the night of December 18, 2011, the DCAGC Sanctuary Choir held their annual Christmas Cantata with this year's theme "Repeat the Sounding Joy, a never ending Christmas story." Indeed, Christmas is solely focused on the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ who gave hope to all mankind and who is the only Prince of Peace. We have been awaiting, as well, for the second coming of our Messiah, Jesus Christ. During the Christmas Cantata presentation of the Sanctuary Choir of DCAGC, it displayed how Christian believers would keep on praising and giving glory to our God Almighty. Also, we could not dismiss the fact that the joy that we have in Christ Jesus could not be replaced by any material things in this world. He is a great joy and satisfaction to all Christian believers because there is always hope in Him alone. Among the very encouraging Christmas songs sung by the Sanctuary Choir includes "Repeat the Sounding Joy with Sing We Now of Christmas and Good Christian, All Rejoice", "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", "Joy to the World", "What Child is this?", "O Come, All Ye Faithful", and many more. To sum it up, let's keep on hoping and keep on rejoicing because there is always joy in Christ Jesus alone. Have a blessed Christmas celebration to you and your family! ■

