

*With deep sympathy...*

To the families of:

Sis. Joyce Dizon for the loss of her mother.

and

Bro. Jimmy La Rosa for the death of his father.

*"..God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."*

Revelations 7:17

### *An Invitation:*

To Crossroads families residing in Daly City and neighboring cities such as San Bruno, San Francisco, and South San Francisco to open their homes for a Bible study on a given Friday evening. The Bible Study leaders love to come and minister to the families who thirst for God's Word.

To all Crossroads members to register for Discipleship 101 with Pastor Antenor.

*"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."*

Matthew 4:4



## Praise Reports

1. Well-attended and fruitful celebration of 23 years of God's faithfulness to Crossroads
2. Healing of Sis Amy, Bro Rey, Sis Precy Evangelista, Sis Marivic's mom, Sis Cathy's uncle and aunt.
3. Salvation of Ann Gage, Lennie Martinez and her 5 relatives
4. Fruitful seminar, "School of Marriage II" by Pastor Rene Canlas
5. Growth of Home Bible Study in different venues
3. Healing from cancer for Sis Lynne A, Ann Gage and Ruth Isip; Willie and Bro Chris's sisters—kidney; Justin-heart; Sis Cynthia -blockage of carotid artery; Gilbert
4. Hedge of protection, wisdom and discernment for our leaders and every family in our church
5. Comfort for bereaved families -Sis Joyce for the loss of her father; Bro Jim for the loss of his mom.
6. Jobs and businesses of brethren; favor for quick job transfer for Sandra Martinez
7. Petition of brethren's loved ones

## Prayer Requests

1. That God will keep fanning the flame on the Prayer Movement
2. Salvation of our households and our cities; household and church revival

# The COMMUNICATOR

A monthly newsletter for Crossroads Christian Center

*Celebrating Crossroads' 23rd Anniversary*  
*Theme: "Growing Together in Kingdom Service"*

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## Happy Anniversary, Crossroads Family!

### Moving On in a Changing World

A few Fridays ago, I attended a life support group meeting (aka Bible study for those of us who are familiar with church language) and it was one of the most diverse groups one could be in. An Indian Hindu, a practicing Taoist and several Catholics were there freely participating in the group interaction about Christian marriage. We prayed, talked about some Bible verses and later had some food. This is a new face of outreach ministry where everyone is a Christian and speaks church language that a stranger probably would not understand.

Our mantra for years is "bring the people inside the church". Maybe we need to change that to "bring the church to the people." We are celebrating our church anniversary and we thank God for the many years of His faithfulness. Anniversary is not only a time to reflect and rejoice but also to rethink of how church ought to be like or maybe what it should really be. We live in a rapidly changing world but the message of Christianity remains the same: Christ who He is and what He has done. However, the methods of communicating that truth is varied and flexible. My heart's desire is to know what the Holy Spirit wants to do and simply join in to what God is already doing.

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Greetings to Everyone! Shalom!

We welcome everyone in the celebration of Crossroads Christian Center's 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary. On this occasion, we are so deeply touched by this year's theme: "Growing Together in Kingdom Service" in relation to Romans 12:1, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship". For us Christians, this is a reminder that by the mercies of God, we are able to conduct ourselves in the world relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace. (2 Corinthians 1:12) As offer ourselves to Him in serving Him, we offer our whole being – our body, soul and spirit.

God has given us our own gifts in either physical or spiritual forms. It is but fitting therefore to be thankful to Him for these gifts. As faithful stewards of God's grace, we are admonished to use whatever gift we have in serving others. (1 Peter 4:10) Let us then give back everything we have for His kingdom and glory – be it time, talent or treasure.

Today's anniversary celebration marks the foundation of our commitment to God by involving ourselves to the various church activities and outreach programs. This is our humble expression of faithful commitment and service in the pursuit of our spiritual journey as individuals and as one big church family. May we all be blessed and be a blessing to others in all seasons of trials and celebrations for the glory of God!



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## Church Services

### Sunday

- 9:00 am Intercessory Prayers
- 10:45 am English Worship Service
- Children's Church
- 6:00 pm Tagalog Worship Service

### Wednesday

7:30 pm Mid-Week Prayer Meeting

### Friday

- 7:00 pm Youth Night
- 7:30 pm Young Adults/College Ministry

### Saturday

7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice

*Home Bible Studies are held throughout the week. Please contact Bro. Frank at 650-438-4423 for details.*

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## What Do Members Say.....

The word church comes from the Greek word "ekklesia" that mean assembly or gathering. However, it is not only the building or the meeting place but rather the group of true believers where the true and holy God dwells. The church is God's dwelling place where the hearts of its members are holy because the God who dwells in them is holy.

According to the Scriptures, there are five purposes why church exists, namely: worship, discipleship, fellowship, evangelism and missions. In achieving its purpose, Crossroads church may have different degrees of impact to its members. Thus, the members may have different perceptions and feelings

about Crossroads. Their experiences in their involvement to the activities provided by the church will, to a certain degree, form the right concept of a Christian church. What do members say about Crossroads church?

Sis Cathy Repil

*"Crossroads is not only a place of worship but it is a place of opportunities – an opportunity to know and to serve God more, to fellowship with other Christians, be a better Christian and most of all, an opportunity to fall in love with Jesus over and over again."*

Sis Jen Legaspi

*"Crossroads Christian Center changed our life. It made our faith in God much stronger and our family much closer."*

Bro. Ray Euseaquio

*"Crossroads to me is a great place for Christian fellowship as well as for spiritual growth."*

Bro. Rene & Sis Precy Evangelista

*"Crossroads Christian Church is a family. We can feel the warmth of the people in welcoming new members. Those who thirst for God's Word will be filled at Crossroads. Pastor Antenor's preaching every Sunday always gives impact on one's life. There is God's love in every celebration that the church does. One thing that makes us stay in this church is because CCC works with God!"*

Bro. Tony Santiago

*"Crossroads has definitely changed my life. This to me is something I regard as one of my personal achievements. I'm also proud to say that I have experienced tremendous blessings since coming to Crossroads. Truly God loves me!"*

Bro. Ariel Canlapan

*"We thank God because He led us here at Crossroads. Every time we attend the worship service, our hearts are burning with love and hope because of the presence of God."*

## Ministry Updates

Once again the Couples' Ministry sponsored the second part of the School of Marriage Seminar last Sept. 18, 2011. Pastor Rene Canlas who also conducted the first part last Dec. 5, 2010 discussed fully the correct and wrong way of handling conflicts which could be applied not only to marital conflicts but also to any relationships. Married couples as well as single parents attended the seminar. There will be more topics/issues relevant to marriage relationships like budgeting and parenting in the next few months.

The Youth ministry's name is Youth Gospel Revolution. They meet every Friday night, 6:30-9:00. Every Sunday afternoon, a discipleship training is conducted for those who are willing to commit to do the work of the Ministry. They also just started the dance team as part of the praise and worship group. And lastly, the youths have a monthly Spirit Empowerment seminars (baptism in the Holy Spirit) so that they have an opportunity for a fresh encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. Youths, please join the Ministry!



Last Sunday, September 18, concluded the year 2011 basketball tournament. After six weeks of fun-filled and exciting competition from 6 different teams, Crossroads' Yellow Team with Brother Jojo Galang as its captain ball, ended up as this year's champions after defeating a team from another church during the championship game. Congratulations Yellow Team! Way to go!!!

Altogether, this year's basketball tournament proved remarkably memorable. From the start of the tournament, the spirit of Christian brotherhood pervaded the basketball court despite the players' intense desire to win. It is so delightful to note that there were many new young faces of basketball enthusiasts. The opportunity to offer the Word of God to all pre-

sent proved to be the most significant circumstance during the entire part of the whole tournament. As the players gradually emptied the basketball courts with their warm parting words, they, too, have left words of assurance that they will partake again next tournament year. Crossroads is ever thankful to our dear Lord for the opportunity to glorify His name through sports full of friendly competition.

### Anniversary Message cont.

How can we be effective in a community that needs Christ? It is no longer the traditional way of doing church. We should be a radical church willing to embrace changes that the Holy Spirit is trying to bring in our midst. As you read the gospels, you often find Jesus hanging out with some crowds that traditional Christians probably would not dare to associate themselves with such as the normally dubbed public sinners, the tax collectors, the Pharisees, women with social stigma and many others. His reason? It is not the healthy that needs a physician but the sick. How do we describe the modern day harvest? Well educated? Sophisticated? Technology savvy? Religiously antagonistic? Yes, and there are many more but the spiritually hungry and morally lost need a friend to lead them to the Light. Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes and look at the fields for they are already ripe for harvest." (John 4:35) Let us be the church God wants us to be: worshiping, passionate, full of faith and loving to one another and to a world that desperately needs hope.

My family and I rejoice with you on this wonderful occasion of celebrating His goodness to all of us. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE CROSSROADS FAMILY!

Pastor Andy, Sis. Abby and kids

## The Perfect Church

I think that I shall never see  
A Church that's all it ought to be;  
A Church that has no empty pews,  
Whose Pastor never has the blues;

A Church whose Deacons always Deke  
And none is proud but all are meek;  
Where gossips never peddle lies  
Or make complaints or criticize;  
Where all are always sweet and kind  
And all to other's faults are blind.

Such perfect churches there may be,  
But none of them are known to me.  
But still we'll work, and pray and plan  
To make our Church the best we can!

Adopted from Tina Parr's website

## What We Believe

- The Scriptures are the inspired words of God
- The one true God is revealed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
- The deity of the Lord Jesus Christ
- The fall of man
- The salvation of man
- Ordinances of the Church, water baptism, and the Lord's Supper
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- The initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit through speaking of a heavenly language
- Sanctification
- The Church and its mission
- The ministry to which God call people
- Divine healing
- The blessed hope - the return of Christ, the rapture
- The millennial reign of Christ
- The final judgment
- The new heaven and the new earth