

Praise Reports

“Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love, and his wonderful deeds for men.” Psalms 107:21

The Lord God deserves our unending gratitude to Him. He is the source of everything we have – our life, strength, good health, material possessions, encouragement, and the hope for a better tomorrow.

Not only on Thanksgiving Day that we express our gratitude to our loving God but also every day, every moment and every minute of our life. As we say “Thank you, God”, we have made a short and sincere prayer.

Our Crossroads family has so many things to thank for, but our brethren specially mention the following praise reports:

- Miraculous healing of the following brethren:
Sis Gemma's father, Pedro Gajasa, who was confined at the hospital for 2 weeks
Sis Mylene – for the pain in her hands
Sis Jovita – safe surgery and quick recovery of her nose.
- Benign mass found in the biopsy of Sisters Jyrell and Christina.
- Memorable Children's Service on Holy Win Night.
- Favor in the store business of Mylene's family in Pampanga.
- Salvation and physical healing of customers in Filipiniana's Delight Restaurant; a customer(Chas) returned to the restaurant saying that she got busy working after being prayed for a job.
- Loved ones being receptive to the Gospel - Bro Jun's daughter started a Bible Study in her home; Sis Jo's sister (Nanette) has started to read her Bible.
- Crossroads brethren getting hungry for God's Word, Worship & Prayer; brethren being prayed for before Sunday morning service starts; Prayer Marathon for two weeks this month.

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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 Ministry

Saturday

- 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice

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

November Birthday Celebrants

1Crisostomo Samatra	15Jardine Shelby
2Christopher De Jesus	16Emilio Covacha
3Roldan Ditan	17Jonathan Covacha
4Melvin Jaurigue	18John Paul Zuniga
5Wenefilda Quevedo	19Deo Gueyarra
6Mark Simbulan	20Marilyn Lee Jiminez
7Ma. Luisa Castro	21Roa Romana
8Tess Galapon	22Arjuna Mora Rodriguez
9Rodolfo Maghinang	23Min-Min Madriaga
10Andrea Claire Bangug	24Gloria De Gala
11Benny Dizon	25Diek Dizon
12Noe Tabor	26Mark Daniel Ronas
13Teresa Balderama	27William Mulchand
14Michael Legaspi	28Rey Lacap
15Arnel Martinez	29Consuelo Canarejo
16Rudy Milan	30Samuel Sanciangco
17Melanie Martinez	31Jun Saludes
18Leonardo Alfonso	32Noah Pascual
19Radja Rodrigues	33Jackie Palmiano
20Lee Santiago	

The Communicator

A Monthly Newsletter for Crossroads Christian Center

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A Lesson From Baseball

By Pastor Andy Antenor

The San Francisco Bay Area is very euphoric. Almost a million people watched the celebration parade last November 3 to honor the Giants who won the world series in a convincing passion. A Cinderella story! The most unexpected team in Giants history won the game! Players who were rejected by the other teams comprise the Giants - a bunch of rejects as one columnist put it. There is a dominance of unqualified and unlikely sport heroes -no superstars in the team and not one single player could sell tickets and fill the stadium. A pitcher whose 5'11" scrawny frame that fits more for a "dancing with the stars" contest rather than the rough and rugged world of baseball delivering pitches between 92-97 miles per hour? Indeed the game is very unlikely to be won! What is interesting is he being a Filipino-American. He is in the center of the greatest moment of America's most beloved sport! That recently concluded parade was a parade of the unqualified who made it to greatness.

Let us shift gear to what is even more amazing – Reverse 2000 years past in time. A bunch of unqualified men turned the world upside down. How is that for an impact? Twelve unqualified and uneducated men converted the then-known world to a yet-not-so-famous teachings of a relatively unknown carpenter from Galilee. Now, let us go fast forward to 2010. About 1.5 billion people today are Christians. Do you feel unqualified for anything? Not so anymore, aren't you? Let us enjoy the moment while we can, but put everything in proper perspective. One hundred years from now, no one will remember what happened this week in San Francisco. However, what happened 2000 years ago is still good news today. There is only one hero, and yes, he is not a baseball player. His name is JESUS. One day the whole universe will have a parade in His honor. You are invited to attend.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!

Upcoming Events

- * Young Couples Fellowship -
Sunday, Nov. 14, 1:30 p.m.
Please bring your favorite dish and share it to other couples.
- * Thanksgiving Testimonial Night -
Wednesday, Nov. 24, 7:00 p.m.

Expressions.... For God

God has given us unique gifts and talents. He expects us to share them. He enjoys watching us as we utilize them for His glory. Express your love to our Living God! Glorify and lift Him up through your songs, poetry, essays, short stories, drawings, designs, paintings, etc. This column is for you!

Give Thanks

G – Growing, working, and surviving

I – In this wild crazy world

V – Vastly full of things vague and bold

E – Everyday we cling to uphold.

T – Trials, problems and challenges

H – Housing, clothing, and food for living

A – All these things come as blessings,
Spirit not weakened,
Faith strengthened.

N – Not to blame others;
Not to have fame and
Not to forget the Blesser's love
so amazing.

K – Kindled with faith, hope and joy
Lord, we

S – Say "thank you and praise you", for
what we were yesterday,
what we are today, and
what we will be tomorrow.

Happy Thanksgiving Day to All!

What is Impossible with Man is Possible with God!

By: Sis Precy Moya

My family and I praise the Lord for the miracle He has done in our family! Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving and praise to a faithful God who turned our situation around for His glory!



It was June 2010, Bro Roland and I received a heart-breaking news that our house had already a trustee sale. All along we knew we were offered a government home loan modification on September 2009. We paid it religiously for 10 months and our checks were cashed by the bank. However, on the 10th month, the bank returned our check stating that the check could not reinstate the loan. We were going to be evicted from our place. For a giant like this, we needed a bigger and mightier God!

The Lord put in my heart to pick up the WEAPONS OF WAR to slay this giant. Bro Roland and I started to face this ordeal on our knees and also asked for prayer from fellow Christians. As I sought the Lord about our situation, He gave me His word in 2 Chronicles 19 when King Jehoshaphath returned safely to his house. That moment, He gave me assurance and peace that passeth all understanding. We decided to thank him ahead of time. There's victory in praise and prayer just like the breakthrough story of Paul and Silas in prison. (Acts 16: 25-26) and the victory of King Jehoshaphath and his army as they praised the beauty of His holiness (2 Chronicles 20:21-22).

Facing the court was the next terrifying moment in our life. From a human viewpoint, foreclosure is a dead end - no way of owning the house again. Although fear engulfed my family, we chose to believe God's report. This kept my husband, my prayer partners and I to stay on our knees, in praise and worship, and kept on meditating God's Word. When I felt helpless and about to give up, the Lord gave me hope through His Word in Jeremiah 33:26, "...For I will restore their fortune and I will have compassion on them."

We prayed and fasted so much more that we felt God's presence in us always. He walked us through the valley of uncertainties and impossibilities for five months. The Lord stirred my faith with Pastor Andy's message from Psalm 23:4. I came to a point that it is no longer about the house but rather about God dealing with my character. He wants to melt me, mold me and make me the kind of person He wants me to be. I said, "Lord, whether you keep this house or not, I will still serve you."

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"Holy Win" - Crossroads' Alternative to Halloween

The Children's Ministry held a very memorable Children's Service on "Holy Win Night" last October 31. As the world glorified evil as good, our church gave glory to God! The culture in which we live challenges a Christian lifestyle. As Christians, we often face tough choices of how we engage the culture with the Truth of Jesus Christ. Halloween is no exception. It is deeply rooted into our culture. God wants us to engage our culture - not ignore it. That is exactly what we did in "Holy Win". We presented God's alternative to have a fun night for the children and the brethren in church.

The Children's Service started with the reading of Psalm 65 by Edgar Junio Santos. Sis Clarinda Tagab enthusiastically led the Worship with VBS songs. There was a showcase of the children's talents to the delight of everyone. The Pre-School & Middler Sunday School students sang and danced to the tune of the lively VBS songs. Matthew Morales played the piano and the veteran singer Hannah Bautista rendered a beautiful song. Abigail Duya said a prayer at the end of the service. Pastor Andy Antenor, Pastor Rene Canlas and other church leaders anointed all the children with oil. They were prayed for and dedicated to the Lord. Such a precious moment in the eyes of our Lord Jesus!

Sis Marivic Caparas gave an exhortation. She shared the history of Halloween which beginning preceded Christ's birth when the druids, a pagan group of devil worshippers in what is now Britain and France, observed the end of summer by making human sacrifices to the gods. They believed that Samher, the lord of death, sent evil spirits to attack humans. To protect themselves, they disguised themselves as such. Most of the halloween practices can be traced back to the old pagan rites and superstitions. Present-day Satanists and witches still consider Halloween to be their "high holy day" – like Resurrection Sunday is to us. The church tried to Christianize a pagan calendar by calling November 1 as "All Saints Day" or "All Hallows Day". The night before is called "All Hallow E'n" which means the evening before.

Ephesians 5:8-11 say "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light..." Halloween is a celebration of darkness. The whole concept behind it involves death, darkness, deception, fear and pagan rituals. What in the world do witches, demons, vampires and blood have in common with the people of God? We do not want the children and adults being conditioned to be receptive to occult doctrines and practices. We do not want to invoke fear in our children. Fear is not a Christian value. Let us light up our world with God's love and the truth of His Word. Let us overcome evil with good. Let us be interested only in one ghost - the Holy Ghost who banishes every fear and gives glory to our wonderful Savior. Let us treasure only one blood - the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from all sins!

The "Holy Win Night" ended with games, treats and candies for the children. It was great watching them in fun and beautiful costumes! The children are inheritance from the Lord and we do not want them dressed up as witches or vampires. What a glorifying celebration for the Lord!

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A week before the jury trial, I dreamed that in the courtroom Jesus was standing on my right. Jury trial came and lo and behold, JESUS REALLY SHOWED UP! The jury voted unanimously (12-0) in favor of our case! Is there anything too difficult for the Lord? All things are possible with God. He is the God of the impossible! He wants to take us to a place of incredible blessing!

As I share this testimony, I pray that this will stir the hearts of our brethren to aim and desire to experience God's miracles. I now boast of what I have not only read but also actually experienced by His grace, mercy and faithfulness. We can claim His promises in His Word. Thank you, Lord for your amazing love!

