



The Light Bearer

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Mid-summer “Back to School”

Summer days are almost over and I am sure that a lot of people spent most of their time relaxing and going to places. But we, who in the middle of summer heat, had a “back-to-school” experience which made our summer vacation more memorable.



Group 2! Kuya Kyle, Jason & Carol.. And oh, unknown fingers!!!

Last April 28-30, we in 180 Degrees took up Kairos course, also known as Condensed World Missions Course (CWMC) at the 180 Degrees Ministry Center in Marikina City.

This course has 8 sessions but we are only able to take up the first 3 topics during those 3 days.

They invited Ptr. Jorge & Tita Bolen de Ramos to be our trainers in this course. We also had our very own Kuya Julius to facilitate us in the last session that we had. After every session, they will hand out to us “Joy Sheets” for our homework then do some arts and crafts before going home.



Ows... Busy daw..
Busy ba talaga???

All of us really felt that school atmosphere while taking up this course, and what made it more enjoyable is that you’re doing this with your friends & co-workers in the ministry & you’re learning a lot together.

Studying during summer break is really a one-of-a-kind experience!

Word of the Day: KAIROS

What is Kairos?

Kairos (καιρός) is an ancient Greek word meaning the right or opportune moment. The ancient Greeks had two words for time, chronos and kairos. While the

former refers to chronological or sequential time, the latter signifies a time in between, a moment of undetermined period of time in which something special happens. What the special something is depends on

who is using the word. While chronos is quantitative, kairos has a qualitative nature.

- ref: Wikipedia.org

Knowing Different Cultures: THE SANGIL & THE MAGUINDANAOS

Let's set aside our busy life here in Manila and take some TIME to know more about the other cultures in the South. Check them out!

THE SANGIL

One of the smallest Filipino Muslim ethnic groups, the Sangils settled primarily on Balut & Sarangani Islands, just about the southeastern coast of Mindanao. The Sangils are often confused with the Sangir, a much larger group living in the same area with same island background. Most of them are engaged in fishing & hillside farming.

Islam is the basic feature of their individual & community life.



THE MAGUINDANAOS

They are one of the largest & one of the 3 most dominant Filipino Muslim ethnic groups. Their culture has been shaped by Islam: a primary element in their identity as distinct people.

Found mostly the SOCCSARGEN region, Maguindanaos are also found in Metro Manila and other urban areas in the country. Among the Filipino Muslims, they are well-known for their Islamic zeal.

Aren't they interesting? These are just 2 of the many different cultures scattered in our country. Watch out for more featured cultures in our upcoming issues!

OVERSEAS...: NOSU, A CHINESE ETHNIC GROUP

Nosu, otherwise known as "Yi People", the 7th largest minor ethnic group in China. Tita Bolen de Ramos, one of our trainers, shared with us some informations about the culture of the Nosu people.

Nosu lives inside a house made of mud & basically, you will find everything there. They live in really cold places and their "mud" house serves

as shelter & protection from the cold temperature. Because of the cold climate in their place, they take a bath only thrice in their lifetime: at birth, wedding, & their death. Nosu people



An old Nosu Lady in her traditional dress

are very hospitable. If they have guests, they will serve whatever they have to them, even if that's their last piece of possession, only that you will have to watch their "whole" (you know what I mean) process of preparation of the food they are serving you..:)

Something to Reflect on...

"HE SPARED NOT HIS OWN SON"
Romans 8:32

If ever you feel so insignificant that God doesn't care about you, you'll be encouraged by Romans 8:32. There's nothing so precious to Him that He wouldn't give it up in order to provide for our salvation. When He gave up His

precious Son for you, He proved once and for all that His love is boundless!

In light of what God did for us at the cross, should we not approach the throne of grace with confidence? Nothing we could ask of Him could ever compare with the price He paid for us at the cross.

-from Experiencing God Day-by-Day

"He who did not spare His own Son,
but delivered Him up for us, how shall
He not with Him also give us all things?"

Romans 8:32

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Truly God is working in our lives as we continue taking up this course. Different chapters, different lessons that we learn, creating a great impact in each of the student's lives. Here are some of the testimonies of how or what impacted us as we took up this course.

CHAPTER 1:

God's Purpose and Plan

Carol Dy

"I was amazed on how God perfectly planned everything from the start: how He created everything, how He communicated to His people, then when sin came in, how He perfectly chooses imperfect people to carry out His plan. My eyes are little by little opened to the truth that God has called us to take His name to the nations. And as I was meditating afterwards, God made me realize how important the role of prayer is in reaching out to the nations. It is one of the strongest weapon that we have

The Course as a whole...

Jason Paver

"Kairos course widened or enhanced my knowledge about God and the Scriptures. It taught me that the Bible is not just an ordinary book but it's a book which tells us all the goodness, love, hope and plans of God for us. And I have just learned in this course the reason why Jesus hasn't returned yet. I am blessed to be one of the participants in this course."

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**-Jason Paver, 13
180 Batch 6**

CHAPTER 3:

The Messiah, The Message & The Messengers

"I was encouraged by the fact that Christ did not come only to save one nation, instead He came for All men- from every race, language, generation. He came here to establish his rule-his kingdom, authority, that all men might be subject to Him and be delivered from the darkness.

He is worthy of worship and All men might give raise to His name, but there is one problem, How can they Give worship to Jesus if the people do not know Him? There is one solution anyway, to tell everyone about this great and awesome King!

We should be the one to re-tell His story of Forgiveness, redemption and Love while waiting for His return."

CHAPTER 2:

Israel, the Covenant People

Jake Ona

"What impacted me most in this chapter is the part where Jonah was discussed. God commanded him to go to Nineveh to make God's name known there but he left for another place. So, God made him experience difficult things before he started to follow.

I realized that we Christians, at times, are like Jonah. We know what God wants us to do but we choose to disobey him or run away from His call. That's the reason why God allows us to experience trials and difficulties, for us to learn to follow Him and trust His ways."

Fun! Fun! Fun! : And who said learning isn't fun???

Just when everybody thought that this whole thing will be boring and oh so serious, well, we were wrong... Check this out: Here are some of the funny things that took place during our 3-day Kairos learning!

1. Group lunch of the early birds and the "pee-looking" iced tea on a bowl..
2. "Ate Roselle, ilipat mo na nga ko ng grupo! Di nila ko tinutulungan eh!" with Jason having fun playing jump rope! Iyak Carol, iyak!
3. Nosu girl playing the guitar as tourist spot! Picture-picture!!!
4. Cram! Cram! Cram! Mga di gumagawa ng homework!
5. Abraham and his high-tech dual-purpose wireless phone: Communication and

weapon.. Haha!

6. Chicken Nuggets and Hotdogs: official lunch ulam; R.A.: official lunch time dish washer.. :)
7. "Psst! Uy!" sabay sara ng curtain sa Group 1 para magkarinigan ang group 2.. (uhm.. R.A.??)
8. Kuki and his "Table of Contents" joke during our bible drill.. Para nga naman di sya mahirapan...)



"Hoy mag-songlead ka

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"Missions exists due to absence of
Worship..."

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Group 2!!!

**"But when the Holy Spirit has
come upon you, you will receive
power and will tell people about
me everywhere—in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea, in Samaria,
and to the ends of the Earth."**

Acts 1:8

Praises and Prayers! : Praise Reports & Prayer Requests...

Praises!!!

- For the free-of-charge Kairos course that we are taking up
- For the people used by God to share with us a lot of important information about missions
- For the success of the first 3 sessions that we took up in Kairos
- For the life of all the missionaries on the field and their supporters
- For the good health that we have despite the Swine Flu scare in the country
- For the provisions that God is giving us always, especially for the coming school year

**"My mouth will speak in praise of the
Lord, let every creature praise His
holy name forever and ever."**

Psalm 145:21



Prayer Requests...

- Continuous leading of the Holy Spirit as we go on with the rest of the remaining sessions
- For God to open up our eyes & hearts & understand the calling He has for us
- For continuous provision for each and everyone's needs
- For the Holy Spirit to touch more hearts to work more for the Lord to reach out the rest of the world

To God be ALL the GLORY!!!!