



WAZZUP with 180 Degrees...???

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Flashback: REJOICE! 180 Degrees 10th Year Anniversary

by Kyle Quevedo, 22 180 Alumnus (Batch 5&6)



July 30, 2011 - 180 degrees celebrated its tenth year anniversary. It felt like it was just yesterday. All those night rehearsals, band jamming, acting, performing, traveling, throwing clinchers, shaking people's

hands, preparing things together, and sometimes due to tight schedules taking baths together (Japan's public bath, boys were separated from the girls of course!) but it has already been 2 years since I left the team.

As the night went on, I was a bit distracted, worrying and battling with asthma (how ironic, for I left 180 for the very same reason). I should say though, that I've hidden that fact quite well. My mind became more focused as the message of the word was being preached. "THE GREATEST IDOL IS I," it said. Then, I was prompted to ask myself: Am I still full of myself after all the training I went through?

At the end of the celebration, all 180 Degree-ers from all batches were called up on stage. Some might just see it as a good cover letter for the next Wazzup, but for me, it was more! It was moving. A flood of memories came over me at that time. Reminiscing over 180 experiences; remembering the countless songs we have performed, retelling our stories, both perks and mess ups, then, the question hit me again, "Am I more concerned about my enjoyment, my performance, my jaw dropping guitar solos (well

at least mine did drop), than the faces I have seen but now have forgotten, and names I can't even remember."

Remembering those people whom we ministered to, God led me to pray for them personally. Then I was able to come to a conclusion that this really is more than our performances, our stories of joy, our perks, mess ups, and travel. It's about Jesus and his heartbeat for the people who are like sheep without shepherds. It's about Him being glorified in spite of our own personal battles and limitations, in spite of the messiness of our own personal lives. At that moment I prayed for myself and the rest of 180, for God to use us whatever it costs in spite of our weaknesses and struggles, frustrations and battles. That night I thanked God also, for this wonderful network of people – people who would remind and pray for one another to pursue God's vision of making His name known to the ends of the earth.

There's still a lot of work to be done, but knowing that God called us to serve Him in every way we could, I believe He has already provided everything for us to accomplish what we needed to!

"To batch 7 and all the alumni, to the admin and staff, to the board and partners, Let us all aim for the next step, knowing that God is willing to use us and provide for us. The question is, are we willing?"

And to the people who we consider as partners in this ministry, will you continue to walk down this path with us through your prayers and financial support?"

A Special time for Grown-ups: 180's Parents' Appreciation Dinner

by Aimee Zagala, 23 180 Marketing Assistant

"I really praise God for 180... It's one of the healing that the Lord used for Kuki so I really praise the Lord... Kuki now takes the responsibility of leading the music ministry whenever our music minister is out and I have seen his growth and also his self-confidence..."

– Beth Flores, Kuki's mom

Last August 28, 2011, 180 Degrees held its first ever parents' appreciation dinner – a simple gesture of gratitude to our third most important partners in this ministry (first is God, second are the young people, of course).

It was a night of great food and warm fellowship organized by Ramona Simons herself. Since our main ministry is to see how God changes the hearts of our young people, this was a great opportunity to hear their stories... through their parents.

It was also a perfect chance for the parents to be able to hear

the journey of the new Executive Director, Roselle Brocal, and to raise any concern they have with the leadership change.

However, it wasn't all just about business and serious stuff. We also had fun raffling off some prizes—A big Toblerone bar and small stuffed frogs!

"To our dear parents, please know that we love you and we appreciate your trust, prayers and encouraging words. We pray all the more that you would give the same support to Roselle and our new 'Band of Brothers' (new staff)."

Please continue to pray for a strong partnership between the new leadership and the parents of the youth. And that they will always keep the vision of 180 Degrees alive in their hearts.

"One time, when we were together, she (Ronnah) said: You know mom, I really have the heart for Missions..."

–Malou Ong, Ronnah's mom

Ministry Highlights!

JULY 30, 2011—180'S 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY



180 Degrees Board Members



Wrap up! 180 Alumni who served as a part of the Anniversary Committee. It was thanks to them, that we were able to REJOICE!

Rejoice we did as Ramona announced (and the board acknowledged) Roselle as the next Executive Director of 180!! Degrees!

AUGUST 28, 2011—KAIROS GRADUATION AND PARENTS' APPRECIATION DINNER



Batch 7 Kairos Graduates with their Certificates from ACM with Facilitator RV, and guest speaker, Vicky



Rachel Matillano sharing her praise item at the Parents' appreciation dinner.

"One of the praises I really thank Ramona and God about is: My son has some good influence friends... the other thing is that from being clinically depressed, it has now become easier for him to let go..."

Hitting the road...on to the Harvest Field!!

A couple of interested Alliance Fellowship Church young people signed up to audition for Batch 8 next year! (at SKILLS, San Juan Aug 14,2011)



Please pray:

1. for our critical staff needs!! (Executive Assistant and Secretary)
2. for Roselle as she is mentored by Ramona into the Exec Director's role by Dec 1, 2011.



Praying for and WITH the young people at Come to Jesus Church. We praise God for such a blessed day with them! (July 24, 2011)

We also praise God for the young people we were able to minister to last Sept 3, 2011 at Panghulo National High School, Malabon! There were 400+ registered students and a lot more who didn't sign up. Out of them, (approx) 70 students prayed and received Christ as their Lord and Saviour!

Please continue to pray that the seed we planted (in every ministry) will be nurtured and it will bloom beautifully for Christ!

Want to know which Unreached Nation we're going to in April?

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