

## IC's Birthday Shares Blessings

March 8, 2009 – The 4<sup>th</sup> birthday of Isaac Joseph Dantes, affectionately called IC, was celebrated amidst the presence of the young beneficiaries of NCF's feeding program.

The special invitation was extended to the said youth as a gesture of sharing God's blessings.

Says Pastor Mark and Gigi Dantes, parents of IC: "Ginawa namin ang party na iyon para ang love ni Jesus ay ma-express at maranasan ng mga bata." ("We held that party so that the love of Jesus may be expressed and experienced by the children.")

About a hundred children from the vicinities of Korokan & San Diego in Novaliches attended the party with the Sunday schoolers in NCF.



The party set to begin at 2:30 fell to 3:00 in the afternoon due to the demanding management of the program and the accommodation of the sheer number of attendees. With the assistance of the Sunday school teachers and other volunteers, however, the party was managed well. Sis. Dana Palting acted as emcee, while Sis. Del Gagto, Sis. Bel Figueras, Sis. Edith Dantes, Pastor Kirby Figueras and Sis. Gigi Dantes took turns

in showering the kids with songs, games, and Bible stories. The party ended with a thanksgiving prayer to the Lord, and the nice serving of hotdogs, marshmallows and spaghetti soon followed.

The kids were sure to go home with a party bag containing some of IC's old toys, and it was made sure that each kid would go home with a balloon. The exit also had an ice cream station where kid and volunteer alike line up to get a taste.

It was a heartwarming celebration for IC's parents, who surely gave their thanks to the volunteers and attendees, and most importantly to God, who blessed the day for everyone.

