

## DOTA Upgrade: 100 Campers, 25 of Whom Accepted the Lord Jesus As Savior And Lord

Jordan Farms in Tigbe, Bulacan was filled with the voice of the youth chanting the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in the 4-day recently-concluded summer camp. Just how hot it was during the day, so was the youth's passion in seeking God's will and becoming the disciples He wants us to be in the camp billed *Disciples of the Almighty Upgrade* held on April 27 -30, 2011.



A sequel to the camp of the same theme two years ago, DOTA Upgrade was designed for two purposes. One was to teach the campers the advanced level in the use of musical instruments, dance, voice and the other arts. Second, it aimed to open the eyes of the campers on how God wants them to become true disciples of Christ as shown on the videos of Teacher/Historian Ray Vander Laan of That The World May Know Ministries. Featured in great length was the series "In the Dust of the Rabbi", where they were encouraged to walk as Jesus walked.



Upon reaching the campsite on the first day, the campers were divided into six groups with representations from the attending churches. Named after some of the apostles, the groups were known as James, Paul, Peter, Matthew, John and Philip and encouraged camaraderie among its respective members.

The first recreational activity was a mixture of clue-finding games and banner-making. With every clue they got, they also received a material for making their flag, thereafter racing to hoist them. Dinner afterwards had their stomachs filled and satisfied for the first session that ensued, entitled "When the Rabbi says 'Come'".

Capping the night was an evening devotion broken into several small groups.

Morning broke into devotion on God's Word. Exercises were to be a daily prelude before breakfast. They then had workshops in the morning and after lunch of the second day.

The camp reached its climax on the third day when most of the campers decided to give more importance to the Word of God, thus becoming like Living Stones, being united by the Chief Cornerstone, Jesus Christ. They were also made to experience how it felt like during the early Church era, making them realize how the early Christians suffered just to follow the Rabbi. In literal darkness, they were given 6 small bread buns and half a bottle of water to be shared by 17 people per group. They were also allowed more time to fellowship with one another for their last night in the camp.



The final challenge to keep running the race was given on the last day. Using Elijah and the early Olympic Games as models, the video lesson was for Christians to go on and on despite the adversities.

Later on, 18 campers decided to be baptized. Before going home, they were allowed to swim in the pool to beat the summer heat. They then bade farewell to the campsite and journeyed home.

DOTA: Upgrade saw a total of more than 100 campers, 25 of whom accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Still some made the decision to use their talents and abilities for the Lord's ministry.

May God have the greater glory. Truly, He has made us overcome!

