

DVBS 2009: 148 Finish God's Big Backyard

Every summer, NCF conducts a five-day Daily Vacation Bible School for the community. This May 11-15, 2009, with materials courtesy of Operation Blessing, its DVBS focused on the lesson of *Serving*. Entitled *God's Big Backyard*, the whole kit covered one sub-topic on Serving daily, that of: Family, Friends, Neighbors, Community, and, ultimately, serving Jesus.

A total of 148 students, made up of 79 girls and 69 boys, had studied the Word of God with the fourteen volunteer teachers and assistants handling them under four levels: Pre-School, Primary, Pre-Teens, and Teens.



A large number of participants in this Vacation Bible School came from the vicinities of Korokan, San Diego, and Rivera, mostly indigent children, and are among the beneficiaries of NCF's regular feeding program, and other previous Vacation Bible Schools.

Everyday sessions consisted of an opening assembly at nine in the morning, after which the children proceeded to their respective classes. Snacks were distributed before the daily closing assembly, which were still filled with energy and dancing as in the beginning. Creative crafts and Bible quizzes also formed part of each day.

Behind the whole image is the cooperative and dedicated staff, including twelve teachers and assistants along with nineteen official volunteer staff members, who kept their smiling faces up and running even with the hassle and the heat, considering the challenges they faced. Assisting the teachers of the Children's Ministry came mostly from the Youth, Ladies, and Ushering Departments, along with others who shared their time, effort and blessings.

Also notable were the cooperation of the parents. Some even brought their kids themselves daily, making sure of their safety amidst the classes.

The five sessions culminated in their Graduation Day last Saturday, May 16.

Summed up, the whole event was a success, and many of the young ones taught in this DVBS are therefore like small seeds, which, with God's blessing, will bear much fruit.



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