

## **The first of February 2009 in NCF**

The first of February 2009 in NCF saw the visit of Pastor Arnel Pascual, a friend and mentor to Senior Pastor Mark Dantes.

Being a Filipino who was called by the Lord to the mission fields of Gabon, Africa, the pastor had chosen to pass by the Philippines while on his missionary trips shortly before the his return to Gabon.

The pastor first gave exhortations and testimonies that inspired the church with taking up the Great Commission. Devotion became fervent in the members, particularly in prayer.

Pastor Pascual also gave the congregation a brief background of their mission works in Gabon, Africa, which included church establishments and schooling programs with support from Christian groups from America and other parts of the globe. He later thanked God for the assistance and support brought by the members of NCF, not only in finances, wherein he received more than Php 8000 worth of financial assistance, but more importantly, in prayer and spiritual support.

The congregation was kept lively during preaching, and this is due to no small part in the way the missionary had acknowledged the humorous atmosphere appreciated by both preacher and congregation alike. The warm welcome and the blessings of the Lord had indeed secured the day with joy.

