

## Sister Marilyn Leaves for US

NCF's hardworking treasurer and a cherished co-worker in Christ, Sis. Marilyn Baldonado, left for America on October 14.



A mother of four, Sis. Marilyn is equally loving to her grandchildren, for whom she is willing to go to the US. She will help take care of the children of his second son Paul, until March of next year.

“Back here she would happily tend to Matthew and Luke, her grandchildren to Kuya Jay and Ate Dang,” says Leslie, Sister Marilyn's third child, left behind in the Philippines with Angel, the youngest.

Leslie mentions that her mom is very active in her Christian life, having her devotion every six in the morning, and teaching Sunday School at 9 am – all these while handling the responsibility of NCF's finance work. “She encourages us to do the same, which is why I am active myself,” Leslie adds.

She further says that Sister Marilyn is a strong mother, very strict, but equally reasonable; discipline is the watchword. This aside, Leslie also kept emphasizing the *thoughtful* and *caring* side of her mom, to which she says, “I will really miss those caring moments. No one would kindly ask us how we are doing anymore, if we already have had our meals – it would be quite a while before we hear that from her again.”

Sister Marilyn boarded her flight to the USA on a Wednesday, at ten in the evening, the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. Earlier, on October 11, the congregation laid hands for blessing as they prayed with Pastor Mark Dantes for her safety.

She left her children here with a charge: to stay faithful and active in the Church and their Christian life.

We at NCF definitely miss her.