

Missionaries Visit on Resurrection Sunday

In celebration of the Lord's resurrection, Pastor Rob Schneider and Chuck Donnell, American-based missionaries staying in the Philippines, paid Novaliches Christian Fellowship a visit last April 4.



As a guest speaker for the special Sunday, Pastor Schneider preached and testified on the true victory of a "resurrected life" through fully understanding the sacrifice that the Lord Jesus Christ has done on the cross. Brother Donnell followed through on the importance of God's Word in living out this resurrection.

The congregation was responsive and many heeded the altar call as Pastor Schneider and Brother Donnell, along with Senior Pastor Mark Dantes, prayed with them for their different needs, physical as well as spiritual.

Prayer is a special ministry to the visiting missionaries, and they pray for each and every person they meet in the church, people from all walks of life. Yet they have also come from the same mire of sin as all have, but are both grateful for God's saving grace.

Pastor Schneider hails from a pure Jewish family that is very observant of the statutes of the Mosaic Law. He barely heard the name of Jesus mentioned in the family, much less as a point of discussion. Later on, he had many friends from whom he heard about Him, many among them being believers, but by then he merely thought he was a good man. It took a kind Christian from work for his eyes to be finally opened to God's call to salvation; he was 27 years old at that time.

Brother Donnell, on the other hand, was younger when he received Jesus Christ into his heart, but he also came from a difficult start. He grew up from a Christian family, but started to lie low until he quit going to church at age 17, after which he went through many ideologies of the 60s. He then started to meet Christians from different circumstances, and he felt that each meeting was bringing him closer to God. Finally, he decided to believe at age 21. Then he became very active – absorbing the Word of God very earnestly.

Today, Pastor Schneider has been a Christian for 30 years, and Brother Donnell for 40. While it is Brother Donnell's first time in the Philippines, Pastor Schneider began his ministry here back in 1990, and the established mission in Iloilo has been going well.

Thanks be to God!