

## Wondrous Success: The NCF Christmas Cantata 2010

Finally, after half-a-year of prayer and preparation, Novaliches Christian Fellowship capped 2010 with the cantata *A Child of Wonder* by Lari Gross and Rob Howard on December 12 and 19.

In cooperation with its Banaba Chapter and Green Valley Baptist Church, this has been the most massive cantata NCF has done so far – and in more ways than one.



The presentation had 120 performers, including singers, dancers, actors, support and technical staff, doing their thing in front of around 800 attendees in total. The two planned showings became four, with the second and the fourth done at NCF's discretion after the sanctuary proved unable to handle the sheer number of viewers, on the first day when only one showing was scheduled.



In short, it's the largest effort done by the largest cast and crew yet – and what a crew God gave indeed, said Sis. Gigi Dantes, the cantata's overall director.

"The cast was hardworking, creative, obedient and can really jive with my thoughts," said Sis. Dantes.

"Once I give the idea, they are able to put it on stage effectively."

The 52-minute presentation was a cocktail of songs and dances, showcasing scenes of Jesus' birth alongside new renditions of classical Christmas songs such as *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, *Joy to the World* and *O Holy Night*.

December 12, which was the evangelical night, saw around 500 guests, while the next Sunday, set for the members of the participant churches, had about 200 viewers, both divided into two full shows in the evening.

The cast and crew were later treated to Star City and SM Mall of Asia last December 20.





“It’s a good thing everybody was able to unwind; even the adults benefited from the thrill of some rides,” said Sis. Dantes.

With all that’s said and done – and sung – NCF meets 2011 with hopes of God’s faithful blessings, the greatest of which has been given some 2000 years ago – indeed, a Child of true and lasting wonder.

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