

Peace and Joy in the Arms of the Lord

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My life was a total mess before. I was so easy to be swayed and enticed by the things kids usually do. To have my own money, I even got into gambling like playing Bingo and Ending (the outcome of a Basketball Game here in the Philippines). I grew up in a family where there was always misunderstanding and strife. Though I was just a kid, I was fully aware of the lack of joy and peace in my life and in our family.



So in my own way, I resorted in finding peace and joy by being active in joining groups and events in the religion I've known since childhood. I was also able to be involved in Christian activities like Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS), but it was not still clear to me the message of the Lord for my life.

Then came April 14, 2007, 2 o'clock in the morning, while others were happily sleeping, resting comfortably in their homes, a fire took our house and our things. Questions started pouring in my heart. "Why did we have to face this? There are many people who are worse sinners than us. They are the ones, who more than deserve to experience this trouble, so why did it have to be us?" Those thoughts clouded my mind about God.

After a day, NCF gave a helping hand to us. One family visited us and they encouraged us to attend a Sunday Worship Service. I was reluctant at first, but I eventually attended because of my friends. We were in the "Juniors Class", and the gospel of the Lord was shared to us. That morning of January 7, 2007, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour.

The peace and joy that I've always longed for, I found in the arms of the Lord. Yes, even the answers to my life's questions. Since having Jesus Christ in my heart, my life is being transformed by God for His glory. By His grace and mercy, our family met the Lord and we are all serving in the ministries in NCF Banaba Chapter.

To God be all the praises and glory!