

Survivor Jordan: NCF's Summer Camp 2010

Defining their summer under the heat of the sun, 85 youth campers survived the challenges at NCF's 2010 Summer Camp entitled *Survivor: Jordan*, last April 14-17. This, a surplus of 10 more attendees compared to last year's DOTA (Disciples of the Almighty) Camp.

The camp slogan *Outwit, Outgrow, Outdo*, actually was short for **Outwit** the enemy, **Outgrow** yourself, **Outdo** your service (to God). This was engraved well in the hearts of participants from Green Valley Baptist Church, Pangarap Village Southern Baptist Church, and of course, members from Novaliches Christian Fellowship Main and Banaba.

It was a four-day match-up consisting of brain-twisting, physical challenges that also targeted the spiritual needs of the campers. Cultivating healthy completion, they were divided into six tribes: Judah, Benjamin, Joseph, Reuben, Simeon and Levi – named after Biblical tribes of Israel.

Each challenge had a lesson for the tribes to learn. For example, the team version of *Kadang-Kadang*, where each member's feet are strapped together on two long planks, stressed unity and team coordination. Meanwhile, perseverance was exemplified when select members of the group bore 1.5-liter Coke bottles half-filled with water on both arms, mimicking a scarecrow. With the many ordeals coupled by the extreme summer heat, some campers incurred bruises and headaches, but none that the kind and skilled volunteer nurses couldn't handle – with God's grace, of course.

The trials while the sun was up were followed by nightly challenge hours, where key speakers and camp leaders further elaborated the three points of the camp slogan. The entire staff was ready for support all throughout, especially the mothers and the Ushering Ministry, who helped prepare the meals.



Around 20 accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, five of whom were baptized on the last day, when the awarding ceremonies also took place. Almost everybody also pledged greater love for God, His Word and vineyard.

Tribe Benjamin won as the best tribe; Josaiah Jude Nueva from NCF Main and Janille Quintos from PVSBC were named Campers, or better yet, Survivors of the Year.

The camp was planned and prayed for much earlier, especially by its pastors and administrators, namely Pastor Mark and Sister Gigi Dantes, Pastor Andrew and Sister Jo-Am Fajardo, and Pastors Albert Salipot, Kirby Figueras and Noni Lazo, and Sister Dana Palting. Preparations culminated in the Pre-camp Rally a week before the actual camp.

Thanks be to the Lord for the assistance of volunteers, as well as the financial support and sponsorships that helped to reduce expenses and increase the number of campers. To God be the glory!

