

The First-Ever NCF FamiLYMPICS

The first Sunday afternoon of NCF's 19th Anniversary was super filled with fun and excitement with the first-ever FamiLYMPICS. The congregation stayed after the traditional Love Feast and were grouped together to make 6 clusters named after the Tribes of Israel. The Tribes were those of Joseph, Simeon, Asher, Benjamin, Reuben, and Judah led by Pastor Mark Dantes, Bro. Justy Guzman, Bro. Fernan Palting, Bro. Renato Balsomo, Bro. Bob Fortaleza and Bro. Jude Nueva, respectively.

Like in the Olympics, there was an official opening to the event, with the tribes parading one by one. To let the spirit camaraderie surface, an Oath of Sportsmanship was jointly recited by all participants. It was led by Pastor Kirby Figueras.

Then the games began with the cheering competition. All tribes sang their hearts out...All their cheers amused everyone with creativity and determination to win the round. As a surprise, every tribe got a perfect ten for the cheering event.

The next events were a test of skill, speed and stamina. ***I-Text Mo Bilis*** tried the fastest tribe to text the Great Commission verse from Matthew 28:19-20 with no shortcut of words. ***'Til Your Last Breath*** determined who could sing a Praise song with the last syllable vocally stretched. ***Pinoy Henyo, NCF style*** brought excitement with words to be guessed that were all about NCF and the Bible. The last event, ***Relay na Relay***, tested the tribes' ability to finish what were in their plastic full of individually wrapped edibles like candies, milk powder, bananas, biscuits, corniks among others.

Before announcing the group winners, a special game sponsored by Bro. Oscar Alabado checked the knowledge of the participants about the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. The one who could recite the most number of Beatitudes was given a



special prize. Sis. Jackie De Silva took away the prize.

The Tribe of Joseph overpowered all the other tribes, with the Tribes of Benjamin and Simeon coming in at 2nd and 3rd places, respectively. But at the end, everybody was a winner with the fun and fellowship brought about by the First FamiLYMPICS. To God be the glory!

