

LAKING NCF KAMI!

Time flies so fast as the cliché goes. It really does. Yesterday they were just little kids brought by their parents to church. Now, they have grown up to be really smart serving the Lord, sharing their God-given talents in their respective ministries. Meet the true-blue homegrown NCF gems.

DANA CHRISTINE PALTING

Dana's earliest memory of attending an NCF Worship Service was when she was four years old. It was in June 1996 when she and her family started going to NCF. She joined musical cantatas, the first of which was entitled **Joy To You and Me**. She also joined the Children's Sunday School. Four years later, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. Dana shined in her ministry work last 2008, being involved in **Music Ministry** as its secretary and as one of Praise and Worship leaders; **Children's Ministry** as the teacher for the Juniors' Sunday School; she is also in the **Dance, Youth** and **Multimedia Ministries**. Indeed, Dana is dubbed as the Worker for all Seasons! She won as Worker for the Month twice, first in June 2008, and last March 2009.

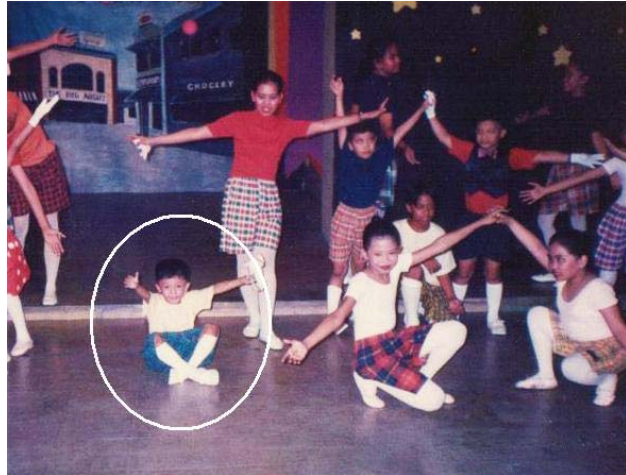


"Being a homegrown NCF member, I am very much overwhelmed on how God works in me through this church. I am now 17 years old, and looking back, NCF has been an instrument used by God in equipping me spiritually and in other aspects of my life," says Dana. She adds that being in NCF has greatly encouraged her in facing life's ups and downs and has always reminded her that God is always there for her.

"I am very grateful to God for guiding me and my family through NCF. I've gained many friends here and my talents and abilities are being used to glorify God. I am glad to be a part of NCF family. Join us, join NCF family in glorifying God's name and spreading His love. MASAYA DITO!"

HANS JOSHUA DANTES

Joshua's family has been attending NCF since its first days, but his earliest memory of activities was way back in the early 90s when it was still in Novaliches Bowling Lanes. At age six, he was already attending Sunday school and it was in one session that he received Jesus Christ when his teacher made everyone understand the only path to being saved.



A nephew of Pastor Mark, Joshua participated in some of the church's earlier Christmas cantatas. At present, he is involved in the **Youth** and **Multimedia Ministries**. He also provides write-ups for this website. He is now in 1st Year College taking up Journalism in UP Diliman.



"I feel blessed being a homegrown NCF worker," he remarks. *"But whether taking NCF or not, we must all strive to seek the glorification of God's name. Glory be to God!"*

ANGELA MARIE BALDONADO



Gel, as she is fondly called, was four years old when she began attending NCF Sunday School. She enrolled in the church's ballet class then, where she developed her zeal for dancing. She is an active member of the

Dance Ministry until now. Her involvement in the ministry has helped her realized the need for Jesus Christ. She accepted Him in May 2001 at age seven.

She is almost always part of the church's cantatas. She also volunteers to assist and teach in the Vacation Bible School every summer.

Aside from the Dance Ministry, she is part of the **Youth Ministry** and is a regular teacher in the **Children's Sunday School**. *"I'm really blessed that God used me as a blessing to others,"* says Gel. For her, it was a perfect decision to be an NCF member and to actively participate in church activities. If Gel couldn't be found in her school or at home, she must be in NCF either rehearsing or teaching dance steps to younger fellow dancers.



"Being an NCF member doesn't mean you should have the abilities or the talents. Listen to God first, 'wag magbingi-bingihan. As Matthew 6:33 puts it, Seek ye first the kingdom of God... Just continue to serve and glorify God's name."

HANNAH JADE NUEVA

When she was nine years old, Hannah was the youngest member of the NCF Dance Ministry. Being such, she was featured in the junior edition of the Philippine Daily Inquirer back then.



Dancing for the Lord has been a passion for her. She became a member of the **Dance Ministry** at age seven. She dances with tambourine very well. Right now, she is also part of the **Music Ministry** and serves as one of the Praise and Worship leaders. She is also a

Sunday School teacher and is also a member of the **Youth Ministry**.



"I feel so blessed being a homegrown NCF worker because I learned to love God and fear Him the most," says 15-year old Hannah who recently won as Worker for the Month of July 2009.

JOSIAH JUDE NUEVA

Next to Hannah is her only brother, Jay jay, who started attending Sunday School at an early age of two. At age five, he said he wanted to be a Pastor. At age six, he had a recital on drums. He and sister Hannah literally grew up in NCF as their family lived in the church for some time. Their proud father is Hall of Famer Worker of the Year, Jude Nueva, NCF's very dedicated custodian.



Jay jay is now 13 years old and is actively involved in the **Music Ministry** as a drummer and guitarist. He also belongs in the **Youth Ministry**. Having known Jesus Christ at a young age, he feels very different from those who do not know Him yet.

"Life is blessed when you're grounded on God's words. Even if I'm still young, I know God is leading my life. I will bless the Lord as long as I live," declares Jay jay.

