

Missionaries from afar described how God's presence was felt among the needy in Novaliches

Fathers and sons were saved, mothers and daughters were reconciled; the sick came to be healed, and the healed came to give gratitude. This was how missionaries from afar described how God's presence was felt among the needy in Novaliches.

On April 19, Pastors Rob Schneider and Norman Birt of Shalom Christian Ministries visited Novaliches Christian Fellowship and the neighborhoods of Korokan and Sampalukan.



The two pastors, accompanied by Sis. Bella Figueras, Pastors Mark Dantes and Kirby Figueras of nearby NCF Main, were able to visit around 10 families, but the number of eager individuals who joined them was more than five times the families.



"Everywhere we went, we saw people being blessed by God's presence, and it was very wonderful," said Pastor Schneider, who is a Messianic Jew.

A woman who had a stricken arm was met with prayers for healing, and a daughter who was not talking with her mother for years was reconciled. Men young and old, several of which were fathers, were eager to receive salvation from the Lord Jesus Christ. Wherever they went, indigent children were crowding around them.

"Everywhere, things just happen around; it was a very sweet experience," said Pastor Birt, a long-time companion of Pastor Schneider.

This was not the first time the pastors have visited the Philippines, having ministered and conducted missions in Iloilo, Romblon, Batangas and Nueva Vizcaya, for the past 30 years.

For this visit, Pastor Schneider has been in the country since the beginning of March, ministering on the mountains and the towns around Nueva Vizcaya, before meeting up with Pastor Birt early April.

Neither was this Pastor Schneider's first time in NCF's neighborhood, as he comes from time to time to Manila and Novaliches with inspirational preaching. "You can really see the drive of the Gospel in them. This is such a privilege to meet them and have them ministering in our area," said Pastor Dantes. "This also serves as a follow-up to our brethren in Korokan and Sampalukan," he added.

To God be the Glory!