

## A Year Full of Blessings for NCF



Indeed, year 2009 was a year full of blessings for NCF. Now facing year 2010, everyone's back to work.

Last January 17, at three in the afternoon, NCF held its Annual Workers' Meeting. The afternoon was filled with jubilation and great expectations from the Lord. Starting with joyful singing led by Sis. Dana Palting, all the departments gave back the glory, praises and thanksgiving to the Lord for the things He allowed NCF to achieve last 2009.

Pastor Mark Dantes, for the Pastoral Ministry, reported that NCF got its highest attendance last August, when a total of 342 people gathered to celebrate NCF's 17th Anniversary. Eighteen obeyed the call to water baptism, a total of 132 visited NCF for the entire 2009, while 113 comprised the total number of regular attendees. The total number of active members is 116 strong, including 25 new ones who were added last year.

Key events and activities were also reported such as the DOTA Youth Camp, Pastor Lazo's sending to PVSBC, medical missions, wedding ceremonies, joint worship gatherings and a lot more. For the Worship and Creative Arts Department, Sis. Gigi Dantes reported the addition of new talents into the team, aside from the acquisition of a new drum set. She echoed plans of training more people especially the youth, beginning February, and hopefully, a joint Christmas cantata by the fellowshiping churches. Particularly beneficial to this upcoming production would be the refresher ballet course recently undergone by the Dance Ministry. Everyone shared in the joy of Special Events Department Head Dang Baldonado over the successful Bible Quiz Bee, where the Engineering Department, headed by her husband Jay, also played a big part, primarily for the installation of the new DLP unit. This, also a big accomplishment by the Multimedia Department, alongside the acquisition of a donated brand-new laptop.

Sis. Edith Dantes expressed how the children who are part of the regular feeding program are now currently Sunday School attendees. Part of the

Christian Education Department plans is the summer DVBS program, and a burning vision for academic tutorials. Pastor Kirby Figueras, on the other hand, talked about the upcoming activities of the Clayhouse Youth Ministry, where many among the Juniors Ministry are already members. A Sportsfest will be held this March 06, 2010 tentatively, so as to promote unity and fellowship amongst participating churches. Moreover, a concert aimed to counter the beer-drinking October Fest is also being eyed. The Ushering Department and the Ladies Ministry, led by Sis. Bella Figueras and Sis. Del Gagto respectively, reiterated how they would feel privileged to be cooks again for the upcoming summer youth camp, the same thing they did with fervor last year. The monthly feeding, grooming and health check of 100 indigent children will also continue, again courtesy of these diligent ministries.

Sis. Jing Ponce shared the accomplishments of the Social Services Ministry, with a total of 24 individual assistances extended, and loan grants of ten. Still the ministry has P 65,536.69 as available fund. Meanwhile, Sis. Zeny Garcia joyfully attested to God's faithfulness in providing for the church last year, reporting an income of P 1.8 million from collections through tithes, offerings, pledges and support from brethren abroad. Truly God is amazing!

The Cardinoza Family, though currently residing in Canada, did not fail to make their presence felt as fellow ministers of the Lord here in NCF, by intentionally sending money to generously provide for the snacks of all the workers, apart from their monthly financial assistance to the feeding program.

Pastor Mark exhorted all the workers with the Word, giving valuable reminders and encouragement to press on toward the goal set before us. He concluded the meeting with a prayer, members joining hands, outwardly manifesting the unity of the hearts of all the workers of NCF.

To God be the glory!