



Calvary Chapel Masantol

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NEWSLETTER

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Calvary Chapel Masantol women with Diana Michaels (center) at Women's Retreat in Manila.

"I feel like I know everyone!" This is how one Masantol woman felt after attending a one-day Women's Retreat with over 200 women, hosted by Harvest Christian Fellowship in Manila. Because Jesus Christ is our common bond, we all experienced His agape love and unity. Nine women from CC Masantol were able to go. (We hope more can go next time!) Diana Michaels from CC Spring Valley in Las Vegas, Nevada, was the guest speaker, and God truly anointed her to help us "Know God" more (the theme). Our ladies also noticed wealthy women helping to serve snacks and make sure we were all comfortable, which goes against the grain of the culture here. Wealthy people are

usually served and waited on rather than vice versa. In the body of Christ, we are all special; no one is better than the other.

Simply the Word! This is a wonderful method of teaching the Bible to readers and non-readers of any age by telling Bible stories and asking questions to discover the spiritual treasures. 75% of the Bible is in story form, and Jesus often taught through telling stories.

Through the Holy Spirit, a person or group can discover many spiritual nuggets and applications from a



Simply the Word Class Group Photo.

Bible story. It helps generate great discussions, helps people remember through word pictures and oral learning, and helps to meditate on God's Word through stories. It's easier to learn than the Observation, Interpretation, Application (OIA) method. It allows a person to discover through the Holy Spirit what God is teaching, thus making the learning of God's Word rich and inspiring and not laborious. Pastor Pat, Cindy, and four others from CC Masantol took the abbreviated 2-day course. We highly recommend it for anyone and can be used in your personal devotions or in teaching settings. If interested, the website is www.gods-story.com/sts.



We thank God for the open door to teach the Bible weekly to 6th graders in local public elementary school.



We helped this young man get 9 rotted teeth pulled and dentures fitted. He quit school and drives a tricycle to support his family. Pray he will come back to church; he used to help with children's ministry.

Calvary Chapel Youth Camp Coming Soon to Island of Luzon! Pat and other pastors are planning a Youth Camp in early April for 250 youth. It will be near Olangapo, a 2-hour drive from Masantol. Lots of work and provision are still needed, but we see God making it all come together. This has been a need in this area and a desire for many of the pastors for over two years. We appreciate your prayers and support for this important ministry and outreach!

Praise Reports! --For God's provision. --For the people here growing in the Lord. --For our health.

Prayer Requests: --please keep praying for a loyal assistant to help Pastor Pat with the growing ministry. --We are going to look at a van next week to possibly purchase. Please pray for a reasonable price and to know if it's in top shape. --For more people to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in these end times.

"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ~Psalm 133:1

God Bless you! Pat and Cindy

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