



THE SUM OF ALL HOPES

Message from Dr. Larry P. Pabiona GCF Senior Pastor

Today, we celebrate 40 years of God's faithfulness to GCF! Forty (40) is always a significant number in the Bible because 40, whether in days or years, is always a period of testing, trial, or probation, and always ends in restoration, revival, or renewal. Here are a few examples out of 15 occurrences:

- The children of Israel were punished by wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, before a new generation was allowed to take the Promised Land. Forty years is the time it takes for a new generation to rise (*Numbers 32:13*).
- Before Samson's deliverance, Israel was enslaved by the Philistines for 40 years (*Judges 13:1*).

The purpose of testing, when it came, was to humble us and to show us what our faith is. A faith that has not been tested cannot be trusted. We had trials and tests, and we may have wandered in a spiritual wilderness for a time, but renewal is coming.

From the early days, when we started as a small evangelistic Valentine event in 1978, to this point in our history where we join nearly 3,000 people on a weekend, with 22 local church plants and six overseas—we know this is all God's doing. If the Lord has used the past 40 years to test and probe our hearts, and if we follow the biblical pattern of restoration and revival thereafter—God only knows how exciting the years ahead of us will be!

As you look around the congregation today, you will see the abundance of young faces. You can see for yourself the youthfulness of our new pastors and new missionaries. Whatever God is preparing, let us pray that we will be joining Him and working with Him as He unfolds His plan for GCF's future.

Happy 40th Anniversary, GCF! Soli Deo Gloria!



MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NOEL PANTOJA

National Director, PCEC Chairman and President, Philippine Bible Society



MESSAGE FROM DR. REY AVANTE

General Director, Conservative Baptists Association of the Philippines (CBAP)



On behalf of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches (PCEC), it is my pleasure and joy to greet and congratulate Greenhills Christian Fellowship on your 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Allow me to express my deepest gratitude for your strong partnership in the discipleship of the nation. Your purpose statement says it all, "Know Christ and Make Him Known." In the last four decades of your ministry as a local church, thousands were added to the kingdom and God has blessed you with multiple church planting sites that saw thousands of new disciples of Jesus Christ. Likewise, your local church ministry extended to the whole country as you partner and participate in various programs of PCEC that disciples the nation through Leadership Development, Sectoral Discipleship, Church Growth and Missions, Christian Unity and Societal Transformation.

"LIFE BEGINS AT 40": In 1932, the American psychologist Walter Pitkin published the self-help book and popularized the phrase Life Begins at Forty. Forty is an age where people can enjoy the fruits of their labor and the greatest achievements in life. It is true in one sense, but the greater outlook would be to say that, it is a prelude and the start of fresh and new beginnings in life.

After 40 years of serving our One God, following our One Master and pursuing our One Mission of "Making disciples of all the nations" (*Matthew 28:19-20*), God has showered you with many achievements and led you to many mountaintops in ministry. Today I join you on this blessed day to give God all the praise and glory for what He has done in the last four decades. My prayer is that this year would usher in new and fresh beginnings for the church. May God lead you in the years ahead to reach new and greater heights in Knowing Christ and Making Him Known individually and corporately as the body of Christ. May God open many new doors for the gospel and the advance of God's kingdom in our country and beyond \blacksquare

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Conservative Baptist Association of the Philippines, it is my great pleasure to greet you a Happy 40th Anniversary.

I am praying that our Lord God will continue to unite your hearts to pursue His purpose for you, to show authentic love and concern for one another as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. You have witnessed God's awesome power and faithfulness for the last forty years. You have experienced His great hands move in your midst and beyond. Many people came to know the Lord and dedicated their lives faithfully to His work. I am thanking and praising God with you.

As you celebrate your 40th year of God's goodness and greatness, we rejoice with you. Be encouraged and find comfort in His Peace no matter how difficult the journey with the one that you've had at GCF Ortigas, having the assurance that the God who started GCF Ortigas will continue to empower you all to reach the goal that God had given you—To know Him and make Him known. Remember that He is the only source of all that we need.

As part of the Conservative Baptist Association of the Philippines (CBAP), our Vision is to have **2025 churches by the year 2025**. We then would like to Commune with God for V2025, Bond Together for V2025, Accelerate our efforts for V2025 and Persevere in reaching V2025.

I am praying that the Holy Spirit will cover you all in the battles ahead. May the Lord shift the gears of our hearts to having more passion, to seeking to know Him more, to praying more, and to loving Him more. Above all, may the Lord be glorified in your midst, may His purpose for you continue to be accomplished, all for His glory and for His renown

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40TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP CELEBRATION PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL | GCF Chamber Orchestra

All Creatures of Our God and King (Words by St. Francis of Assisi)

WELCOME REMARKS | Pastor Larry Pabiona

Celebrating the Life Giver

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE | Festival Choir Sing (Israel Houghton & Aaron Lindsey), You Are Good (Israel Houghton), All Because of Jesus (Steve Fee), In Christ Alone (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend) with The Solid Rock (Edward Mote), Everlasting God (Brenton Brown & Ken Riley)

BAPTISM | Pastor Larry Pabiona *and* Elder Marc Sosmeña

The Living God of the Ages

TESTIMONY: BEGINNINGS | Pastor Dave and PJ Yount, GCF Founding Pastor (Video)

SPECIAL MUSIC | 4Word

No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus (Charles Weigle)

TESTIMONY: LEGACY | Li Pantoja

RESPONSE SONG | Chancel, Youth & Senior Choirs with Kit Paraso

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (Martin Luther)

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC | Chancel & Youth Choirs and 4Word with Ann Aliga, Jenny Garcia, Arnold Felizardo and Lex Reyes God of All Gods (Terry and Barbi Franklin)

Living for Jesus

40 YEARS OF KNOWING CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN | Special AV Presentation

ANNIVERSARY SONG | Pastor Migs Orleans and the Worship Team *Journey With One* (Jungee Marcelo)

LIFE AT 40: JOURNEY WITH ONE | Special AV Presentation

TESTIMONY: SEASONS | Pastor Api and Chette King

WORSHIP THROUGH THE PERFORMING ARTS |

Crewcified (Youth L.I.V.E. Dance Ministry) *and* LIPS (Youth L.I.V.E. Performing Arts Ministry)

TESTIMONY: GENERATIONS | Zeny Tiambeng with family

SPECIAL MUSIC | Praise Factory with Harvest *Tapestry* (Teri DeSario)

SPECIAL MUSIC | Harvest

The Reason We Sing (Dick and Melody Tunney) with Undivided (Melody Tunney)

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR MINISTRY SERVANTS |

Dr. Rey Avante, CBAP General Director

The Living Word

SCRIPTURE READING | Isaiah 40:21-31 (NIV 1984)

ANTHEM | Chancel, Youth & Senior Choirs and 6:33 with Tapestry He Will Hold Me Fast (Words by Ada Habershon, music by Matt Merker)

WORSHIP IN THE WORD | Pastor Larry Pabiona

SPECIAL MUSIC | Chancel Choir with Lisa Cabahug and Jai Aracama *Upon This Rock* (Gloria Gaither and Dony McGuire)

Everlasting Life

RESPONSE SONG | Festival Choir *This I Believe* (Matt Crocker and Ben Fielding)

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION | Bishop Noel Pantoja, PCFC National Director

BENEDICTION IN SONG | Festival Choir Chorus of *Find Us Faithful* (John Mohr)



JOURNEY WITH ONE GCF'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY SONG

Words and music by Jungee Marcelo Interpreted by Pastor Migs Orleans

For God You loved the world and gave Your only Son so I could have eternal life Along the narrow road, Lord, as I journey on with fellow pilgrims be our Guide

One another for each other Knowing Christ and making Him known Love unravels as I travel Knowing that I'll never be alone

Chorus

To love You, Lord,
With all my heart and soul and mind
Coming from a place where you are lifted high
By grateful praise
To love You, Lord, with worship fully magnified
Coming from a place where hope is satisfied
By nothing less than Your amazing grace
So lead the way, oh Lord, I pray
Journey on with one
Journey on with one

One another for each other Knowing Christ and making Him known Love unravels as I travel Knowing that I'll never be alone

Repeat chorus twice End with verse



A TIME TO SERVE (HERE I AM...I WILL TRY)

by Patty Jo Yount*

Lord, you have called me to minister in a way I never have before. I feel so inadequate for this task.

My qualifications are few, and my reasons to say "no" are many. Are you sure you have connected with the right person? Maybe you need to talk with a more likely candidate.

Lord, you have called me to minister in a way I never have before. I feel afraid and unsure of what to expect or what I am to do. What if I do not like the job I am involved with? What if I am a failure? What if? What if? What if? Lord, it is not too late to say "no", is it?

Lord, you have called me to minister in a way I never have before. I am overwhelmed by the mere thought of what you have asked me to do. It requires considerable time and effort to walk on unfamiliar ground. How about letting me choose something else I can do To help you that feels more comfortable?

Lord, you have called me to minister in a way I never have before. You say you will be with me each step of the way. You ask me to remember Moses and countless others Who thought they were the wrong person to serve. You remind me that I am the one you want in spite of all my excuses.

Lord, you have called me to minister in a way I never have before. Hesitantly, I take that first step of faith. Here I am, Lord. I will try. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM GCF'S FOUNDING MINISTERS

Pastor David and Patty Jo Yount

We pray that God will help the believers and especially the leaders to be pure in heart. Many spiritual, gifted people have fallen by the wayside because they've fallen into sin; they need to realize that they can be forgiven. God is in the business of forgiving people. When he dealt with individuals, he forgave them and exhorted them to go and sin no more. We have to have that same training and vision for our people.

The Lord always wants to do something new, and He wants to do it through you. So keep in the Word. Be like our brother, Doug Nichols. He reads through the Bible once every year. One thing I know is the more you're in the Word, the more He's gonna use you.

As a supporting verse, 2 Thessalonians 3:5 reads, "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ." Keep on keeping on. May God bless you!

*Pastor Dave and PJ Yount are also sharing this prayer poem on the occasion of GCF's 40th Anniversary. These are PJ's reflections as they were about to start what would eventually become GCF. Her actual notes about it reads: "The following misgivings reflect my thoughts in 1978 when David and I began the church plant in Greenhills."

GREENHILLS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP was a vision sought after by Rev. David and Patty Jo Yount (next page, bottom) of the Conservative Baptist Mission, aimed at reaching the emerging, self-reliant Filipinos who have the influence and the leadership to do significant work in spreading the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the Philippines, and even to other nations. Its first service on February 14, 1978, with 67 people meeting at the Club Filipino, Greenhills, San Juan for a Valentine's Fellowship Dinner, marks its beginning. GCF grew and eventually settled at Medecor Building along Ortigas Avenue in October of 1978. In 1990, GCF moved into its own building at the corner of Garnet and Ruby Roads in Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

Under Dr. Luis L. Pantoja, who took over from Rev. Yount in 1993, GCF continued to grow and to reach influencers to support missions-oriented efforts here and abroad. Twenty-two affiliate churches were established in the country, and they continue to make an impact on Philippine society.

In 2007, GCF Toronto, the first daughter church abroad, was launched, followed by GCF Peel a year later and GCF Vancouver in 2010. In August 2006, another milestone in the history of GCF was celebrated when the expanded ministry center, which housed a new and larger auditorium and new ministry offices, was inaugurated.



A BRIEF HISTORY

40 Years of Knowing Christ and Making Him Known



With Dr. Pantoja's (previous page, top) sudden graduation to glory in 2010, Dr. Larry P. Pabiona (previous page, bottom)—a medical doctor with GCF since 1994, a GCF elder since 2001, and a GCF Pastor since 2006—became the Senior Pastor.

Under Dr. Pabiona, GCF pursues a refocused mission of making disciples in the Philippines and beyond, and a new vision of lives and communities transformed through Christ. This has begun with the birth of the church plants GCF West and GCF QC, as well as with the newest one, GCF Ozamiz. It continues with initiatives for reaching the burgeoning residential and corporate communities around GCF Ortigas itself. At the same time there is an emphasis on growing the congregation spiritually through disciple-making groups and the preaching-teaching ministry, so that at GCF, every worshipper is a witness.

God, indeed, has been faithful to Greenhills Christian Fellowship since day one. And in response to that faithfulness, our ultimate invitation to everyone who walks our doors and who encounters the lives of the members of our family remain the same—that they, too, would know Christ and make Him known

With thousands who had come to know Christ, who were learning to know Him better, we stepped away knowing that you would keep "going," keep making Him known to others. - Pastor Dave and Patty Jo Yount



ABOUT

GREENHILLS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,

also known as GCF, is a church at the very heart of Ortigas Center in Pasig City—one of the fastest-growing commercial centers in the Philippines today. GCF was born out of a New Testament heritage, assisting in the spreading of the gospel through evangelism, discipleship, and in the multiplication of churches.

VISION *Lives and communities transformed through Jesus Christ*

MISSION To make disciples of Jesus Christ in the Philippines and beyond

CORE VALUES

- Centrality of God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Discipleship and shepherding through small groups (*Mark 3:14, Acts 2:46-47*)
- Vibrant worship and fervent prayer (*Acts 2:42-47*)
- Excellence in life and ministry (1 Corinthians 14:12, 2 Corinthians 8:7)
- Intentional evangelism and church planting (*Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:8*)
- Leadership development

MOTTO Know Christ and Make Him Known

LIFE at 40: JOURNEY WITH ONE: GCF's 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PRESENTED WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF The Festival Choir (All Choirs and Singing Groups) • Chancel Choir led by Music Director Josh Capule • Youth Choir led by Des Batalla • Seniors' Choir led by Betty Rendal • Praise Factory led by Kathy Alvarado and choreographed by Richelle Ligot • Harvest led by Zeb Zuñiga • 6:33 led by Lani Ligot • 4Word led by Boots Dizon • The Tagalog Worship Team • Soloists Janny Dizon, Ann Aliga, Jenny Garcia, Arnold Felizardo, Lex Reyes, Yanna Lopez, Lisa Cabahug and Jai Aracama TOGETHER WITH The GCF Praise and Worship Band led by Deacon Levi Fabellar • The GCF Chamber Orchestra led by Benj Caaway • Tapestry led by Nikoy de Guzman • Crewcified (Youth L.I.V.E. Dance Ministry) led by Von Asilo • LIPS (Youth L.I.V.E. Performing Arts Ministry) led by Yumi Briones PRESIDED BY Elder Dylan Halili

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Prayer: Tuesday, 6:00 a.m. (GCF Hour of Prayer)
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