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in Church History

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“**Welcome** her in
the Lord **in a way**
worthy of the
saints, and help
her in whatever
she may need
from you, for she
has been a patron
of many and of
myself as well.”
- *Romans 16:2*

INTRODUCTION

Unfair Treatment! An Underappreciated Chapter and Character

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

1. Paul's Own Situation
2. The Church in Rome
3. The Roman Empire
 - a. Travel and Mobility
 - b. Slaves and Freedmen
 - c. Males and Females
4. Early Church Life
 - a. Paul and the Women
 - b. The Importance of Hospitality

NOTES

Sunday Services

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Worship through Giving

Worship in Music

Testimony

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Jason Mandryk

Pastor James Cantoria (3 p.m.)

Benediction



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TAKEAWAYS

Paul was/the Gospel is:

1. Pragmatic *and* idealistic
2. Constantly challenging taboos
3. Strategically focused on teams
4. Centered around relationships
5. The Gospel in **all** its fullness

NOTES

The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Mike King Li

SUPPORT GROUPS

GCF has a number of support groups for those who have special needs. Most people are probably familiar with the support groups under the Women's Ministry, such as Supamoms for single mothers, and Naomi for widows. The Disciple Making Support Ministry also has a couple of support groups under it. These are Life in Technicolor and Overcomers.

LIFE IN TECHNICOLOR

Life in Technicolor is a support group for cancer patients, cancer survivors, their families, and even caregivers. Coping with cancer is not an easy thing, not just for the patient, but also for their loved ones. GCF started this ministry especially because of this. The group is being equipped to handle life with cancer through a series of Bible studies created by the late Dr. Ken Curtis, who himself had undergone a long journey with cancer.

The group, now mostly made up of cancer survivors and caregivers, are able to share their own testimony of God's love amidst cancer to other people who are living with cancer. They meet once a month, every third Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Seniors' Room. We would like to invite those who are coping with cancer, or family members of those who are, to join us.

We understand that it may be difficult for those undergoing treatment to join us. If you are one of those (or know someone) and would prefer that you (or them) would be visited and prayed for, you may contact us at 0917 532 7794 to schedule a visitation.

OVERCOMERS

Overcomers is a support group for those who are struggling with addictions of any kind. This may be in the form of substance abuse, gambling, or pornography to name a few. This group is formed so that people who join it may learn the principles in overcoming addiction and tap on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to get back to their walk with the Lord. This group is being led by our brother Rey Ramos, who himself had battled with addiction. Once a batch of overcomers "graduate," we form a new group. Our last batch had just recently graduated and we are now looking to form a new batch. If you would like to join this group, kindly contact 0917 532 7794 so we can plug you in.

It is our prayer that GCF continues to be a church which acts as a hospital for the broken and wounded, so that they may be healed and brought to the Lord. All glory to God! ■

Ablaze Devotional

**But seek first his kingdom
and his righteousness, and
all these things will be
given to you as well.**

— *Matthew 6:33*

The world defines a person's success by what he has and what he does. The disciples were not immune to this, and, in this account Jesus teaches them how to be different in the way they live. To run not after things that pass away, but to labor for that thing that lasts to eternity; to "strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness" and realize that ultimate security and stability is only found in Him.

The encouragement is the same for us. As we continue in our walk with God, we find that His righteousness is more than just being good. His righteousness and His kingdom is more about being a blessing than it is about receiving one.

Being in God's family, may we continue to seek out how we can be a blessing to our neighbor. We praise God for how He has strategically placed us here in the heart of Ortigas. Let us continue seeking opportunities where we can participate in His mission here in this city.

May we also continue reflecting on and affirming God's mission in the world, as we learn about and mobilize for His Mission. Let us continue praying for our partner and associate missionaries, and partner mission organizations as they make known the Good News of Jesus ■

**GCF PRAYER
GATHERINGS
AT THE CHAPEL:**

The GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.

Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



IMPULSE

Connect Ministry Camp 2018

August 3-5, at Word of Life (Calauan, Laguna)

For more details/to register, please contact Noli at **0917 625 0244** or visit the ministry info booth at the G/F lobby.



BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE 2

August 11, 18 & 25 (Sat) at the Fellowship Hall

Last day of registration: August 5. Registration is at the G/F ministry info booth. For more details, contact Dana at **0917 532 7725**.



SABBATH RETREAT 2018

Young Adults' Ministry retreat

August 25-27, Sinagtala Farm Resort (Orani, Bataan)

Reg. Fee: PhP 3,000, registration starts July 8 (Sun) For more details/to register, please contact **0917 532 7741** or visit the YA booth at the lobby.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT GCF

Full-time positions available: one (1) Building Engineer, one (1) Human Resources manager, and one (1) Ministry Assistant. For application info/job descriptions, please e-mail gcfhr@gcf.org.ph.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

July 2018

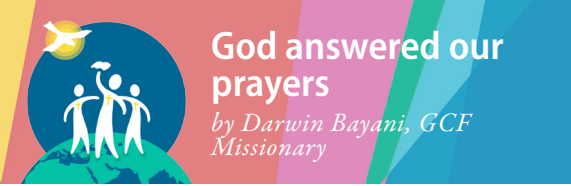
	July Budget	Received, July 1-18
General	9,140,955	4,400,537
Missions	927,000	72,800
Missions Contingency		1,606,820

	Jan. - July Budget	Received, Jan. - July
General	55,094,599	42,225,274
Missions	5,562,000	5,749,841

Flower Ministry

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to our God by anonymous donors for the good health, pouring of blessings, and answered prayers.

Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.



God answered our prayers

by Darwin Bayani, GCF Missionary

After showing Irosanon-Bicol version of Deditos Episode 1 video (*When God Created the World*) in Tampi Elementary School, the Team hiked to barangay Binauhan, for yet another film showing. We held the film showing by the roadside, where the house of the family of a new believer was located. The white-screen-cloth was hung on the wall of the house facing the road. When we're about to start the film showing, the DVD player seems not able to read and play Deditos Episode 2 (*When Sin Entered the World*), and the DVD player remote control couldn't be found. Would that mean that we wouldn't have evangelistic film showing that night? And embarrass ourselves to the already gathered and eager audience?

So the Team prayed. Then we ask the owner of the house if he has a DVD player. He was very hesitant at the beginning, since what he got is really very old and may not even play. Hurriedly we connected the power and jacks, and behold, it played Deditos Episode 2. The evangelistic film showing that night, for the first time at this place, brought the neighborhood together, and thus provided Pastor Jimmy the opportunity to preach the gospel.

After the film showing the Team went inside the house to eat the "pancit" (noodles) that we brought. Before I prayed, we were told that the daughter is also celebrating her 13th birthday. What a blessing it turned out—to have fellowship and shared the food together, and celebrate the birthday of our host's daughter. In the local culture, such indeed was God's display of faithfulness and favor. The family is simply economically unable to prepare something to celebrate their daughter's birthday, and our coming was a blessing that they did not expect. Or was it that God has prepared them also to remind us that God still is the King of the World! ■

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Launching of Highlight GG (Mixed)
July 22 (Sun), 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Room B124 (Growth Group Center)

High School & College Y-Groups
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.,
and 4:30-5:30 p.m.
at GCF (Youth Center, 6th flr.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

8 a.m.: Ages 1-3, B415; Ages 4-5, B410; Age 6, B414; Age 7, B403; Age 8, B413, Ages 9-10, B411; Ages 11-12, B409; Transition Age 13, B406

10:30 a.m.: Ages 1-2, B412; Age 3, B415; Age 4, B408; Age 5, B410; Age 6A, B402; Age 6B, B403; Age 7, B401; Age 8, B413; Age 9, B411; Age 10, B414; Age 11, B409; Age 12, B405; Transition Age 13, B406

3 p.m.: Ages 1-5, B415; Ages 6-9, B402; Ages 10-12, B403

5:30 p.m.: Ages 1-5, B415; Age 6, B402; Ages 7-9, B401; Ages 10-12, B403; Transition Age 13, B404

Nursery: 2nd flr. for nursing moms and babies aged one week to 11 months old

Yayas: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., B404
Sunday School Parents' Class: 9:30 a.m., B406

If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form inside this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag or submit it to the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 7740.

GG LEADERS' TRAINING 2

Topic: Managing Conflict in Small Groups with Dr. Yoyit Roldan

August 5 & 12 (Sun), 12-3 p.m., Youth Center



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How may we SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**
(Specify age group: _____)
(Specify group composition: _____)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Year of membership: _____

Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): _____

Today is **21/22 July 2018**, and I attended the
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
Sin demands a penalty: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.