ISANG MENSAHE NG
Kagalakan

LUCAS 2:8-14

Message Guide | Disyembre 13, 2020

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Ang Mensahe Ngayon (13 Disyembre 2020) / Lucas 2:8-14

Ang mabuting balita ng kaligtasan ay ito — Ang Dios na makapangyarihan sa lahat, ay sadyang nagpakumbaba at pumasok sa mundong Kanyang nilikha, upang maging aba at walang kapangyarihang sanggol ng mga mahirap na karaniwang tao, upang ganapin ang hindi kayang gawin ng kahit na sinong tao — ang kaligtasan ng buong sanlibutan!

KONTEKSTO NG KUWENTONG ITO...

“1 Nang mga araw na iyon ay lumabas ang isang utos mula kay Augusto Cesar upang magpatala ang buong daigdig.
2 Ito ang unang pagtatala na ginawa nang si Quirinio ay gobernador sa Siria.
3 Pumunta ang lahat upang magpatala, bawat isa sa kanyang sariling bayan.
4 Umahon din si Jose mula sa Galilea mula sa bayan ng Nazaret, patungo sa Judea, sa lunsod ni David, na tinatawag na Bethlehem, sapagkat siya'y mula sa sambahayan at lipi ni David,
5 upang magpatalang kasama ni Maria na kanyang magiging asawa, na noon ay malapit nang manganak.
6 Samantalang sila'y naroroon, dumating ang panahon ng kanyang panganganak.
7 At kanyang isinilang ang kanyang panganay na anak na lalaki, binalot niya ito ng mga lampin, at inihiga sa isang sabsaban sapagkat walang lugar para sa kanila sa bahay-panuluyan.”

1. MGA HAMAK NA SAKSI

“8 Sa lupaing iyon ay may mga pastol ng tupa na nasa parang na nagbabantay sa kanilang kawan sa gabi.”

2. MALUALHATING MENSAHERO

“9 Tumayo sa tabi nila ang isang anghel ng Panginoon at ang kaluwalhatian ng Panginoon ay nagliwanag sa palibot nila, at sila'y lubhang natakot.”

3. MALUALHATING MENSAHE

“10 Kaya't sinabi sa kanila ng anghel, “Huwag kayong matakot, sapagkat narito, dala ko sa inyo ang magandang balita ng malaking kagalakan para sa buong bayan.
11 Sapagkat ipinanganak sa inyo ngayon sa lunsod ni David ang isang Tagapagligtas, na siya ang Cristo, ang Panginoon.
12 Ito ang magiging palatandaan ninyo: Matatagpuan ninyo ang isang sanggol na balot ng lampin at nakahiga sa isang sabsaban.”

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4. MALAKING KAGALAKAN

"[13] At biglang sumama sa anghel ang isang malaking hukbo ng langit na nagpupuri sa
Diyos at nagsasabi,
[14] "Luwalhati sa Diyos sa kataas-taasan, at sa lupa'y kapayapaan sa mga taong
kinalulugdan niya."

APLIKASYON

MAGANDANG HALIMBAWA

"[15] Nang iwan sila ng mga anghel patungo sa langit, sinabi ng mga pastol sa isa't isa,
"Pumunta tayo ngayon sa Bethlehem at tingnan natin ang nangyaring ito na ipinaalam sa
atin ng Panginoon."
[16] At sila'y nagmamadaling pumunta at kanilang natagpuan sina Maria at Jose, at ang sanggol
na nakahiga sa sabsaban.
[17] Nang makita nila ito, ipinaalam nila sa kanila ang mga sinabi tungkol sa sanggol na ito;
[18] at lahat nang nakarinig nito ay namangha sa mga bagay na sinabi sa kanila ng mga pastol.
[19] Subalit iningatan ni Maria ang lahat ng mga salitang ito, na pinagbulay-bulay sa
kanyang puso.
[20] Pagkatapos ay bumalik ang mga pastol na niluluwalhati at pinupuri ang Diyos dahil sa
lahat ng kanilang narinig at nakita, ayon sa sinabi sa kanila." ■

Discussion Questions:

1. Ano ang inyong tugon sa mensahe ng kagalakan na ating pinag-aralan?
2. Kayo ba'y may takot pa sa paghuhukom ng Dios?
3. Tinanggap niyo na ba ang kanyang alok na kapayapaan at kaligtasan?

The Shepherd's *Voice*

by Pastor Mark Daniel Del Rosario

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas…or is it? This year, the staples of a Filipino Christmas have gone the way of sleigh rides and snowmen. Seeing streets and malls decorated with paroles and lights with family is only a dream now. This holiday for Filipino families is one centered on celebrating with neighbors, and without community, some of us ask, "Where is Christmas?"

In GCF-ICS, we have all been adjusting to the "loss of community" since in-person classes were no longer held since March. Teachers, students, and parents had to learn how to handle all online classes. Yet, God has been so gracious to us. Challenges may come, but they are also a reason to come together intentionally as family.

MJ Yazon, a 12th grader, shares, "It's been hard at times to see how God is moving in the terrible things that have been happening this year, but He makes himself known to me in the littlest of things. From the love and care I feel from my family to the happiness the calls I have with my friends bring, and even that I've been able to survive online classes." God-directed and intentional connections with others reminds me of the parable of the Good Samaritan where Jesus responded to the question, "Who is my neighbor" by asking, "Which of these three was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" (Luke 10:36). Being a neighbor should be a verb and not just an adjective. The "being a neighbor" mentality has helped each Growth Group in ICS experience God's love in this pandemic.

"My friends and family were evidence of God's goodness and love in times wherein I thought there were none," MJ continues, "Even if most of our interactions were limited to video calls and messages, I was still reminded again and again that love knows no boundaries, even virtual ones. I feel God's love a lot more evidently when I'm 'around'… talking with other people." Her Growth Group continues to be a safe place to open up about what is truly happening in her life. As a school, we have been encouraging parents to do the same. Parents have been encouraging each other also, sharing how they got to reconnect with their kids and really have discipleship - not just Bible studies.

Yes, GCF-ICS has not seen each other in-person for more than 9 months. No, we have not grown apart. By God's grace, ICS has grown closer with His love at the center of the community through the Growth Groups. Christ is always at the center - which has allowed relationships to be celebrations of God's love and faithfulness. It is a place we can ask, "Where was God?" and be reminded by our testimonies that He never left. He is there in our friendships, families, classrooms, and conversations. It is only with Jesus that we have thrived.

Without Jesus, a Christmas celebration is just noise. Without Jesus, a community is just a crowd of strangers. Without Jesus, a manger is merely a feeding trough. Jesus' birth was used by God as a time to bring people together as the shepherds shared to their community the good news of the Savior being born. When we come together in Jesus Christ during this pandemic, even virtually - it indeed will begin to look a lot like Christmas. ■

MGA ANUNSIYO

GCF RELIEF OPERATIONS FOR #UlyssesPH VICTIMS
We are accepting CASH donations for the typhoon victims.
Email a copy of your transaction slip to **finance@gcf.org.ph** with the subject "Typhoon Ulysses"

EMMANUEL — GCF CHRISTMAS MUSICALE 2020
Celebrate Christ with us on December 20, 2020.
Invite your friends and family as we proclaim the good news, God with us!

ELECTION OF CHURCH LEADERS
Church members can visit **election.gcf.org.ph** to see the list of candidates for the Board of Elders and Council of Deacons.

PRE-REGISTER FOR THE IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE
To know more about the safety guidelines and restrictions, and to reserve a seat, visit **https://tinyurl.com/GCFreservation**. Pre-registration is open every week from Wednesday (5:00pm) to Saturday (11:59pm) or upon full booking, whichever comes first.

ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER
Are you here for the FIRST TIME? We'd love to get to know you more! Visit **tinyurl.com/GCFwelcome** today!

BELONGING (Midweek Series): *CHRISTMAS IN A COVID WORLD*
December 16 (Miyerkules), 6:30 n.g. sa GCF Facebook Page

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS
Tuwing Lunes at Biyernes, 7:00 n.g. sa GCF Facebook Page

LIVEstream (Youth LIVE Worship)
Tuwing Sabado, 5:00 n.h. sa youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive

KIDS' L.I.F.E. ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL
Tuwing Linggo, 1:00 n.h. sa Facebook sa @GCFKidsLIFE

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER
8:00 n.g. hanggang 9 n.g. sa Zoom

UNO-DOS GG (TAGALOG GG) / YOUNG ADULTS
Tuwing Linggo, 4-5:30 n.g., sa FB Messenger Room, GG Leader: Shane An

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Upang makapagbigay sa mga panahong ito, maaaring gawin ang anuman sa sumusunod:

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS

Maaari ninyo ring italaga ang inyong pagbibigay sa ating relief efforts para sa mga frontliners at iba pang lubhang naaapektuhan ng krisis. Ilagay lamang sa subject ng inyong email ang "For COVID-19 fund" ■

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