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God's Loving Kindness



A Message from the Chairman

Council of Elders, WHF-Fremont

Dear Members of the Community,

As your Chairman of the Council of Elders, it is my honor to address you in this November edition of our newsletter. The past months have been a period of reflection, growth, and collective action within our community, and I am continually inspired by your commitment to our shared values and traditions.

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who have volunteered and contributed to our activities this year. Your dedication and generosity have been instrumental in making our community stronger and more cohesive.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement. Wishing you all joy and peace.

Sincerely,

Dante De Guzman
Chairman

Celebrating God's 16 Years of Faithfulness

In Joshua 4:2-3, God commands Joshua to "choose twelve men, one from each tribe. These men are to 'Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight.'" These are the stones of remembrance that serve as a permanent reminder and memorial to future generations of the Israelites' miraculous crossing of the Jordan River to enter the promised land of Canaan.

There are many instances in the Old Testament where stones are laid as a monument to commemorate and celebrate God's miraculous acts on behalf of the people of Israel. At the World Harvest Fellowship (WHF) church, it is a tradition to annually commemorate God's faithfulness, His hands in all that has transpired through the years. It might not be through the laying down of stones but through a celebration of praise and worship. On October 26, 2025, WHF celebrated its 16th anniversary, with the theme, "Lavished with Loving Kindness," the essence of Psalm 103:1-5.

This celebration of God's loving kindness is aptly expressed in the call to

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Of David.

¹ Praise the Lord, my soul;
 all my inmost being, praise his holy name:
² Praise the Lord, my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits—
³ who forgives all your sins
 and heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
 and crowns you with love and compassion,
⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Celebrating God's 16 Years of Faithfulness (from Page 1)

worship or opening remarks delivered by Bro. Wil Mondala, as follows:

Psalms 126:3 "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." We are lavished with God's loving kindness! Sixteen years of God's faithfulness, sixteen years of His grace, and sixteen years of lives changed by His power! Very few of you were here sixteen years ago, when God planted a vision in the hearts of His people — to build a church that would love Him deeply, share His Word boldly, reach the lost passionately, and strengthen believers faithfully.

Today, we stand as living proof that "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion" (Philippians 1:6). Of course, we could not have done it without the help of our kingdom partners Bridges Community Church! This is our story, but it is not about what we have done — it is about what God has done! Through every challenge, He has shown His strength; through every season of growth, He has poured out His grace; and through every step, His presence has been with us.

Truly, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end!" (Lamentations 3:22-23). Today, we celebrate not just the years, but the lives changed, prayers answered, and love shared within this family of faith. Our church stands as a testimony of hope, grace, and the goodness of God. And guess what? The story continues! Out of this journey, Bridges Christian Fellowship Central Valley has been birthed - a new chapter, a new testimony of God's overflowing grace and work!

So, as we look back with gratitude and look forward with faith, let us declare it loud and proud: "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8) To God be all the glory for the great things He has done!

The celebration of the 16th anniversary was also an occasion to recognize the who have played significant roles in the church's ministries. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Sis Sue Edstrom, Business manager of Bridges Community Church; Bro. Ramon Lim, the longest serving elder; Sis. Davia Esporo, outgoing Treasurer; Bro. Wil Mondala, outgoing Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Sis Joyce Alina, outgoing Youth Group Leader.

October being Pastor Appreciation Month, Pastor Joe Magpatoc and Pastor Em Tajada were each given a Plaque of Appreciation in recognition of their pastoral care for their congregation.



Pastor Joe Magpatoc with the recipients of the Certificates of Appreciation. From left to right: Bro. Ramon Lim, Sis. Davian Esporo, Sis. Sue Edstrom, Bro. Wil Mondala, and Sis Joyce Alina.

**Bridges Christian Fellowship Central Valley
has been birthed!**



BCF worship team ushering in an atmosphere of praise and worship at the launching of the Central Valley Church.



Bro. Cris Castillo reading the scripture before the start of the sermon.



The congregation praying over the Council of Elders, the BCF Core of Leaders and Praise and Worship Team who were on the stage.

Launch of Central Valley Church

The first issue of the WHF newsletter for 2025 mentioned the church's 2027 long-term vision entitled, "Vision 200/2027," whereby WHF shall become a church of 200 members with two churches planted by December 2027. One of these churches will be in the California Central Valley, and the mother church in Fremont. However, God had a different timing in answering the congregation's prayer. He put into fruition the launching of a daughter church in Lathrop, California, called the Bridges Christian Fellowship (BCF) church.

By God's grace, BCF was launched on October 5, 2025. It is located at the New Life Church campus at 107 D'Arcy Parkway, Lathrop, CA. Sunday services start at 3:00 PM.

BCF's core of leaders consists of:

Bro. Allan Cerezo (Treasurer),
Sis. Nannette Marcelo (Secretary),
Sis. Joyce Alina (Worship Coordinator), and
Dana Lagunilla (Sunday school teacher)

Core members are Pastor Marilyn Alina, Bro. Pat Lim and Bro. Rodel Tungol.

Approval of Non-Profit Organization Status

The World Harvest Fellowship (WHF), otherwise known as the Filipino fellowship at the Bridges Community Church, is now a registered non-profit organization in the State of California. Its application with the California Secretary of State has been approved. Its Board of Directors are composed of its Council of Elders headed by Bro. Dante de Guzman as Chairman.

In addition to Bro. Dante, the Council is composed of the following:

Lead Pastor - Pastor Joe Magpatoc
Worship Pastor - Pastor Em Tajada
Secretary - Bro. Dilo Benjamin
Treasurer - Bro. Jess Mondala
Website Administrator - Bro. Wil Mondala
Member - Bro. Bong Bautista



Pastor Joe Magpatoc presenting the officers of the Council of Elders. Right to Left: Bro. Dante Guzman (Chairman), Bro. Jess Mondala (Treasurer) and Bro. Dilo Benjamin (Secretary).

2025 Family Camp

On August 29 to September 2, 2025, WHF had its annual family camp at the Rancho Seco Recreation Area in Herald, CA. The camp's theme was, "Where is Your First Love?," taken from Revelation 2:1-7 of the bible. It was participated in by 112 people., made up of church members, their families and friends. The participants were divided into five groups to facilitate tasking and games participation. Each group would be judged by their participation in the meal preparations, after meal care, punctuality during the activities, and their game participation, particularly their presentations in the human band and picture frame contests.

Activities and games were interspersed throughout the entire weekend. Although some campers came on Friday evening, most of the campers arrived on Saturday, the unofficial start of the camp. The day started with an orientation, the laying down of ground rules, and game instructions. The first camp activity was held that evening - a devotional led by Bro. Dante de Guzman, entitled, Divine Love. The devotional was followed by the human band presentation of each of the five groups.

The baptism held early the next day (Sunday) was the highlight of the family camp. Seven members gave their lives to Jesus, namely, Bro. Ramon Alina, Bro. Eric Esporo, Bro. Mark (Makii) Masangcay, and four youths, namely Aaron Esporo, Ethan Garcia, Ivan Garcia and JM Marcelo. They braved the cold of the lake at Rancho Seco Recreational Area to publicly declare their commitment to follow Jesus.

Sunday worship came after the baptism. Pastor Em delivered the message, "Where is the Love?" where he emphasized that we first need to love God before pursuing any ministry. A

relationship with God is paramount before any service is rendered for the Lord. Ministry is simply an outcome of our love for God. We are motivated to serve and do works for the Lord because of our love for Him.

After lunch, the campers proceeded to play the game picture frame whereby each team acts out a scene (from the bible) announced by the game moderator. Similar to the human band game, each team gains points, primarily for accuracy in depicting the bible scene.

At the end, it was the green team who garnered the most points and thus the overall winner.



The newly-baptized church members with the pastoral team. L to R: Bro. Wil Mondala, Pastor Em Pastor, Pastor Joe, Bro. Eric Esporo, Bro. Makii Masangcay, Bro. Ramon Alina, Aaron Esporo, Ethan Garcia, Ivan Garcia, and JM Marcelo.



WHF Praise and Worship Team during the Sunday worship service.



Green team, the winning team, with their prize.

Announcements ~

- * Church needs three people for First Impression Ministry. Contact Pastor Joe Magpatoc for more details.
- * Bridges Community Church needs volunteers for the Coffee Ministry.
- * Prayer time at the gazebo every Sunday at 10:25AM.
- * Other Ministries. If you want to serve the Lord in our church, here's how:
 - ◆ **Small group.** There are two ways to be part of the small life group either of the two churches: You can lead and/or attend. Contact Pastor Joe Magpatoc.
 - ◆ **Music ministry.** If your heart is inclined to music, you can approach Bro. Al Caldejon.
 - ◆ **Tech, audio and video.** If you want to be part of the Video Tech team, contact Rowwel "Loy" Ponesto; Audio and Photography, approach Al and Nathan Bautista.
 - ◆ **Preparing and serving food.** If you want to prepare and/or serve food, contact Bro. Ramon and Sis. Cyd Magpatoc
 - ◆ Managing the Newsletter and Website. If God burdens you for editorials, contact Sister Marni Labrador. For matters relating to the website, please contact Bro. Wil Mondala.
- * We need someone to assist or act as alternate to Emma Labrador in recording Sunday worship attendance, Just approach Emma if you are interested.

Regular church schedules

Sundays

10:45 AM – Pre-service prayer time
11:00 AM – Service
12:30 PM – Post-service fellowship

Wednesdays

7:30 PM – Prayer meeting

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