

# BEYOND BLESSED @ 25!

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**“For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands...the LORD your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.” Deuteronomy 2:7a,c**

We are still a bit over six months away to a milestone in the life of GCF South Metro Church, as we look forward to celebrate 25 glorious years as a community of believers seeking to love God and to make multiplying disciples.

Plans are already afoot to ensure that we hold a celebration that is fitting, honoring and glorifying to the Lord as we recall His goodness and faithfulness in the life of the church. We recognize that it is only by His enormous grace that we are able to commemorate this truly special occasion as it is made more heartfelt as we celebrate it toward the end of the second year of the pandemic.

Needless to say, through the joys and challenges, the ups and downs of our church life, the Lord has been overwhelmingly faithful to us. And that is what we celebrate - God's faithfulness that has truly amazed us for the past 25 years! We look forward to the many lives that He will call us to bring into the sheepfold as we continue to pursue our mandate to make multiplying disciples in our midst!

Notwithstanding the massive impact brought about by the pandemic, we rise above the ashes (so to speak), confident in how

God will continue to work in and through us in the coming years ahead.

We enjoin our members, especially those who were with us in the early days in One Legacy Place and Madrigal Business Park to send us photos and mementos that you can share to make this a truly wonderful occasion to celebrate. A coffee table book is being planned to put together all the wonderful memories built from its inception in January, 1997 to the present. We would appreciate all the help you can give so that we may be able to adequately capture the essence of celebrating God's faithfulness over the past 25 years.

We will also invite our former resident pastors, Dr. Narry F. Santos (now based in Toronto, Canada), as well as Dr. Larry P. Pabiona (now GCF Center Senior Pastor) to give a video recorded message to give their greetings as they were both an integral part of the life and history of GCF South Metro.

As the uncertainty of the pandemic amidst the various lockdown phases continues to linger, the Anniversary Committee thought it prudent to plan for a blended worship service, wherein majority will be joining by FB Live and the major participants will be in-person at our worship center in Daang Hari. We shall be updating you on any changes should the Lord allow a full in-person celebration as lockdown restrictions are eased up.

## CONQUERING COVID THROUGH CHRIST

We rejoice on how God moved mightily to bring over forty couples together on Zoom to listen to the testimonies of guest speakers, Robbie & Faye Tañada and Drs. Fitz & Paulene Zarate during last Saturday's CWC webinar. They shared how God worked mightily in their own covid experiences and how God enabled them to cope amidst the many challenges they faced. Bro. Robbie Tañada was patient #376 in the entire Philippines in the early stages of lockdown last year as he had to battle hospital and ICU confinement after being intubated with several co-morbidities: diabetes, hypertension and asthma. Yet, God worked miraculously and allowed him to be discharged from the hospital after 47 days confinement on his birthday last year. What is even more amazing is that while they racked up a bill of P5 Million in the hospital, they did not have to pay a single centavo as Philhealth covered all his expenses and his doctors waived their professional fees.

Truly, when God works, He works in ways we do not know and see! Whether battling covid or any other challenge in life, we can say that as Christians, we are beyond blessed to have Jesus Christ with us! Glory to God! ✠