

COUPLES WHO CARE ON THE GO!

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When couples whom God has called to serve in the Couples Who Care (CWC) core team come together after two years of lockdown, expect an outpouring of thoughts and ideas on how to better harness the ministry, to help couples in our midst who need to be reminded on ways to keep their marriages vibrant and able to resist the challenges of the times.

That is exactly what happened as seven (7) couples that comprise the core team went up to Tagaytay for an overnight retreat last weekend. We were refreshed in the Word as newly installed lead couple, Deacon Elie shared from Philippians 2:1-4 about how we are to be in one mind, spirit and love as we pursue the ministry that God has allowed us to partner in for God's greater glory to be revealed to us and the couples the Lord has entrusted to us. We also praise God for the blessed opportunity to share ideas from the devotion that was shared on how we can apply truths learned from the devotion as we help couples weather the storms that inevitably batter them especially during these

pandemic times. We were also blessed as Edwin Sindayen led us in praise and worship of our awesome and mighty God. We likewise welcomed the newest members of our core team, Drs. Fitz and Paulene Zarate. Though they have been actively participating in past events virtually, it was the first time that they were formally welcomed face to face. Meanwhile, for some of the children that tagged along, it was fun, fun, fun as they spent time frolicking in the swimming pool and enjoying face to face fellowship after two years of lockdown.

As we shared from our hearts based on the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we have been refreshed and renewed as we continue to trust God to guide us for future events that the team plans for the remainder of the year and the years to come. We recognize that the struggles that some may be going through are not just for the present but, indeed, for the time ahead. While the Lord delights in those who persevere as they put their trust in Him, there are those who are being waylaid by the enemy in its efforts to sow

confusion and division among couples, young and old.

In line with this, we covet your prayers for the CWC Ministry and core team that we would always be within God's mighty grip as we relentlessly pursue efforts to preserve marriages for the Lord. We also recognize that children born out of these marriages would grow with a firm grasp and appreciation of how parents handle the challenges that come their way. By doing so, the children would have good role models to pattern their own marriages after as they also seek lifetime partners in the future.

As the basic institution given by God, we ought to strive to keep marriages intact and take painstaking efforts to be guided by God's design and plan, all for the honor and glory of His Mighty Name! Indeed, that is the prayer of our hearts for CWC and the many couples God is entrusting to us! ✱