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# Reaching Out

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We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on a road;  
we are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.  
- 2nd verse of the Servant song by Richard Gillard (b.1953)

## **Welcome to the fifth issue of Reaching Out:**

In April 2008 my brother and I were involved in a car accident. As a result of this it led to me losing my confidence in driving along fast roads such as the motorways and national country roads. No matter how hard I tried to get back on the motorways, I got very nervous and other drivers flashed me because I was driving very slow unaware that I was suffering. In July 2008 just before Rebecca and I began our relationship I attended a Christian conference in Sligo and I very much struggled then. It took me over fourteen hours to return to Dublin from Sligo with a stopover in a guesthouse due to the fact I panicked, broke down emotionally and remembered back to the car accident I was involved in. I was blessed by the many follow up calls and prayers from my future wife Rebecca at the time. Rebecca and I continued to pray over the days, months and years ahead about the situation I was in. I attended a counsellor to see if that would help. No matter how hard I tried I was facing a journey of fearfulness something anyone can do without.

The years 2008, 2009 and 2010 had passed and still no breakthrough to my fear of driving on the motorways. Until Holy Week 2011. I sensed God was leading me to a series of meetings in Castlenock. The only way of getting there was to drive the M50 motorway so I wouldn't consume a lot of my time or fuel. On Holy Monday Rebecca accompanied me as I drove home. I drove on to the M50 heading northbound from Castlenock to Finglas and then Ballymun to the end. I was nervous, elbows on the side of the door, using the slip roads of the motorway to try and overcome my problem and so others would not be effected. On the Wednesday I felt that God was saying that I had to go to Castlenock again this time taking my journey one step further moving out a lane. By Friday I was picking up speed and eventually overtaking. By Resurrection Day - Easter Sunday I was able to drive along the motorway without any problems to WIN Chapelizod and later that day my first long journey since Sligo took me to WIN Carrickmacross. Since then I have driven to Cork and Wexford. PRAISE THE LORD! THANK YOU GOD! I have overcome my fear of driving on the motorways.

The above reminds me of a recent journey of a lifetime I took with my beautiful, beautiful wife in Hapao, Banawe in the Philippines. Our journey by foot took us into the beautiful rice terraces and we were heading towards the hot springs by the valley. Along our journey as we were walking I started to become fearful because the paths became very narrow. There was just about enough room to put my feet. On my left hand side I was looking into a rice field with very soft mud covered with water, on my right a valley with rocks or another rice field deep down. The mud on the side of the paths was soft so if I stepped on that I probably would have been guaranteed a fall. It felt as if I was walking along the side of a roof. The tour guide in front tried helping as did Rebecca with plenty of experience of rice terraces but I needed to get through this journey myself. When we reached the Hot Springs I said a prayer aware that I will not get a chance to do this for another long time and

as we made a journey homewards back along the narrow paths I PRAISE THE LORD! and THANK YOU GOD! that I did it comfortably and without the tour guide or my wife's help.

The rice terraces were only part of almost a months holiday in the Philippines. Our four week journey took us from Metro Manilla to Fort Santiago, Taal Volcano in Tagatay City, Corregidor island, Bohol including the hanging wooden bridge and Chocolate Hills. We also went to Cebu, Baguio, the hanging coffins in Sagada and Bontoc amongst other attractive places. Not forgetting the many shopping malls we passed through and more importantly our visits to services at WIN Pasig, Makati and Cebu. I met my Mother in Law for the first time and the rest of the Gasataya family except one of brother in laws I still have yet to meet since our marriage in November 2009. Speaking of journeys I still remember our journey on a tricycle (a motorbike with sidecar) with two people sitting on the back and six of us in the sidecar.

Throughout our life and in particular our Christian journey. We should not expect a smooth ride. Apart from Joy, Happiness and many rich blessings, we will face obstacles such as fear, trials and temptations, sadness and sorrow but let us not forget God is with us always along the road we are walking. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord– Psalm 89 v.15.

If you have a personal story or testimony to share why not share it in this magazine Reaching Out or submit to be included on our church website [wordinternationalireland.com](http://wordinternationalireland.com)

Bro. Samuel Lamb  
(Editorial Team)





## TO LIVE HIS GRACE

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

– Ephesians 2:8-10

These Bible verses are one of the most quoted passages in our Christian witness. Rightly so, we have been saved by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. However, many Christians believe they are saved by grace but still fail to live by grace. The very confidence in the flesh that Paul mentioned in Philippians 3 still linger and try to exert its rule. We still try to act for us to earn the favour and the blessing of our Most Gracious Heavenly Father. There is still a lot of performance in our attitude and service towards God. We think that if we can only be the person God wants us to be and do the very things that God wants us to do then God is pleased and owes us his favour. Consequently, we become proud and arrogant, glorying in our own goodness and accomplishments, easily forgetting this very passage (Eph. 2:8-10) that once made us realized the unconditional love and acceptance of God. And that to live by grace actually means the very power of God working in us and through us to become like Jesus, which is the ultimate purpose of our Christian life.

Sadly, we still see Christians today who think they are not doing enough to deserve God’s love. Many of the things we do for God are still motivated by this need of acceptance and significance. We actually don’t deserve His love. We can’t be anyone or we can’t do anything to merit His goodness. God decided to love us and that’s it, period. All we need to do is to believe it, and accept it and truly live it! God is good, and in His goodness He chose to love us in spite of our frailties and weaknesses.

It is only when we embrace this unconditional love and acceptance of God that our insecurity and guilt vanish away. It is only when we learn to live in this love and grace that we will be able to experience freedom from condemnation and religiosity. It is only when we are freed in this love and grace that we will be able to received love and be loved. It is only when we are secured in this love and grace that we will be able to be person that truly pleases God and not men.

Then the words of Jesus, “Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me.” (John 14:21a) and “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.” (John 14:23a) are understood in a greater dimension. Obeying His commandments are not only proof of our love but the very fruit of our love for Him as well. We obey and serve God then not only because this is what is expected of me as a disciple who loves Him, yet more over, this devotion is the overflowing result of the love relationship I have with him. A love for God that is only possible by His grace.

May we all grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18)

Pastor Manny De Leon



## **HAPPY, HEALTHY, HOLY AND HEAVENWARD**

"Strengthening your Grip on Attitudes" was this year's theme for the Women's conference held last April 9, 2011. All the women were so blessed to have Pastora Cecilia Lansang, or we call her Mama Ching, as the Guest speaker. We are so thankful to the Lord, Almighty for such opportunity to have her on this very special day, not only to celebrate WinGS forthcoming 2nd year anniversary, but most importantly - celebrate Womanhood.

Truly it was a day of fun, games, dance, surprises, excitement and a learning experience. And as day pass, women are given opportunities to fellowship with one another creating a more stronger and hearty bonds.

Philippians 2:1-11 speaks of attitudes needed in forming a receptive heart. Pastora Ching listed choices of attitudes worth reflecting on:

Despair or Hope

Bitterness or forgiveness

to wallow in Self-pity or endure

Self-centered or other-centered

humility or selfishness

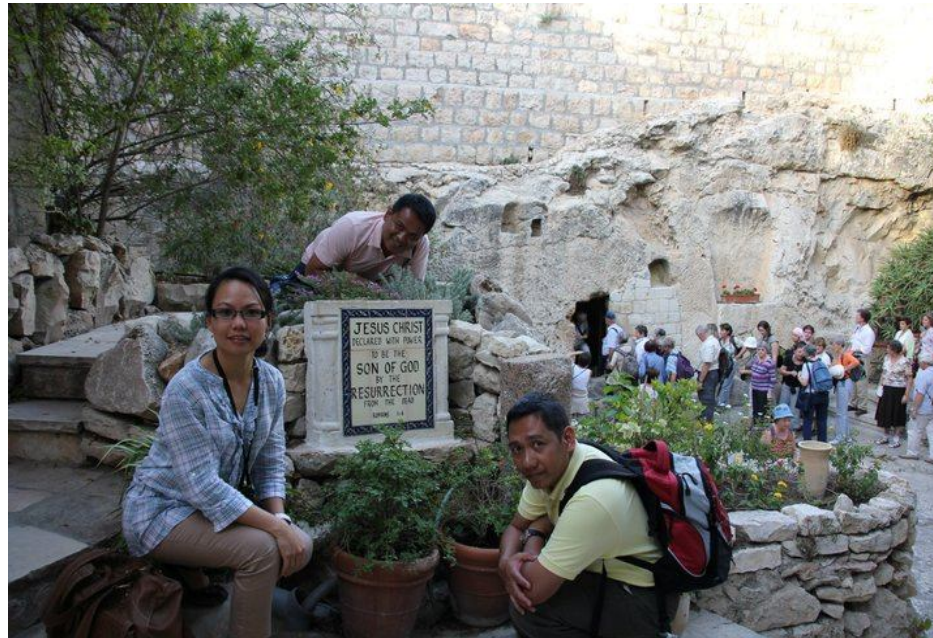
genuine Joy or unhappiness and blame

God's love is everlasting- we should always embrace the fullness of His love and grace. Even times of struggle and in seasons of doubt, or as what Pastora Ching taught us about "Goggusmus" meaning to grumble, to murmur and be discouraged- we must always take hold of God's unfailing love. We are encouraged to have a true, right and pure attitude so that we can be open to the activity of God. As women, we are called to be Happy. Healthy, Holy and Heavenward in all areas of our life. Life is 10% of what happens to us and 90% how we react to what happens as Pastora Ching describes it. And in this life, we can only do small things - but great in Love.

On behalf of the WinGS ministry we would like to thank all the women -( and also the KinGS) who have made this event a memorable and very enriching experience. We are looking forward to more years of togetherness and sharing bonds of mutual support and love.



# WIN - EUROPE REGIONAL MEETING AND TOUR



**You are invited to the WIN– Europe Regional Meeting and Tour taking place in Hotel at Olives, Israel from November 14th to 20th 2011**

**Hotel Fee, breakfast, dinner, 3 day tour and site entrance costs around €290 per person. For your flight please check ebookers etc. Flight may cost around €350 - €450**

**Children 6-12 years old may stay in parents room but please pay for their breakfast and dinner.**

**Please confirm your booking of Hotel and tours and payment must be received on or before 31st July 2011. A visa is not needed.**

**Thank you and God Bless you real good!!**

**For details call Hugh/Deann 0872414477/0876877306**

## LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME By RGL

The book of Mark records, 'They brought the little children to Him that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, 'Let the little children come to Me.'... And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them and blessed them' (Mark 10:13-16). Jesus is never too busy for these children; He always has time to hug them, kiss them and cuddle them. I believe Jesus would even bring them to a park and play with them. Are we too busy or do we have time? On August 17, 18, 20 and 21, there will be Vacation Bible School in our church building in Chapelizod and a day on the beach. Our aim is to introduce the children to a man who loves them first (Jesus) through the life stories and experiences of Peter.

Peter was a sort of nickname., it came from a Greek word- Petros meaning a piece of rock or a small stone. Nickname is significant, and the Lord has a specific reason for choosing it. Jesus usually knew what kind of person Simon was (double minded, liar and etc.). The Lord changes Simons name, it appears because He wanted the name to be perpetual reminder to him about who he should be.

Learn how God transformed Peter at our SEASIDE ROCK Part 2. May our children be renewed, be blessed and be transformed as well.

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Ph 0877728990 for further details







# The day of Pentecost



## Barney says

Hello friends,  
 Do you like celebrating your birthday? Lots of us celebrate with a party, presents, balloons and cake.  
 I love party games like musical statues and pass the parcell!  
 Birthdays are great fun and your birthday is a special day.  
 Pentecost is a birthday too - it's the day when the Church began.  
 God sent the disciples a birthday present: the Holy Spirit. And they celebrated by telling everyone that they can have this present too.  
 You can have the Holy Spirit in your life. You just need to ask God.  
 It's one of the best presents you'll ever receive.

Love Barney

## Barney's jokes



What do you call a fish with no eyes?  
 fshhhhhhhh!

What sort of cake do you eat in the bath?  
 A sponge cake!



## God's word

Peter said, "Change your life. Turn to God and be baptised, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:28-29 (The Message)



## Pentecost anagrams

We've mixed up some words from the Bible reading above. Can you work them out?

- REPET
- SUSEJ
- ISNS
- GORVINEF
- FITG
- YHLO
- RIPITS

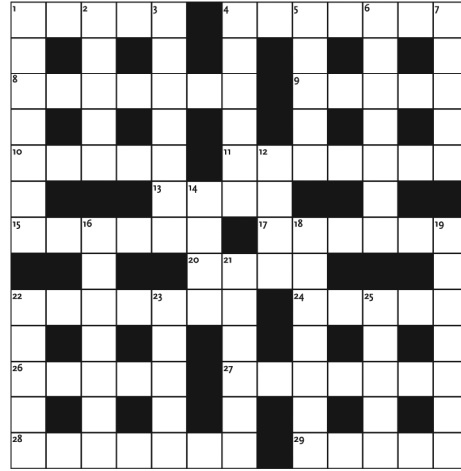


## Let's talk to God!

Dear God, Thank you for the amazing present that is the Holy Spirit. I want to receive this gift from you. Amen

# Puzzle page

## Crossword



### ACROSS

1. Imply (5)
4. Softens (7)
8. Winning bid (7)
9. Awake (5)
10. Much sought after (5)
11. Drawn by horses (7)
13. Muslim sect (4)
15. Crossed at low tide (3, 3)
17. Deadly (6)
20. Circle (4)
22. Fierce dog (7)
24. Where a 'still, small voice' was heard (5)
26. Ridicule (5)
27. Joy (7)
28. Guided (7)
29. Member of a brotherhood (5)

### DOWN

1. Number (7)
2. Animals (5)
3. Defend successfully (7)
4. Dynasty of popes (6)
5. South American animal (5)
6. Book of the Old Testament (7)
7. Aroma (5)
12. Headlight (4)
14. One of two (4)
16. Put away (7)
18. Tribe of Israel (7)
19. Famous for cedars (7)
21. Criminal action (6)
22. Rescued from the Nile (5)
23. Nearest (5)
25. Debris (5)

Steve Vaughan-Turner

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*Our teenage son is like the Holy Spirit; we don't see him but we can tell he's been here!*

## Sudoku

6	1		4	8	
	2		9		
	5	4	6	7	1 3
					8
1	3			9	6
2					
3	8	6		5	4 7
		7			6
		9	3	2	1

ANSWERS

6	3	1	5	7	4	8	9	2
8	2	7	1	3	9	6	5	4
9	5	4	6	7	1	3	2	8
7	6	5	2	3	1	4	8	9
1	4	8	5	2	9	7	6	3
2	9	8	4	6	1	5	3	7
3	8	6	2	1	5	4	7	9
4	1	2	7	9	3	8	6	5
5	7	9	3	4	6	2	8	1
6	2	1	5	4	8	3	7	9
7	9	8	4	6	1	5	3	2
8	2	7	1	3	9	6	5	4
9	5	4	6	7	1	3	2	8

ACROSS: 1. Infer 4. Mellows 8. Trumpet 9. Awake 10. Grail 11. Charlot 13. Shia 15. Red sea 17. Lethal  
 20. Loop 22. Mastiff 24. Horeb 26. Scorn 27. Elation 28. Steered 29. Mason  
 DOWN: 1. Integer 2. Fauna 3. Repulse 4. Medici 5. Lama 6. Obadiah 7. Scent 12. Halo 14. Half 16.  
 Dispose 18. Ephraim 19. Lebanon 21. Offend 22. Moses 23. Inner 25. Ruins

[thesheepdip.co.uk](http://thesheepdip.co.uk)

**Sunday Services take place at WIN Worship Centre  
Unit G5, Chapelizod Industrial Estate, Dublin 22 from  
10.00am every Sunday.**

**A prayer meeting takes place at the above address every  
Friday from 7.30pm**

**WIN Outreach service takes place in the Catholic Hall,  
Carrickmacross on the 3rd & 4th Sunday every month from  
2.30pm**

#### **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:**

**Philippine Independence Day**—11th June 2011.  
Tymon Park - National Basketball Arena, Tallaght  
From 8.30am. Ticket prices— Adults €5, Ages 9-17 €5,  
Ages 8 and under - free of charge. There are 500 car park spaces.  
The arena will accommodate 3500—4000 people only so please  
come early. Pastor Rene Nepumoceno will exhort for the  
Ecumenical service. The worship team will present for ten  
minutes. More details on our church website.

**WIN Ireland 2011 Family Camp in Johnstown House,  
Enfield, Co. Meath 15th-17th July.**

#### **YOUTH CAMP 2011— LET GO**

**WHEN?** Monday 8th – Sunday 14th, August 2011 [8th-12th will  
be in the venue, but more camp activities and celebrations will be  
taking place on weekend, 13th and 14th]

**WHERE?** Belsey Bridge Conference Centre in Ditchingham,  
Norfolk.

#### **Seaside Rock - Children's' Holiday Club**

August 17th, 18th, 20th & 21st in WIN Worship Center and  
beach.

Thank you for reading this issue of Reaching Out and to all who  
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