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“Bridging” the Creek

Flowing through the center of the APNTS compound, “The Creek” has become a nearly iconic symbol for seminary students. A simple paved bridge crosses the creek, providing the main thoroughfare by which students go to class each day. However, down the banks of the rushing waters, there lies another bridge that is still under construction. It is not a bridge of metal or stone; in fact, this bridge doesn’t look like a bridge at all. Actually, this is a bridge composed of relationships... and a concrete trash bin.

Sitio Rowenas is a community whose story is very seldom told. Nestled just behind APNTS compound, it is an economically deprived area of people who have made their dwellings on the banks of the creek that flows through campus. Most of the students on campus know the settlement as “the Creek Community.” The creek provides most of the water for the community’s daily living needs for cooking, bathing, swimming and washing. However, many in the community, as well those upstream, have used the creek for other, less healthful things: such as the disposal of garbage and human waste. The inadequate waste management has given rise to many health concerns for the people of the community, not to mention serious environmental issues. These concerns led the APNTS Student Body Organization (SBO) to lend a helping hand to the Rowenas Community.

October 6th was a full day of work and ministry in the Rowenas community. The APNTS SBO partnered with local community members to build a large trash receptacle to contain the community’s daily trash, keeping it from being thrown into the creek. The project was funded by the evangelism and compassion fund of the school’s SBO.

Beyond the building of the trash receptacle, a guest speaker offered community development training to adults, while SBO council members gave snacks to the children of the community. “The people were overjoyed with our presence there,” says Michelle Lopez, one of the students involved.

Although it looks like a simple trash receptacle, in actuality it is far more than just that. The project represents relationships and a partnership with this often forgotten community. “The main goal of this ministry is to build relationships and connect with our community,”

says SBO Chair for Evangelism and Compassionate Ministry Pedrito Cainglet. The SBO plans a follow up visit for sometime next semester to build relationships and to offer additional training for the people in Rowenas to help improve life within the community and for the surrounding environment.

The bridge to the community is still under construction, but progress is well under way. With ICF, a Nazarene Church located on campus, the campus is open to the community every week. So far, 16 have been baptized, and the relationship continues to grow. ☺



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APNTS Fast Facts: Celebrating Heritage

Looking back at the 25-year story of the 11 acre plot of land just outside Metro Manila that so many alumni and faculty have called home, one cannot help but remember our place in the broader story of our denomination. During the month of October, a

series of Nazarene heritage-focused Chapel services reminded students of our shared missional identities.

With emphasis from Dr. Angelito Agbuya and Dr. Geneva Silvermail, students were brought back to the fire and drive of the Pilot Point meeting 100 years ago, while Rev. Kim Byoung Gi offered a call to maintain that heritage through earnest prayer and petition.

Dr. Robert Donahue, director of the Donald Owens School of World Mission presented the Board of Trustee’s commission for APNTS to be the premiere missions training center for the Church.

In view of our heritage, we are challenged to consider who we are as the church of God, and remember our commission and mandate of reaching Kaytikling, Taytay, and beyond. ☺

Preparing for the Silver Celebration:

A few "fixes" for the 25th Anniversary



Architect Eric Sanchez is the new General Services Manager for APNTS.

"It's been busy," says newly-hired General Services Manager Eric Sanchez. The past few weeks have been teeming with projects to be completed, as the school prepares to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Sanchez in charge of overseeing the preparations underway for the celebration. Currently, the campus is undergoing seven simultaneous campus improvement projects, four of which Sanchez calls his "priority projects."

Perhaps the most notable of these projects has been the renovation of the basketball court (1) which has involved clearing out remaining walls from former buildings, expanding the court and rebuilding barrier walls. A temporary tent and stage along with temporary lighting is being installed for anniversary presentations and musical groups. Sanchez notes that after the celebration the long-term plan will be to make it a permanently covered court with outside access available for the community.

The first floor of the Nielson Center is receiving new baseboard (2) and trim work with the help of a Work and Witness team from Idaho College Church which is also undertaking other projects around the APNTS compound.

Elsewhere on campus, the Dining Hall is receiving a restructuring as well. Major changes include the completion of the outer terrace, laying bricks, completing the entrance and exterior as well as adding handicapped access to the entrance (4), along with a new color scheme for the interior and two new stoves provided by the Nampa Work and Witness Team.

The Wooten Chapel is also undergoing some changes as a new color scheme is applied, new lighting is installed, and the back-wall is restructured to incorporate the new design (3).

These are just a few of the changes that the school is undergoing as it prepares for the hundreds of guests expected for its silver anniversary celebration.



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Team IDAHO: Partnering in the Ministry

"When I came out the first morning after we arrived, it felt like I woke up from a two and-a-half-year dream... like I was back home," says former APNTS Business manager Ted Wheeler. After nearly three years, Wheeler and his wife Debbie are returning as a part of a Missions team from College Church of the Nazarene, in Nampa, Idaho. The present group, led by Tom Clough, makes Nampa College Church's third Work and Witness Team to work at the Seminary.



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The team's two-week trip couldn't have come at more opportune time as campus has been busily preparing for the coming anniversary celebration. The group's main focus has been on the 3rd floor of the Nielson Center for Evangelism and Education (NCEE), installing window and door frames as well as the steel platforms for the Airhandler units to cool what will be the Sue Fox Library. This project, along with the painting of the dining hall, renovations in student housing, and the installation and staining of the baseboards on the first floor of NCEE, has kept the team busy.



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Beyond Work, "Witness" has not been neglected in the team's mission. The team has participated in outreach making soccer goals and providing a soccer clinic for area youth. Accompanying the team is College Church Pastor, Daryl Johnson who provided a two-day pastors seminar helping district pastor's prepare sermons on Holiness. Clough gives glory to God for assembling the team as He did, providing people with the specific skills needed to accomplish the tasks at hand, "It's been fantastic," says Clough "every work and witness trip is different; you don't know what to expect... we just want to be used of Christ."

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