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(From the left to right) School principal, Mrs. Gaudencia P. Amparo, Ptr. Herbert Bañados, Ptr. Jess Custodio, SLC President, Mark Camo and the donees.

LIIFI helps Taal Volcano Victims

On January 20, 2020, the Taal Volcano erupted resulting to displacement of families living in the 14 kilometer radius.

People left their homes and went to safer grounds or evacuation centers. One of these is the town of Lobo, Batangas.

LIIFI was one of those who voluntarily donated relief goods to the evacuees. The relief goods were distributed to the evacuees in the following barangays: Lagadlarin, Balibago, and Poblacion.

Each family received 5 kilos of rice and grocery items. A total of 52 families were recipients of the said donation.

The school was represented by Ptr. Joriel Asi of Sunshine Baptist Church, Ptr. Herbert Bañados of Mitcah Baptist Church, and Ptr. Jess Custodio of Jesus the Anointed One Church who shared the Word of God. The said pastors are members of the school faculty, teaching Bible education.

Other school

representatives who aided in the distribution were Mark Camo, President of the Servant Leaders Council, Jimboy Magnaye, LIIFI volunteers, and Mrs. Gaudencia P. Amparo, school principal.

Mr. Mafril Dimaano, Barangay Chairman of Lagadlarin warmly welcome the teachers and staff. He participated in the prayers and sharing time of the volunteers in the area.



Lord Immanuel holds Festival of Talents

On December 06, 2019, the Lord Immanuel Festival of Talents was held at Lobo Town Plaza with the theme "Celebrating the Talents Given by God". The event was participated by students from grade 7 to 12. The aim was not just to entertain but to showcase the God-given talents, to glorify God and to share Jesus Christ's teachings through their performances.

The holding of the said event was initiated by the Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) headed by ex-Councilor Amador "Doy" Sulit, Mrs. Marites Artillaga, and Mrs. Lorena De Chavez.

The overall-in-charge of production were the following teachers: Ms. Sharmaine Dawn Ayano, Ms. Jan Rio Adoptante, and Ms. Angelica Joice Panaligan. Mrs. Gaudencia P. Amparo and Dr. Elizabeth Z. Yoo acted as consultants in the production numbers.

During the program, the participants showcased their talents in singing, dancing and

acting which were all inspired by the Word of God.

This event also served as a fundraising project of the PTF and it enjoyed the full support of the LIIFI community and other stakeholders.

Mr. Clyde Estillore and Ms. Cris Jean Abanilla were the hosts of the event.



Filipinos in Lockdown

by: Leizel Zaraspe

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought not only loss of human life but also challenges to public health, food security, and employment.

Moreover, it has impacted many aspects of life. Over the past year, news regarding the increasing positive COVID-19 cases, recovery and death tolls have been dominating our televisions, radios, and even social networking sites.

It seems like the people would already know how their favorite night news program will go. It was a repetitive content with the numbers either increasing or decreasing. But aside from the statistics we see and hear in the news, what did COVID-19 actually bring in the life of Filipinos?

Inflation. Corruption. Unemployment. Poor education. Poverty. These are economical problems that had been pressing down the Philippines for years and are also the leading causes of notably low quality living of the Filipinos. Life is already difficult and challenging but a pandemic made the Philippines even poorer and now Filipinos are barely living.

Since the first ECQ was implemented Luzon-wide, there have been so many limitations and changes Filipinos needed to be adjusted in. Educational institutions were forced to end the school year earlier than planned.

People were restricted from going out unless they are authorized persons outside residence. Provision for food and essential health services were regulated and uniformed personnel enforced quarantine procedures.

There were limitations on an all forms of transportation, work suspension, closure of non-essential businesses, and cancellation of mass gatherings. Due to commercial establishments closing, people also started getting unemployed making their food and daily living resources limited. For those who have mouths to feed, it was pain to the heart.

We have lost thousands of life, but the bossed medical power of the Philippines had defended lots of life and future. Being grateful may be not enough for how health professionals continue to serve as our fronts for this battle when they have sacrificed a lot. The pandemic is blinding our sights that we can no longer see hope.

The people's future and the country's economy is not as secured as before. But there's still something we could do- to remove the blindfold and see pandemic as temporary and inferior to us.

On the brighter side, the lockdown has been a blessing in disguise to many. They were able to reconnect and have more time with their families which they weren't to do prior to COVID-19 because of their hectic schedules. The pandemic also gave birth to many small local businesses which gave support to families of retrenched employees. It also allowed people to breathe out from the busy world they used to have and think for a while.

Prior to COVID-19, some people have little to almost no time to even just sit and have their quality time with God. They were too occupied with worries about school, work, friends or family issues that they barely have time to remember Him.



But this pandemic has led people into restoration and reconnection with God. Many have come to realize that only He could help them with their situation. They have learned to pray and surrender their worries to God.

The country is still in battle with COVID-19 but everyone must remember that no matter how big is the country's problem now, God is still and will always be bigger.

*fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you,
I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
-Isaiah 41:10*

Let's Talk About Early Relationship

by: Jhon Lenard Dimaano

There are many kinds of relationship existing in this world. Family, friends, and even our relationship with the opposite sex are the basic relationships we all have. But let me ask you, is God involved in your relationships?

Nowadays, most teenagers are in a relationship with their opposite sex without their parents' permission. Why do some teenagers do this? Is it because they want love? Or they want attention because they can't feel it from their parents? Or they didn't experience God's love?

Teenagers, need warm love and attention so that they will feel that there is someone who cares for them. Do you even notice that teenagers mostly open their secrets or struggles to their friends instead of their parents?

This happens because they are being shy towards their parents or maybe their relationship isn't strong enough.

In this case, teenagers should build their relationship with God. They must seek Him in order for them to experience full love and attention. If we go back from the question in the first paragraph and your answer is yes, you are blessed. Because having a relationship with God can lead you to build a good relationship with others.



A Million Hopes

by: Mikhaella Desonia

There were times I felt like giving up
 Haunted by mistakes I've made in the past
 There were times I felt like I don't matter at all
 Because instead of doing just fine, I always fall.

I was in so much pain, I felt like dying
 Soul, body, spirit— every part of me was hurting
 I was being eaten by fear so everything was
 confusing

And all the things in this world felt depressing.
 I used to live like a dead person not until You
 came

Because there is resurrection and salvation in Your
 Name

The Cross has already spoken
 I am forgiven, I am chosen!

You told me to stand and rise again
 You tighten Your grip on my hand
 You said not to be afraid
 Because Your promises always remain.

No matter how far I try to run
 You keep showing me Your plan
 No matter how much I disappoint You
 You keep giving me a chance and always willing
 to.

When I got lost in this world
 You held me by Your word
 I almost surrendered
 But You love me, I remembered.

When stress is driving my whole body
 Oh God, Your grace embraced me
 You set me free from past's slavery

Jesus, You are my only hope but You being the
 only hope could mean A Million Hopes.

ABOUT YOU AND ME

By: Krishalaine Alano

I'm not a machine that follows easily
 But you always there for me
 I'm not a compass that always go in the right
 direction
 But you gave me a sign and instruction

My life isn't a rainbow over the rain
 Being hardheaded is added it brings pain
 My mind is always full of negativity
 But you change my thoughts into positivity

You're like a sad song that makes me cry
 Cry, because of comfort and undefined reason
 I'm like a branch without a root
 Without you I'm nothing

You're like a distilled water because you're
 pure

You gave me hope and you're my cure
 You told me nothing is impossible
 So I realize the word itself "Im possible"

LOVING ME AT MY DARKEST

By: Joana Diona

When my nights are full of sorrow
 And my heart's broke by an arrow
 He came and told me to follow
 Promising a brighter tomorrow

He turns my "what if's" into "thank you's"
 With Him I forgot all my sad blues
 And at 3am, I am no longer crying
 Because He makes me keep on trying

Every time I sing to worship
 I know I'll overcome the hardship
 This world will bring you pain
 But His blessing, you will gain

And if you feel like your life is nonsense
 I'll stand firm to justify His existence
 To us, He is never far apart
 Because He is living inside our heart

I no longer wish at 11:11
 Because He is with me 24/7
 We can't find love in other teen
 True love is in John 3:16

He's never dead but always alive
 And He lead you to eternal life
 He loves me at my darkest
 And I love him at its finest

SAVED BY GRACE

By: Joana Diona

A life without you is unbelievable
 The pain there will be unbearable
 It's like morning without coffee
 And a "you" without "me"

The love you gave me is burning
 I would say that this is the beginning
 I have now reason for living
 This time with a deeper meaning

Lord, you are my strength and my song
 You're with me in this journey for so long
 With you by my side
 I know everything will be alright

We all need to find His way of forgiveness
 In able for us to get rid of bitterness
 We all have past filled with painful things
 We all need mercy and the healing it brings

"Don't Quit"

By: Louise Nicole Rioveros

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill
 When care is pressing you down a bit
 Rest, if you must, but don't you quit*

*Life is queer with its twists and turns
 As every one of us sometimes learns
 Don't give up though the pace seems slow
 You may succeed with another blow*

*Often the struggler has given up
 When He might have captured the victor's cup
 And He learned too late when the night
 slipped down
 How close He was to the golden crown*

*Success is failure turned inside out
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt
 Stick to the fight when you are hardest hit
 It's when things seem worst that you must not
 quit*

STARRY NIGHT

By: Krishalaine Alano

I.

Remembering your name in the night
 With my eyes closed and blind
 Clouds and darkness that surrounds
 I'm like a grass that wither away to go around

II.

You make darkness and it is night
 The beast of the forest creep about
 The moon the stars that brings light
 And the wind that hugs me tight

III.

I will not give sleep to my eyes
 Or slumber to my eyelids
 And I pushed myself to be violently
 But you helped me to stand with dignity

IV.

You've searched me from the darkness
 And you told me your promises
 That's why I still remain vigorous
 And my life has become victorious

Sport	Player/s	Rank	Coach
District Meet			
Badminton	King Giovanni Magtibay	2 nd Place	Ms. Katrine Cay
	Lourenzo Miguel Duenas	2 nd Place	
Table Tennis	Justine Linga	1 st Place	
	JM Cadaguit	2 nd Place	
	Marcelo Roman	3 rd Place	
Sepak Takraw	Dan Aeron Bagsic Moses Lontoc John Paul De Chavez Jeffrey Mendoza Axl Kurt Gutierrez Elfpset Ramos	Johnrosh Macatangay LA Shaelo Delen Usef Capio John Francis Magnaye Raniel Diona	
Basketball	Pat Conrad Bibal (MVP) Jericho Dapito Kyle Alcantara Earl Jerard Banila Renzo Rasselle De Torres John Rovic Calera Ashley Jake Castillo	Doy Mari Duenas Gregorio Alda Karl Amiel Abe Tristan Jay Cerezo Oliver Bagsic Jan Roent Hernandez	Champion Mrs. Sharon Rodolfo
Athletics			
High Jump	Jerome Estillore	3 rd Place	Mrs. Carol A. Alcantara
Inter Division			
Shot Put	Jhon Leonard Duenas	1 st Place	Mrs. Sharon Rodolfo
Discuss Throw		2 nd Place	
Provincial			
Shot Put	Jhon Leonard Duenas	1 st Place	Mrs. Sharon Rodolfo
Discuss Throw		2 nd Place	
City Meet			
Shot Put	Jhon Leonard Duenas	1 st Place	Mrs. Sharon Rodolfo



The entire team held hands for a prayer before going to the battle.

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13



LIIFI Students Attend Retreat

A total of 154 students, Grade 10 (113) and Grade 12 (41), of Lord Immanuel Institute Foundation Inc. attended retreat held at the school on February 20 and 22, 2020.

The said retreat was led by King's Kids Christian Academy pastor, Pastor Paul Yong Dong Lee and Pastor Jun. Sir Aeus Abrenica acted as the moderator. The retreat started through worship songs and prayer service. It was followed by discussions about family, friends, and the history of Korea. The team also prepared games for the students which they enjoyed.

In the discussion, Pastor Yong Dong Lee showed a video about the economic situation of Korea after the war. It was also emphasized that the Philippines was the first one to help them during their suffering.

In the afternoon, Pastor Herbert Bañados preached the Word of God which made the students realize the importance of family, friends, and education.

The holding of the retreat is a yearly activity of Grade 10 and Grade 12 students. The focus of the retreat is to provide spiritual enlightenment and intellectual awakening for the youth.

According to the participants, it was a meaningful and fruitful experience. They were reminded that Jesus Christ is the Savior, Protector and one True God. At the end of the session, the participants together with the staff accepted the challenge. The challenge is to share the gospel and be a channel of blessing to others.

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LOBOans Observe ECQ Guidelines

On April 12, 2020, the community of Lobo complied to the total lockdown imposed by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) as response to the increasing COVID 19 cases in the country.

Corona Virus Diseases 2019 (COVID-19) has spread rapidly in local and international countries leaving numerous cases of death.

Social distancing was highly implemented to lessen the spread of the infectious disease. To maintain social distancing, the LGU released schedules for goods consumption that each barangay should strictly comply to. It was imposed that only one person from each family can go to the market to purchase goods. The people were constantly reminded to wear face masks whenever they have to go outside.

Quarantine permits have also become a requirement if a person needs to go to a different barangay or nearby town. The community was also restricted to have group gatherings and celebrations.

Additionally, public vehicles were ordered to have one to two passengers only. To ensure the compliance of the population, the police captured perverse citizens and impose relative penalty.

The municipality values the safety of the residents by providing sanitations in some areas of the public market. They also provided help by distributing goods that may last for days. The quarantine was originally set to last until April 12, 2020 but due to the growing cases of COVID—19, the ECQ extended up to May 15, 2020.

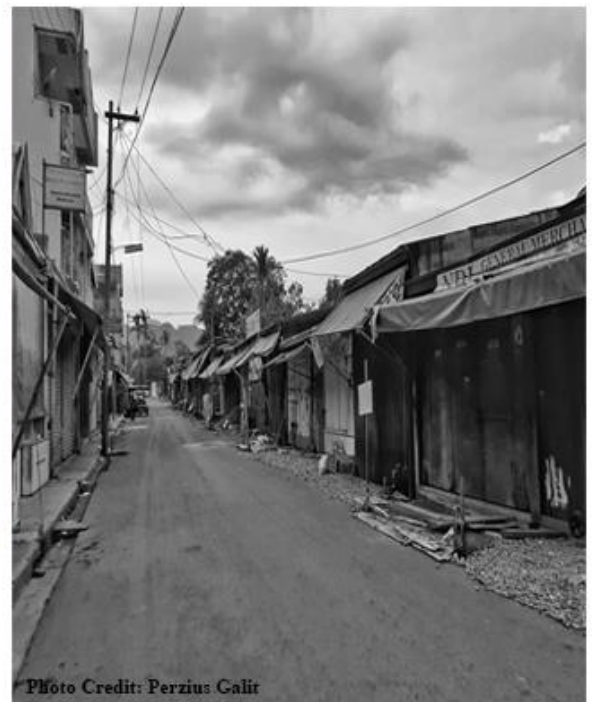


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*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28*