

THE BRIGADE PHILIPPINES

GAZETTE

JANUARY 2018

THE MAIN EVENT:

*The Brigade Philippines
welcomes BB Asia*

ON THE OUTSIDE:

*1st Rodriguez Coy
visits Anawin*

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Bridging Ages

1st Rodriguez Company visits Anawim, a Home for the Aged




Boys Brigade PH 1st Rodriguez Company of Educational Values and Character Child Development Center in Rodriguez Rizal make a visit to an elderly home in barangay San Isidro in the same municipality on December 13, 2017.

Anawim is a small facility for poor and abandoned elderly people founded by Bo Sanchez in Rizal Province, Philippines. Anawim opened its doors in 1996 to reject and abandoned elderly who are roaming the streets, whose purpose is to provide a home, a sanctuary, to those poor and abandoned elderly who have nowhere else to go. The company's visit aim for the Brigade's boys and girls witness and experience the life of old people inside the facility with a hope in the future will opt not to abandon their own parents and open their heart and mind to show more love, care and respect for senior citizens.

Boys and girls line up to greet them with a kiss on their hands, play with them

in games, serenade them with songs conveying the true message of Christmas, distribute foods and gifts and share the word of God through Pastor Peter Lee of Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church with Madame Melissa Amado. What a sight to see the children enjoy the moment and likewise the "lolo and lola" (grandparents). Their excitement and how they probably miss their own kin is evident in the picture when instead of the children kissing their hands; a lola is seen kissing a child on his cheek as if the boy is her own "apo" (grandchild).

The values learned and its effect from this event may not be seen right away but in their future life, this BB activity have already implanted positive values patterned after Proverbs 22: 6 which says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." By God's grace, sooner or later we can see better men and women in different fields standing up with Christian principles all for God's glory. 

Iba't ibang Tribo,

Isang Lahi,

Jisa ang Layunin

ni Genrev Egar

Iba't Ibang Tribo, Isang Lahi,
Iisa Ang Layunin Kabataaan ay
nagalak sa iisang layunin
Pagkakataong matuto'y ayaw
palampasin.
Abot langit ang mga ngiting
nakapinta,
Sa mga mukhang nananabik na
makapunta.
Tatlong araw na puno ng
kaligayahan,
Dalawang gabing aral ang
matututunan.
Lakas loob na hinarap ang
kanilang hamon,
Init o lamig ma'y di ininda ang
panahon.
Matinding pagod ay kanilang
tiniis
Matupad lamang nila ang
kanilang nais.
Pagiging matatag ang kanilang
puhunan,

Upang pagtatagumpay ay
maisakatuparan.
Mga bagong kaibigan ay
kanilang karamay,
Sa paglaban ng sabay sila'y
kapit kamay.
Bawat isa'y nilabas ang
kanilang tapang,
Pagkakaisa ang nagwagi't
di panlalamang
Tiwala sa sarili ang nakita
sa bawat isa,
Naging palabang sila't di
nawalan ng pag-asa.
Sa mga gawain ay di
nagpatalo't naging mapara-
raan,
Hindi sumuko ngunit
nagpatuloy nang dahan
dahan.
Sandaling panahon na
kung saan ika'y matututo,

Matututong maging masipag at
mag- banat ng buto.
Disiplina sa sarili ang pilit na
pinapairal,
Pagiging mabuti ang layuning
maging asal.
Hindi biro ang bawat hamon
ngunit sila'y nagsikap,
Na ibigay ang makakaya sa
kanilang mga hinarap.
Nahirapan ma'y napalitan rin
ng kasiyahan,
Napagod ngunit bumalik rin
ang kasiglahan.
Lumipas ngunit aral ay
tumatak sa puso't isipan,
Lumipas ngunit tumatak parin
ang mga pinag-aralan.
Lumipas ngunit kahit kailan
ma'y di malilimutan,
Lumipas ngunit ito'y magiging
gabay magpakailanman.

The **JLP** *EXPERIENCE*

by Keren Amad

I was truly blessed when I was chosen to accompany the First Davao Company of BB in a National Leadership Training on October 6-8 in Laguna.


At first, I thought, I would just assist our students from Davao in their first National Leadership Training Camp and would only take pictures of their training experiences. Little did I know that I would handle children from different places as a squad officer from day 1 to day 3. The squad of BB junior composed of young Grade 5 & 6 pupils. I was told to handle my assigned squad before, during, and after the training. I journeyed with them all throughout the course of JLP up to the last day. It was in-

deed a challenging role for me. Added to that was my designation in the Program as the “punisher” for those who came in late in every activities or gathering by giving them 10-20 jumping jacks. In doing so, I processed the child in a quick way before and after the punishment in order not to repeat the same lapses. I managed to deal my role as such even establishing good discipline in them..

What I like most in this program was that, the admin was very hands-on to the training to ensure a smoother training on our youth. They made sure that every child would realize his or her own responsibility in the camp as well as their accountability as part of their discipline in every activity. As young as they were, I was amazed how these children was able to manage themselves in the absence of their nannies, guardians, or parents. In the girls’ quarter, they woke up early, took their bath and had their own devotional, and Bible sharing after. During mealtime, they had to be disciplined and well-mannered. At the main hall, where the JLP training was conducted, they were also mindful of their behaviour and finished the given tasks enthusiastically. Since the activities in JLP were light and doable, each squad can easily adapt to songs, games, drills, and lessons. During daytime, the students were exposed to the “7

HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE”. It was a nice discussion on how to become an effective person using these good habits. Group activities were given to them to supplement the discussion. The processing of each activity was really fruitful. Thus, every child will be able to internalize and apply these things in their future dealings with people from all walks of life. They were provided a journal to summarize everything they had learned for each habit. In the evening, they were exposed to the Bible-based teachings of Pastor Angeles which focused on identity, intimacy, and integrity in Christ. What a spiritually-filled night indeed! JLP program is apt for these youngsters. I realized how this training can be of great help in

their respective lives. I can see brighter future in them as they equipped themselves with God’s wisdom and discipline. As they place God at the center of their lives, they can fulfill the promise written in Isaiah 40: 30-31 that youths who “hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like an eagle, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow tired.” Surely, this training camp will be a great way to hone them holistically.

I commend all the people who were behind the success of Junior Leadership Program-National Camp. I am honoured to be a part of this God-given ministry. God bless the Brigade Philippines! To God be the Glory! 



PRIMER

"Natutunan ko ng lubos ang pag-le-lead ng mga kabataan. Disiplina at pananalig sa Panginoon ang natutunan ko sa camp."

REYNALD CANOTAL

"Bilang leader ng Primers, kinailangan kong mag-isip ng mabilis sa lahat ng pagkakataon dahil sa akin nakasalalay ang ibang mga desisyon."

MICHAEL SENO

"Ang pagiging isang leader ay nanggagaling sa pag-sunod, kung marunong kang sumunod, kusa nang pupunta sayo ang pagiging leader."

CHRISTOPHER PAGTAKHAN

"As a leader, you should also trust your members, but be alert on when you need to help a member do his/her designated task. If a member fails, you should be forgiving and be a good motivator."

REDEEMYRRH MANALO

"Time is really important. The way we maximize time is important. In camp, I did a lot in 1 hour than my 1 hour back home. I realized that I can do a lot with my time, I just have to know how to manage it."

LYDEE CELESTIAL

LDC 1

"These tests made our camaraderie and bonds stronger within our squads, company and fellow BGB participants."

ONNIE ISRAEL

"Bago maging isang leader, dapat alam mo kung ano yung mga responsibilidad na kinakaharap ng isang leader."

KARL ESTRADA

"I learned that the most important character a team should have is trust with each other. Because you won't be brave if you don't trust your teammates."

KATE MARIE MONTANO

"Natutunan ko kung paano mas maging mabuting leader na hindi dahil mataas ung rank mo dun sa iba ay puro utos ka na lang. Dapat alam mo rin ung halaga ng bawat miyembro mo."

NICOLE RIAH

"I learned a lot of lessons like, we need to have teamwork in order to successfully finish a job and many more. "

CHARLOTTE CO

"Knowing my value is very important to my life as I go on in the midst of obstacles and during hard times I also learned some qualities of a good leader that I should apply and practice."

ROXANNE ARSING

"I learned about honesty and integrity - that the truth matters...and success doesn't count unless you earn fair and square."

AERILLE JUSI

The Brigade Philippines welcomes *BB Asia*

The Brigade Philippines opened its doors to the Boys' Brigade Asia community on the 17th to the 20th of October 2017.

The BB Asia executive committee held their 11th General Council Meeting (GCM) and 3rd Officers' Fellowship in Tagaytay City, Philippines.

One of the concerns raised in the meeting was

the need for an Administration Executive in the BB Asia Office. By the end of the GCM, Madam Melissa Amado, from BBPh, was tasked to be the Administration Executive of BB Asia.

After having the General Council Meeting on the 18th, officers from different BB companies in the Philippines join the international BB Officers for some teambuilding activities and fellowship.






One of the highlights of the officers' stay is the Cultural night held on the 2nd night of their stay. Various cultural performances were showcased by different companies coming from the various companies in BBPh.

The performances included cultural dances and songs from different regions

in Luzon and Mindanao. The international officers also came to the Cultural Night wearing their own national costumes.

The international officers were delighted to witness the showcase of the Filipino culture not only in this cultural night but in their whole stay. 



The officers were also able to enjoy the wonderful scenery of Taal Volcano.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officers's Training Course

May 11-12, 2018

Annual General Meeting

May 11, Dinner

National Leadership Training Camp

October 5-7, 2018