

# Nanana Updates



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## If you were me ...?

How flexible are you when unexpected moment comes to your way? It happened just recently to a local pastor Jose Ocampo. He and his elders prepared for an evening service and the Holy Communion. Ocampo prepared just enough cups for his church members and a couple more for just in case. Guess what? There were about 6 people short of cups. There were no more extra cups or grape juice. As I(Abe) sensed what's going on, I felt so sorry that I cannot be of any help just like his elders. ... A minute of absolute silence! "Hmmm," Ocampo broke the silence, "I would like to ask

couples or mother-daughter sitting right next to each other, please share your cup. And pass the other cup for those who didn't receive the cup." As I heard him, I thought 'Wow, that's an excellent idea.' It went well and everyone participated and renewed their vow to the Lord.

Ocampo just ended his 2-year term at Marantha Church and decided to move on to pastor a mission in Puente de Ixtla where he had worked for the last 2 years. Recently a family offered them their front yard for a temporary worship place (shown in the send right picture). He was so pleased for this progress, as he considers it as the second stage of his church planting strategy.

He also received a donated acoustic guitar. They have sold Bibles to raise a fund for church land and saved a significant amount of money during the last 2 years. However, they lost all of them by the treasurer who mis-used all for personal need. The pastor, however, did not lose faith in the Lord. He is our pastor. PTL!



## B'day Party?

LEFT: A car woke up with full of birthday messages on 3M stickers.

RIGHT: The cake is mine, anyway. So let me stamp on with my face. Anybody wants a slice of it?



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**MKs & Missionaries themselves: NANANA children!**

**Pastor Luis Be: Leadership changes in the seminary in Mexico City**

- In his grade, Nahum won the first place at Spelling Bee Contest. He was so happy to be the first place being the youngest kid in the class.

Our partner church's seminary, aka, Reformed Theological Seminary of Mexico, in Mexico City has welcomed her new president last January. Pastor Luis Be (pictured →) is fairly new pastor, graduate of the mentioned seminary 3 years ago. As a single and young, his leadership looks still immature and unstable. However, we totally acknowledge that the leadership has to be from the national leaders. We are to assist him. He announced that he'll get married this summer. Hope this helps him stabilize his status in life and ministry. Hope it also helps him make sure his responsibility at the seminary deliberating himself from all kinds of attacks he might get from his colleagues for his yet-to-shape leadership. Please pray for pastor Luis and our seminary along with all the students.



- Naomi has decided to go back to school next year. She missed so many friends although she enjoyed homeschool, too. Moreover, she is getting better with her French.

**Street sales and carwash fundraising for the upcoming teacher's activity and youth summer retreat in Acapulco.**

Elaine leads a group of teachers in planning a Bible Verse Contest in April. To cover the expenses they need



- Unlike his wide-open personality to make many friends, Nathan loves to sit and work with small stuffs at his own pace. He has made a number of pieces with the Lego blocks. Surely, a skillful artist he is.

to do something. Go out to streets and sell used cloths and old shoes. At the same time, we helped youth groups on their fundraising for the summer retreat. They washed cars on streets, too.



**Monthly dating with the pastors**

Does it sound weird? Yes, we have dates

with the pastors of Emmanuel Presbytery.

Until last year, it was OUR activity. We had to plan for it, announce it to the pastors, & help them write down on their schedule books. However, since the beginning of this year, it's no longer ours. But it is now THEIR activity. They plan for it, remind each other the dates of meetings, help each other schedule what to talk & where to eat. Each pastor opens his parsonage home to host all of us. We're learning to become the real neighbors to each other.

