

Movements and *kabooya* students

By John Pesebre

“There are two kinds of dunks¹,” says NBA™ star Shaquille O’Neal², “one is the ordinary dunk and the other one is the *kabooya* dunk which gives a *sho-kuk* sound into the ring.”

Whatever that means...

CBS-Asia also has stories of *kabooya* students who give out a *sho-kuk* inspiration to their teachers and classmates. Sis. Jo Garcia simply desires “to know God deeper [and have an] in-depth understanding of [the Bible’s] basic doctrines.” But the *kabooya* element is that Sis. Jo is a humble RTC student who is working on her Ph.D. in Horticulture at UP. She is also raising two teenage girls along with her husband Bro. Ador who is also attending the RTC with her. She is presently working at the Bureau of Plant Industry and the Department of Agriculture.

Bro. Benjo Tanquenco simply aims for “spiritual enrichment.” This humble worker of Community Baptist Church of Calamba continues to serve as vice chairman of the church board and to



Huddle time! Prof. John Pesebre answers queries of his Systematic Theology students at the Quezon City RTC. These students come from different local churches and are involved in various leadership capacities.

teach at their Sunday School. He also teaches at UP Los Baños and heads the R.D. Tanquenco & Partners. If that’s not *kabooya* enough, Kuya Benjo has a *sho-kuk* Ph.D. in Social Works. He makes time every Thursday evening for our RTC and meets his wife, the charming Sis. Helen who is raising two twenty-year old children.

A similar story happens in our Quezon City RTC. Atty. Macky Ong and Atty. Micky are two *special friends* attending the theology classes. Macky is a law graduate from Ateneo and practices at the Supreme Court of the

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¹To slam basketball into basket from above: to slam or jam a basketball through the hoop from above by jumping and arcing the ball-carrying arm over the head

²At 7’2” feet and 350 lbs, O’Neal of the Miami Heat is the most dominant player in the NBA today.

PREACHING SEMINAR DRAWS EXCELLENT CROWD

“Feedback was good!” comments one attendee of the Dr. Roy Verzosa’s seminar entitled “Pursuing Excellence in



Dr. Roy Verzosa

Preaching.” The seminar was held at the Capitol City Baptist Church at West Ave., Quezon City. A total of 115 participants attended, some coming from as far as Marinduque and Legazpi City in Bikol. CBAP churches were very supportive as 57 local churches were represented. Because the event was announced at DZAS and other churches, a total 29 non-CBAP individuals came.

“It was well received. I am excited about the pastors’ desire to develop skills in expository preaching. It promises good Biblical feeding to our churches,” says one pastor from Marikina. “Maganda! Sana noon pa ako naka attend ng ganito,” comments Bro. Aries from a non-CB church. Bro. Aries is an OFW worker who says he heard about the seminar from DZAS. He

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Philippines. Micky on the other hand graduated law at the University of the Philippines and works in a private law firm.

Two special friends also are Atty. Jake Tual and Atty. Milet Gasapos. Jake graduated from University of Sto. Tomas School of Law while Milet from the UP College of Law. Both of them practice at the Quiazon-Makalintal Law Office.

Atty. Jake says, “[I want] to enrich my knowledge with the hope of being able to be drawn closer to Him and hopefully share with others.” The reason for attending RTC is not at all different for Atty. Milet who says, “[I desire] to enrich my relationship with God and be equipped to pass it on [to others].”

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It is with these endearing reasons that these *kabooya* students attend the class. Regardless of their educational attainment, distance to the RTCs and tired backs from a day’s work, these students continue to open themselves for God’s nourishment through CBS-Asia.

In recent years CBS-Asia has received the blessings of committed students who love the Lord. Because the classes in RTC are personally supported by pastors who themselves attend the classes, the camaraderie of CBAP constituents continue to be enriched. “Di lang naman pag-aaral ‘to eh,” quips Pastor Oscar Bantatua of Calamba, “kundi fellowship na rin naming itong mga manggagawa [ng Panginoon] sa Laguna.”

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(Left) Dr. Verzosa inflamed with passion for preaching the Word. The audience were mesmerized by his exposition! (Right) Dr. Roy flanked by Pastor Eyrich Cortez, CBS-Asia promo man, and Director Nicky Joya.

will soon return to Saudi Arabia, hopefully to use what he learned in the seminar.

Expository preaching is a very important element in the feeding of our congregation. Rev. Nicky Joya, Executive Director of CBS-Asia encourages those who attended to continue to develop these skills. He explains, “This

seminar is meant to whet the appetites of preachers to pursue a serious training and more extensive education for expository preaching.

I’m sure many now realize that the task of preaching is not an easy endeavor. One must possess the necessary tools to dissect the Word precisely and apply it so that God’s message then is God’s message today.”

The seminar was a partnership of CBS-Asia and the Apollos Project founded by Dr. Roy himself. Expect CBS-Asia to offer a number of enhancement seminars designed to sharpen the skills of our church leaders and shape their spiritual lives.

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SEMINARY NEWS BULLETS

By Rev. Nicky Joya, CBS-Asia Executive Director

PAPERS PRESENTED BY ACADEMIC OFFICER

CBS-Asia Academic Officer, John Pesebre recently presented papers in two theological gatherings held in Metro Manila. In the first "Annual Forum on Doing Theology in the Filipino Context" last February sponsored by the Asian Theological Seminary and the Victory Leadership Institute, Professor Pesebre presented a paper titled "Balik Loob: Towards a Filipino Evangelical Theology of Repentance." OMF literature will publish an anthology of fifteen essays presented in the forum with Pesebre's paper included in the list. The book will be out this year.



Another event was the forum on Biblical Authority held at the Southern Baptist School of Theology last April 30 coinciding with the public launching of the book *Biblical Authority* written by James Draper Jr. and Kenneth Keathley. He presented a paper entitled "The

Divine Act of Preserving the Authoritative Scripture" taken out of his Bibliology class in CBS-Asia.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

PastorShare: Through the efforts of Rev. Bo Horlen, CBS-Asia was able to make connections with Dr. Bill Knepper. He heads a ministry called PastorShare whose goal "is to take well trained pastors (in the United States) who are currently very busy with their churches and other obligations and get them to consider using their gifts in other places in the world." They are at present sending pastors to Eastern Europe to teach on a short-time basis (1-2 weeks) at various educational institutions. Dr. Knepper plans to venture into Asia and begin with our seminary.

On June 14-25, 2005, Dr. Knepper and his team will visit the Philippines so that they and the leadership of the seminary can share together and work towards developing a strategy for a partnership in ministry.

Rev. Don Furrow, Pastor of Stardust

Bible Church, a CB church in Arizona, will come to the Philippines in June to teach *Pastoral Epistles* to our Pastoral Ministries students. This will be on the 20th-24th. Prior to moving to Arizona, Pastor Don was also an adjunct professor in New Testament Languages and Literature at Talbot Theological Seminary and The Master's Seminary, and an adjunct professor of philosophy and ethics at the Antelope Valley Community College.



Dr. Brent Garrison, the President of Southwestern College in Phoenix, Arizona and his wife, Maggi will come to the Philippines for the Jubilee Celebration in November.

During his stay Dr. Garrison will teach a *Church Management* course on

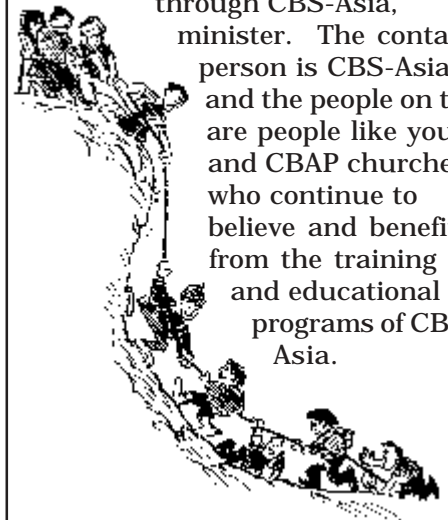


December 5-9 at the Guesthouse. Dr. Garrison has a B.A. from University of Indiana, a M.A. from Grace Theological Seminary; and a Ph.D. from Pensacola Christian University.

YOUR MINISTRY CALLED CBS-ASIA

One of our faculty got this cartoon from a letter of a missionary they support. The task of your CBS-Asia is also best illustrated by this cartoon. You can find in the pictures three groups of people: (1) people who need to be pulled up, (2) a person serving as the contact point of rescuers and those need to be rescued, and (3) people pulling or holding up both the contact person and those to be rescued.

The people at the bottom are the people to whom we, through CBS-Asia, minister. The contact person is CBS-Asia and the people on top are people like you and CBAP churches who continue to believe and benefit from the training and educational programs of CBS-Asia.



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