FEAST INTERNATIONAL

# JANUARY 2022 2021: THE YEAR THAT WAS!

## **JANUARY 2021**

AS we do every January, here we give you *The Feast International Special* on *The Year That Was!* How did our Feast International go in 2021?

Remember, the previous year, 2020, was the beginning of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID) Pandemic. And so, we gladly said goodbye to 2020. And we said Hello to 2021 "with a special, swinging kind of musical lilt." That's what I said in my introduction of *The Feast International* January 2021 issue.



The Year 2021 actually started right for us, with our new logo. The logo was a gift from Jojo Sebastian, once an artist of the *Mod* lifestyle magazine where our editor, Cynthia Santiago, worked as editor-in-chief in the '80s. Jojo now lives in Canada. And, evangelized by no less than our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez, he has become a member of Feast Mississauga. Long story short, Jojo volunteered to give us this new logo.

And so, the Year 2021 indeed started beautiful for *The Feast International!* In my intro, I prayed the year would also be good and right for all

of us. But as Life has it, there are good and bad, right and wrong in this, our ephemeral world.

The Good News is, by God's Grace, we have this *Special*, looking back how our Lord saw us through the Year 2021.

Come, let's walk down memory lane and learn the lessons of *The Year That Was!* All for His

All for His Glory, VIC ESPAÑOL Region Head Feast International



## FEBRUARY 2021 FEAST MISSISSAUGA

Aside from making *The Feast International* logo, Bro. Jojo Sebastian sent us stories about Feast Mississauga which became our featured Feast in our February 2021 issue.



We know that our Lord Jesus grew up in Nazareth—which is just

25 kilometers west of the Sea of Galilee, actually

a lake where Jesus walked on water and recruited disciples. In our February 2021 issue, we focused on another lake,

Lake Ontario. Less than 20 minutes from the shores of Lake Ontario lies Mississauga where there are fishermen.

LAKE ONTARIO

Correction: *fishers of men*. Yes, they are doing what our Lord Jesus told the first disciples: *"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men*." (Matthew 4:19 ESV)

Our fishers of men are members of The Feast Mississauga, led by Feast Builder Bambit Bonoan, and capably assisted by his wife, Sis. Kate.

Feast Mississauga is part of the Light of Jesus Canada which began in the1990s when Bro. Bo visited Lito and Tess Mejia, longtime members of LOJ Manila, who migrated to Toronto in May 1995. They eventually helped in building LOJ Canada which, under the watch of Bro. Pio Español, then LOJ country builder for North America, now includes Feasts in Milton, Mississauga, Scarborough, Ottawa, and Montreal—plus Feast Lights or small prayer groups in Oakville, Whitby, and Guelph.







## MARCH 2021 FEAST NORTH BRISBANE

From our fishers of men by the Sea of Galilee, we went Down Under where we have Feasts following the mandate of our Lord Jesus to be His witnesses *to the ends of the earth.* (Acts 1:7-8)

In our March 2021 issue, our featured Feast was Feast North Brisbane in Queensland, Australia. Led by Light of Jesus Queensland District Builder, Bro. Emerson Domingo, *below* are members during their gathering at the Aspley Parish, Queensland on February 13, 2021.



Bro. Emer took over leadership of Feast North Brisbane since Bro. Allan Arpon retired from serving as Feast North Brisbane Builder in December 2020. Longtime devoted members of our LOJ Family way back when they were still living in Manila, Bro. Allan and his wife Sis. Elvie remain actively supporting Feast Queensland.

*Here*, in a pre-COVID discipleship mission, *from left:* Bro. Vic Español and wife Ditas; Bro. Emer Domingo and wife Agnes; Bro. Bo Sanchez; Bro. Allan and Sis. Elvie.



Undaunted by the Coronavirus Disease Pandemic, Feast North Brisbane, at the time of this writing, was bravely holding its regular Feast gathering *live* at Aspley Parish Queensland every 2nd Saturday of each month.

Sis. Elvie told *The Feast International:* "We follow 1.5 meters selfdistancing and contact logging in shops, church... We can travel to open borders of Australia, so we can hold our Feast *live* and hear Mass."

## APRIL 2021 THE FEAST CONFERENCE

We devoted the entire issue of *The Feast International* April 2021 to the Feast Conference 2020 re-run for our International Feasts.

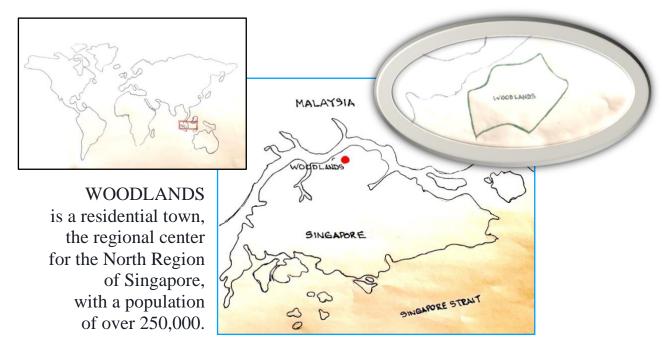
The Feast Conference, formerly the Kerygma Conference, is the biggest of the biggest online inspirational learning events mounted by our Light of Jesus Family through the production management by our Shepherd's Voice Radio and Television Foundation.





**BRO. BO SANCHEZ:** Genesis 1:1-2 says God created the heavens and the Earth and the Earth was Formless...When we trust the purpose for this Pandemic, we become co-creators with God. Jesus' purpose is to save you... This is not an event, this not just a conference this is an encounter, a visitation with Jesus.

## MAY 2021 FEAST LIGHT SINGAPORE-WOODLANDS



Yes, *The Feast International* continued checking out how our Feasts Down Under were faring amid the COVID onslaught.

Almost near Australia, down under Planet Earth, Feast Light Singapore-Woodlands traces

its beginnings way back in 2008. That year, Bro. Bo visited Singapore for a prayer meeting and conference talks. *Above, right,* Bro. Bo with Feast Woodlands Builder Bro. Jimmy Cruz, his wife Belle, and their kids.

Bro. Jimmy established Feast Singapore-Woodlands in 2009, with the help





of Bro. Roy Pasimio, head of the Light of Jesus Family Missions in Oceania, Middle East, Asia, and the United States. *Above*, that's Bro. Roy (*standing, in black shirt*) with the Woodlands group and Bro. Jimmy (*standing, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right*).

During this COVID Pandemic, Feast Singapore-Woodlands still meet every Friday -- via Zoom.

# JUNE and JULY 2021

*The Feast International* did not have June and July issues. This was because three key staff servants of our magazine and, in general, our Light of Jesus Family's Media Ministry, all suffered the COVID.

First, our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez. Then, our editor-in-chief, Cynthia Santiago, and her husband, Ed, our chief photographer.

By God's grace, and thanks to family and friends—including many of you—who stormed Heaven to pray for their healing, all three have well recovered.

*At right,* here they are, already vaccinated. And so, they have been able to go on and continue our Ministry. Praise our Good, Victorious God!

**BRO. BO as he recovered from COVID:** I discovered this room; this place I nicknamed *The Surrendered Place*. And when I discovered that place, I didn't feel any fear, worry, but total peace. I didn't want to leave that room. Then what happened was my values changed... Like I had no more attachments. Our values have this hierarchy, like a ladder of what's important, and those seem unimportant to us... I am a workaholic. I am like a missile that has lots of targets to hit. I don't take a break. I am a multi-talker.

Peace to me didn't seem important. But it's my Number One now. I really believe that it is a gift from God and we need to treasure it.

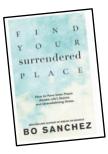
Every morning we pray, we read the Bible but always in a hurry... We have lots of work, right? ...But now I've changed since I recovered. When I wake up in the morning, I would meditate, I would take my time. This is the most important...

It came to that point when I was in *The Surrendered Place*. So, I've been guiding people to *The Surrendered Place*.

I will write a book called *Finding Your Surrendered Place* (*right, already published recently*). I want to help people to find that place. Because it's offered to us.

I've recovered but every day, I still go inside may surrendered place because it's the place to be in.—Excerpts from Toni Gonzaga's interview with Bro. Bo:







# AUGUST 2021 FEAST CALGARY

For our August 2021 issue, we focused on The Feast Calgary as some of its branches celebrated their founding anniversary this month.

**Five Feasts.** Feast Calgary is composed of five Feasts, meeting *live*, pre-COVID...





**Feast Downtown Calgary,** led by Dave Obiso as Feast Builder, started in **August 2014**. Feast Downtown Calgary members meet every second Sunday of the month.





Feast Chestermere, led by Feast Builder Jose Diala, also started in August 2014, meets at the Remax

Office, Pacific Place Mall, 999 36 Street NE, every second Saturday of the month.



**Feast McKnight** started in **August 2014**. Feast Builders Jerry Aquino and Randy Pino meet members at Falconridge Castleridge Community Hall 95 Falshire Drive Northeast Calgary every second Friday of the month.



**Feast Northwest,** with Dexter Obiso as Feast Builder, started in **August 2014.** The Feast meets at Hidden Valley, Northwest Calgary, every second Saturday of the month.





**Feast Fishcreek,** with Feast Builders Jerome de Leon and Don Gemina, started on September 14, 2014. Today, members meet every second Sunday of the month.

# SEPTEMBER 2021 FEAST NEW YORK





Last September, Hurricane Ida hit New York. As television news showed disturbing images of the floods in New York, *The Feast International* immediately checked out the situation of our Feast New Yorkers via a Messenger interview with Feast NY leader Bro. Pete Redito who promptly responded with an eyewitness report on the real happenings in the city that never

sleeps. The situation might had looked real bad news. But as an eyewitness, Bro. Pete told *The Feast International* that the reports we got were about isolated cases. "What happened in NY was just a heavy downpour with no strong winds,"

Bro. Pete said. "During that day, I went to work and on my way home was just a little difficult due to the rain and some isolated little shallow pools of water. The following day, it's back to normal."



The Feast New York well supports LOJ's discipleship missions. On October 6, 2019, it sponsored *The Glorious Concert* held in New York led by Bro. Bo Sanchez along with Feast Builders, *from left:* Alvin Barcelona, Jon Escoto, Adrian Panganiban, and Arun Gogna.

#### **OCTOBER 2021** THE FEAST MERCY MINISTRIES THANKSGIVING GATHERING

*The Feast International* had two issues in October.

First was a *Special Report* on the *Feast Mercy Ministries Thanksgiving Gathering* via Zoom.

Mercy is the part of our Light of Jesus mission we pursue to walk our talk by serving those in need.

By God's amazing grace, we have been



able to fulfill our calling, as the Lord Himself provides the resources we need, mainly by inspiring donors to support our Mercy Ministries: for abandoned elderly; abused girls; pregnant women in crisis to save them from resorting to abortion; street children; out-of-school youth; the spiritually and emotionally wounded; those in prison; indigent cancer and leprosy patients; and disaster victims.

On Saturday, October 2, 2021, we expressed deep gratitude to our supporters as we mounted online the *Feast Mercy Ministries Thanksgiving Gathering*.

Bro. Bo led the roster of speakers: Bro. Hermie Morelos, chairman of our Light of Jesus Feast Mercy Ministries; Bro. Randy Borromeo, executive director of Shepherd's Voice Radio and Television Foundation (SVRTV); and Bro. Monching Bueno, builder of Feast San Mateo.



#### **BRO. HERMIE MORELOS, Chairman,**

**Feast Mercy Ministries:** The tagline of our Light of Jesus Feast, our weekly faith gathering, is *You are loved*. In our Mercy Ministries, what we are doing is giving love. That's what we are doing for our beneficiaries, the poorest of the poor —making them feel that they are loved...

God's promise I've claimed is the one in Genesis 9:16:

When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will look at it and remember my covenant with all living creatures. God promised this after the Great Flood during Noah's time. God saved Noah, assuring him – and us-- of His Presence during our difficult times.

My prayer is all of us serve as the Rainbow of the Lord for those in need.

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Feast Ottawa, Canada, was our featured Feast in our second issue as it marked its Sixth Founding Anniversary last October. Feast Builder Bro. Ringo Morella with wife Amy started Feast Ottawa with a Feast Video, on October 16, 2015, in the basement of their house.



*Here*, Feast Ottawa celebrated its anniversary with a *Feast-tahan* Family Day early last August 29. In deference to the ordeal of many still facing COVID's challenges, Feast Ottawa opted for a quiet but joyful remembrance of its *Feast-tahan* during its Feast-at-Home meeting in October.

# NOVEMBER 2021 THE FEAST CONFERENCE

Definitely, out biggest event this month was the Feast Conference,



our biggest inspirational learning event in the Philippines, and through the wonders of the Internet, worldwide. Held November 19-21, 2021, FEASTCON centered on the theme, *Joyful, Joyful!* 

And happily, we shared with you everything that's joyful in this blessing through our *Special Feature* on FEASTCON 2021 from the October 31, 2021, issue of *The Feast Family*, the online newsmagazine of The Feast Family, formerly Kerygma Family, the borderless faith group led by our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez.





#### **REV. FR. TROADIO DE LOS SANTOS, OFM, Cap:** The Gospel according to John 3:14-21 says as *Moses lifted up the snake in the depart* as *muttiles* San of

up the snake in the desert, so must the Son of man be lifted up so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him.

...Jesus did not wait for us to be good, and holy, and lovable...He actually loved us when we were sinners. And because Jesus loved us, we started to become lovable...

# CHRIS STEFANICK, Internationally acclaimed author and speaker:

Listen carefully as we talk about the most important conversation you'll ever have in your life: the conversation you're having at all times with yourself...That dialogue inside your head is so important as these words that you speak to yourself shape your self-perception. That is, how you see yourself shapes how you feel and act, how

your entire life pans out... words that are the foundation of your whole life... Too often, people live out the wrong words that they're speaking to themselves so, they live a life where they're deprived of the full freedom that God has in mind for them...

#### SR. BETHANY MADONNA, SV Vocation Director, Sisters of Life

I realized, here we are living in fear, when we have a power within us to overcome this creature that represents evil...

I realized I have the power to say to the bears, "You are not welcome here, this is my house."

... We are the Temple of the Holy Spirit...Who is the Holy Spirit? We see



that He comes in the form of a dove. The Irish call Him the Wild Goose. But He's not a bird. He is a consuming fire. God is a consuming fire and fire is an awesome symbol of warmth, and light, and it's purifying. But truly, the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, and the Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son.

#### JESSICA COX

The world's first licensed armless pilot

**BRO. BO SANCHEZ:** Was there ever a time when you almost gave up on your life?

**JESSICA COX:** There was a time, I was shopping with my aunt, and I felt people were staring at me... So, I hid behind some clothes,

and cried out, "God can you just make me normal?"

BRO BO: What is the future for Jessica Cox?

**JESSICA:** I am keeping myself open to God's plan, how He can use me to empower others.

BRO. BO: What can you advise parents of children with disability?

JESSICA: God gives us only what we can handle... Be patient. God has a reason (for your situation). Do your best, pray. Things will work out all right.



# NOVEMBER 2021 FEAST QUEENSLAND



November is the big month of Feast Queensland as it was founded on November 14, 2009.

Bro. Emerson Domingo, Feast Queensland District Builder, recalled, "When we started the Light of Jesus here in Brisbane on 14 November 2009, we were armed with the love of God, shaking nerves, video of Bro. Bo Sanchez, Bible, song sheets, guitar, and adobo."

So, as it celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary on November 14, 2021, we honored Feast Queensland in the *Disciples Around the World* section of *The Feast International* November 2021 issue.



*Here* Bro. Emer and his ever supportive wife, Sis. Agnes Mary Tenorio Domingo, welcome Bro. Bo during his recent

visit in Feast Queensland.

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devoted members of our LOJ Family way back when they were still living in Manila, Bro. Allan and his wife Sis. Elvie remain actively supporting Feast Queensland with Bro. Allan serving as Worship leader and Sis. Elvie in Finance.



## Undaunted by COVID

Pre-COVID, Feast Queensland member-Feasts enjoyed coming together. *At right*, Feast North Brisbane.





Feast South Brisbane

Feast Gold Coast, here with Bro. Hermie Morelos ( $4^{th}$  from left) then Feast Oceania Country Builder, and his wife Sis. Reng ( $3^{rd}$  from left).





By God's grace, Feast Queensland continues to flourish, like the rest of our Feast Oceania, with Bro. Randy Borromeo (*left*) now as Feast Oceania Country Builder.

# DECEMBER 2021 FEAST LIGHT JACKSON HEIGHTS

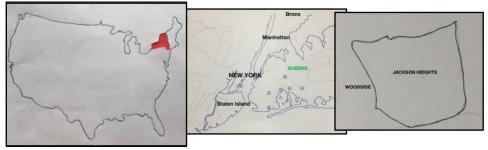
Amid the COVID Pandemic still with us as of this writing! people felt it was not going to be a Merry Christmas.

But for us in the Light of Jesus



Feast Family, Christmas was a *Go*! Because we know only too well Christmas celebrates the Reason for the Season—our Birthday Lord, Jesus Christ.

So look, Feast Light Jackson Heights merrily celebrated online this most wonderful time of the year led by Feast Builder Ramil Buenaventura, with his loving wife Jane Marie, and children Raphael and Jullienne.





Part of the Feast USA East Coast, led by Bro. Pete Redito, (*here with Bro. Ramil*) Feast Light Jackson Heights began at St. Joan of Arc, Jackson Heights, New York, in December 2019. Yes, about the time the Coronavirus Disease was discovered in Wuhan, China. And Jackson Heights was one of the New York neighborhoods hardest hit by COVID-19.



Earlier, through Feast New York, Feast Light Jackson Heights was instrument in the organization of the *Glorious* concert of the Kerygma Preachers held in New York on October 10, 2019. It was a big success and The Feast was able to reach out to fellow Pinoys.



# **This Sunday**

# GRAND FEAST

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spaken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:10–12

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The Light of Jesus Pastoral Care Center ministers to those who are emotionally and spiritually wounded.

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Go and make disciples of all nations.

— Matthew 28:19