

**OFWBLE-PISTLE**

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**CEVIGAN'S STORY**



**BALCHIK, BULGARIA**

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*One cold morning Cevigan came to our office while Tezdjan had business at Varna. The ten year old girl told me an unbelievable story. (Matthew 25:34-40)*

“My father worked like many other men three months daily 12 hours, 7 days per week, without receiving even one day of rest. After 3 months the job was done; then the boss said: “We have no money to pay your wages.” He received nothing. My mother worked 8 weeks as cleaner in a hotel. She and her colleagues did not receive the promised wages, but only Lev 100.00 (about \$77.00). They could not save any money like they did in other years. Yet, we are blessed that we could gather enough wood for our stove last month to keep our *one-room* home warm”

“Mom, please give us another slice of bread with margarine”, Sali, 4 years old, asked shyly. “Yes, let us eat another slice,” Musa, 6 years old, begged his mother. “Our stomachs are still empty.” “No, we have only one bread left and that we keep for tomorrow.” After the supper Cevigan was staring into the fire of the stove and thinking. She understood the sorrowful answers of her mother. Cevigan thought about the story of Jesus. He multiplied the 5 loaves and the 2 fish, just few breads and few fish to feed thousands of people, even 12 baskets of food left after their supper. She shared this story with her parents and her father laughed harshly while her mother listened to her. “Mother, let us put this bread and the left over margarine on the table near the stove and pray to Jesus to multiply them. He can still do it.” When Cevigan went to sleep she pulled her blanket over her head, prayed again full of belief to Jesus. “He surely can still do it! Tomorrow there will be more bread on the table.”

The next morning Cevigan woke up. She heard the worse curses she ever heard of her father. She told me: “He was shouting like a mad-man.!” The bread and the left-over margarine were taken away, stolen from the table. With tears in her eyes she said to me: “I have been praying with such a strong faith, stronger than ever before.” What to do now? “I knelt down on my blanket, while my father still was shouting in anger, and I said repeatedly: ‘Thank you Jesus, Thank you Jesus, Thank you Jesus for your love to us. Thank you Jesus for your suffering and forgive the one who stole our last food.’”

When I heard this story my heart was overwhelmed. What a pure faith and what a strong belief in Jesus! Jesus came to my mind. I thought about His way of sharing: “Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, blessed it, broke it and gave to each of them.” I have been blessed to do: share my bread that Cevigan’s prayer could be fulfilled in the Name of my Lord Jesus, at the same time making Cevigan a true witness of the promises of our Lord to her family.

**LIVE SIMPLY SO THAT OTHERS CAN SIMPLY LIVE!**

**EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE  
AND OVERNIGHT PRAYER  
PALAWAN, PHILIPPINES  
By Pastor Armando R. Manzano**



On February 4, 2011 the Palawan Bible College Students, together with the Staff and some Pastors, conducted an Evangelistic Crusade in the Barangay Plaza of Anilawan, Babuyan, Puerto Princesa City. Approximately 58 kilometers away from the heart of the City that is mentioned above. The said activity was an application of the subject "Evangelism and Discipleship" after the class room instruction to the First Year Students. This is one way of preparations for winning souls for Christ as it is mandated to every believer. The Reverend Marcos P. Taladro was the preacher that night. He spoke about "Salvation is Needed". We saw how the Words of God convicted the heart of many lost people who responded to the altar call by raising their hands and accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. One of them was the Barangay Captain in that area, Hon. Arestar, wearing the yellow shirt in the first picture. Praise God for every soul who came forward to receive the Lord as their personal Savior and Lord. Pray that these new converts will grow in their spiritual lives and be a channel of blessings and witness for the Lord. We are so thankful to the unchangeable infinite God and to all who gave their faithful support in this meaningful event.

Following the Crusade, we proceeded to the Overnight Prayer Meeting. This meeting is held every quarter and is attended by pastors, church workers, and church members in the district. Many shared their testimony. There was a time of singing praises and giving thanks to God who gives us all things. This is a time of sharing and challenging everyone to share their faith. What a joy it is to serve the Lord in this place. Glory to His name.



**MARCH IS FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH  
TELETHON SUNDAY IS MARCH 27, 2011**  
The Theme is: WHO WILL SURVIVE?  
Join us in prayer for this year's Telethon  
and for revival in our Free Will Baptist Churches.  
We will be waiting for your call!

**God will not ask you to give an unreasonable amount,  
but He will stretch your faith—let him!—Anonymous**



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