

MAKING A BREAKTHROUGH IN ONE'S LIFE A UNIQUE RETREAT EXPERIENCE.



This is the message for this year's annual retreat for the Grades 5 and 6 which was held last March 12-13, 2010 at the Word of Life Camp in Calauan, Laguna. Aside from being a breather from the usual school work and routine, the retreat is more than just a rest and relaxation activity for our students.

Having the word "Breakthrough" as its central theme, the retreat aimed to enable our Grade 5 and 6 students to discover potential hindrances or 'blocks' that prevents them from realizing their full potential as God's children. Through structured learning experiences or SLEs, students were guided on the different areas of their lives that they know they are having a tough time dealing with. The first set of activities was geared towards helping the students be aware of the fears and weaknesses that are controlling their lives. Relying on the bases approach in teaching, the students passed thru two activity stations (which was intended to be four at the beginning, but due to lack of time, the students were only able



to pass thru two stations) where they faced various tests that are emotionally, mentally, and intellectuality challenging. These tests were designed to exaggerate or heighten the awareness of the children regarding their perceived limitations.

The highlight of the day was the Breakthrough Encounter that was held during the evening. Students were able to release

themselves from the emotional burdens that they were carrying, particularly within their respective families. They were able to have a renewed perspective on the love and commitment that their parents have shown them, especially when they were able to read the letters that their parents prepared. For most of them, it is something new, if not really unexpected. It was a moving experience not just for the students but for their teachers as well.

Finally, the retreat was capped with a God-inspired message from the Retreat Speaker Bro. Jong Vital of Navigators, giving a final challenge and invitation to students to commit their lives to Christ. The message was a fitting close to the sessions where children were asked to maintain the truths that they learned throughout the retreat.



It is our prayer that our students, specially the Grade 6, will be able to shine and stand out as they move up and face the world. May God always bless you and your family!

