

## BriscoE-UPDATE

April 2008

**We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. Romans 12:6a**

**Tournaments: Chess:** It took 3 weeks with games being played after school almost every day, but Faith Academy has a new chess champion. We started with 17 hopeful contestants from the Middle and High Schools. Some matches were over in less than an hour. Others took up to three days in close contests that went to sudden victory overtimes. In the end, Ee Ern Low prevailed. He is a sophomore of Chinese ancestry, who earlier in the week received his Eagle Scout rank from the Boy Scouts of America. What a week for this fine young man, who is a member of the Chess Club that Jerry sponsors and is in Jerry's Luke & Acts class. **Academic Bowl:** Eleven students in grades 6-8 from Faith Academy participated in an Academic Bowl Tournament on April 15 at the International School of Manila. The five members of our team came out strong in round 1 to outscore the other two schools. With the pressure on, the other schools came back and after the day long event and six rounds of questions, Faith Academy claimed second place. As their sponsor, Rosanne feels blessed to be working with a great group of gifted students who have fun being smart.☺

**Team Building:** Besides our ministry at Faith Academy, God has called us to be part of a local church here in Manila. He has been asking us to serve Him with our gifts among the believers at our church. Jerry is teaching an adult Bible class every Sunday morning. With a group of 12-15, he is leading a study entitled, *The Master's Plan of Discipleship*. Rosanne is the vice president of the women's group (WOW – Women of the Word). She works with the other officers to offer special activities for the women. On April 12 they hosted a *Serving with Joy* fellowship. The women were encouraged by the guest speaker to use their gifts to serve with a joyful spirit. Coming up on May 3 will be a mother's luncheon. The women also have a weekly Bible study group and recently held a garage sale to raise money for the ministries of the church. Click on the following link to see photos of the WOW activities:

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=3079&l=2df03&id=1057611345>

**Praises:** We are thankful for the privilege to interact with students who desire to use their God given gifts for His glory.

Thank God for increased opportunities to serve in our local church.

We are grateful for a new monthly supporter.

**Prayers:** Please pray for the stamina to finish school during this hottest season of the year.

Ask God to guide the Faith Academy seniors who graduate on May 30. Leaving high school here means moving to a different country and leaving friends and family far behind.

Pray for our son, Jason, as he graduates from college on May 10. We will miss being with him on this special occasion. He continues in the interview process for a new job.