

YEAR 2009 FOR ROLIM

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Last year, we envisioned that year 2008 will be a year of growth. At the onset of the year, we acknowledged our new church members and started ROLIM's membership class. There were more than sixty new church members with their families who have expressed their commitment to our local body of Christ and signed the membership covenant.

For the year 2009, we, at the Rivers of Life International Ministries, would like to be more intentional about pursuing Christ and make the *YEAR 2009, A YEAR OF EQUIPPING*. We know that the Christian life is more than believing, it's also belonging and becoming. Therefore, we will be emphasizing this year the value of including, instructing, involving and investing every Christian believer for God's kingdom. As our mission statement states, the acronym "**RIVERS**" stands for "**R**eaching *every Individual for Christ, V*aluing, **E**quipping and **R**eleasing them for **S**ervice for God's purposes and glory.". We envision that every individual at ROLIM comes to growth and maturity and lives a Spirit- filled life that models and honors Christ.

By God's grace and power, we can achieve this by:

- Providing a continuous Christian education and training programs using a holistic (physical, mental, spiritual and social) approach that will help everyone to grow in all aspects.
- Helping our members discover their place in the body where their gifts, talents, skills and abilities will be harnessed for the edification of the body of Christ.
- Involving everyone in the ministries of ROLIM
- Integrating the instruction of the word of God in every ministry of ROLIM.
- Providing discipleship training programs and hands-on servant leadership opportunities.
- Committing and investing our time, talents and treasures for the expansion of the Kingdom of God
- Structuring and strengthening all the ministries of ROLIM

In addition, there is an enormous need today for love and acceptance; the atmosphere of our church therefore should reflect John 13:35: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

In doing all these, we are reflecting not only the life and teaching but also the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.