

Naughty Yuletide Memories

MANILA—Amid the Christmas rush and frenzy, we sometimes find ourselves in crazy situations.

Expenses as well as emotions run high during this stressful season. For instance, I wrapped one of my daughter's new toy and gave it to my *inaanak* when she came to the house. She opened it right away. When my daughter saw it, she exclaimed, "Ma, that's my doll!"

Celebs share their nicely naughty and naughtily nice Yuletide memories. Hahahahappy Holidays!

Miriam Quiambao

I went to Santa Claus' house in the North Pole for *Pi-roy Meets World* in 2006. I was super excited and feeling giddy when I sat on Santa's lap as he asked me for my wish. We had pictures taken with him after, so I took off my down jacket. I posed on his lap again and I felt his fingers fiddling against my sweater! I was disillusioned! I couldn't say anything 'cause Mrs. Claus was right beside him!

Pops Fernandez

When Ram was still a kid, he asked me to watch their Christmas school play. He proudly told me that he was the star. So I kept looking for him onstage. What he meant *pala* was star ang role niya. It was hard to spot him *kasi naka-costume siya na shaped like a star!*

Ricky Davao

My daughter Rikki Mae wanted a cell phone for Christmas so we went around the mall to look for one. Every time *may mapili siya*, I would tell her na it's too expensive.

But *'di niya alam* I bought her one *na* and recorded my voice as her ringing tone. During gift-giving time, I told Mamita (Pilita) to be the one to hand it to her. I went out to call Rikki Mae on her new phone. She got so shocked to hear my voice as the phone rang."

Christian Bautista

I gave away a pricey pen as a recycled gift. I didn't know that it had my name engraved on it. The recipient politely returned it to me thinking I made a mistake.

Jolina Magdangal

May pulis na sumita sa akin. Binigyan ko ng pamasko na envelope na alam kong may gift certificate and cash inside. When I got home, my mom was asking for the envelopes kasi wala pa palang laman. Kawawang pulis! Nabigyan ko ng envelope lang.

Jed Madela

I received a box of chocolate cake as an early Christmas present and placed it in my ref. During a house party, I asked my maid to serve it as dessert. Everyone burst into laughter when they opened it. I was surprised to see a brown picture frame! All the while I really thought it was cake! ■



Pops Fernandez



Jolina Magdangal



Miriam Quiambao

The Apl That Gave Back...

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financial aid and awareness generated within the local and global communities. In addition, a portion of the dollars raised will be reserved for distribution to organizations supporting disaster relief in the event of natural and man made disasters impact the Philippines and other Asian communities.

"Through the Apl Foundation, I will be able to give back to my community back in the Philippines," said Allan. He believes that there should be no separation between race, class or gender; all children deserve a home, food, education and healthcare.

With this sentiment that Allan wears as a badge of conviction, he is committed to giving back to his homeland through his Apl Foundation Fund administered by Give2Asia.

apl.de.ap is now in a position to move beyond the impossible and set the stage for what is possible, i.e. feeding others and extending a helping hand. And for as long as he can, Allan intends to continue to express the possible in his music. "I want to keep feeding others with inspiration and reminding them to dream," apl.de.ap said with determination.

Perhaps the motivation for Apl de ap in setting up the foundation can be gleaned from the song he composed and sang during his birthday benefit show, Mama Filipina. Part of the song goes:

*I remember how it used to be growing up in the land of poverty
Now you got to leave home to feed the family
Got to make it in the land of opportunity
Filipina mama raising me right
but still have to taste that American life
Mama Mama Filipina
I never meant to give you up I had to move to America
I just want to show that I miss you
I am never goin to let you go
Mama Mama Filipina
I never meant to give you up I had to move to America*

"Coming from the Philippines my whole goal was to support my family and to have a better living situation," he said. "Trying to pursue my dream took up a lot of my time, and I got separated from my family a little bit. I was separated from my brothers and sisters."



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