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GPSI WINNERS: From left, Kristine Sagad Karremans, 2nd runner-up (Amsterdam); Jing Q. Wenghoferr, 2014 GPSI Global Champion (Illinois); and Alessandra Joy Morales, 1st runner-up (California).

For the first time since 2012 when ANCOP USA partnered with ABS-CBN DZMM in the conduct of Global Pinoy Singing Idol (GPSI) in the United States, the two representatives of ANCOP USA won 1st and 2nd places, respectively, in the singing contest's global championship competition.

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The 2014 GPSI championship was held in Market Market Mall in Taguig City on Jan. 24, 2015.

It was carried live on television by ABS-CBN's DZMM.

Jing Quitain Wenghoferr of ANCOP Illinois (Chicago) was declared 2014 GPSI Champion, winning \$2,500 (P100,000) and championship trophy.

Alessandra Joy Morales of ANCOP California (San Diego) won 2nd place and unspecified cash plus runner-up trophy.

In a post competition statement posted in her Facebook page, Wenghoferr said, "Last weekend was a very memorable one for me. Thank you Lord for blessing me with this great opportunity.

"Thanks to my family (*Tatay, Inay*, my sisters, Jun, Robin, Trixie and Yaya Violeta) who has been there for me all the time and to my relatives and *kapitbahay* in Dalipit who came to support me.

"Thanks to Isabelle and Kevin Wenghoferr for the unending love, support and encouragement.

"Special thanks to CFC ANCOP and ABS-CBN DZMM, and to Ahwel Paz, Ms. Weng, Ms. May, Ms. Mara, Kenneth Joy Carino, Ms. Annie Quintos, Yu Von Ryan and Ramona Buizon. Many thanks to all of you."

Alessja, on the other hand, in a private message, sent this note, "This contest was one of the best experiences of my life. Being able to serve God's people physically as well as musically, it was truly a blessing. Thank you ANCOP and DZMM for such a wonderful experience."

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Other ANCOP singers who participated in the championship event were: Kristine Sagad Karremans (Amsterdam); Isabelle Llanazar (The Netherlands); and Michael Sherwin Vaflor (Indonesia).

GPSI USA is a fundraising event for the benefit of ANCOP USA's Child Sponsorship Program (scholarship for poor Filipino children).

Presently, ANCOP USA is sponsoring 800 poor students out of a total of 7,000 ANCOP scholars throughout the Philippines.

Child Sponsorship Program (CSP) is one of the works for the poor programs of CFC ANCOP.

Other projects are: Community Development Program (free housing for poorest families); Medical/Surgical Mission; Cornerstone (child development education); and Disaster Relief (in times of catastrophes).