

Where Are You?

WHEN JESUS NEEDS YOU THE MOST...*

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Glory be to God!

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

2018 is a year of evangelism for the Philippines. The North Philippine Union Conference initiated a massive evangelism effort called Philippine For Christ 2018 and it is a great joy for PAFCOE to be a part of this effort.

Aiming to reap 50,000 souls from January to December 2018, Central Luzon Conference (CLC) tapped PAFCOE for assistance. Glad to help, all of PAFCOE's Prophecy Seminars for Batch 13 will be conducted in the territory of CLC.

PAFCOE itself is aiming to deploy more than 20 evangelistic teams as needed by the conference. We offered Scholarships and other financial assistance to attract students to the training. We also offered iPreach, 12 Sundays Training on Public Evangelism. Graduate were also invited to join the students and staff for OJT. PAFCOE's 13th evangelism training session has begun and its synchronized public evangelism effort will be on June 8 to July 7. We are now putting the rest in the hands of God.

Keep PAFCOE in prayers!

Kevin Pingol



BATCH 13 Sets!

After a long vacation after the last batch, PAFCOE sets again another batch of training this year. On March 8, students from different places came to enroll for Batch 13. Here are the full-course students:



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PAFCOE Batch 13 has 13 full-course students, and 14 iPreach students, which is 27 students in all. In cooperation with the NPUC's Philippine for Christ 2018, PAFCOE offered scholarships for this batch wherein most of the students were

granted. With the scholarship, the students should each do their best to maintain a good rating. Through the training, they would all become evangelists to be sent to NPUC's target territory for PAFCOE. Please pray for them. ■

On March 10-17, PAFCOE held this batch's Week of Prayer at the Manila Center Adventist Church. The theme was *Unity*, which has been an important matter to the whole Adventist church.

As the theme stirred a great interest to the church, the WOP was attended not only by the PAFCOE students and staff but also by the church members, pastors, and the several visitors from other churches each night.

PAFCOE Holds WOP on UNITY



Many people were blessed to hear such timely messages. Melanie (iPreach student) commented, "Though it take so much effort and sacrifice for me to attend each night, but it was all paid off when I was blessed to hear and know the ways on how to be united as a church. We badly need unity, and the WOP encouraged me to pray with people and organize united prayer every Wednesday and pray for unity and outpouring of the Holy Spirit." Sweet (iPreach Student) stressed, "I praise the Lord for the WOP. It's very time as we live in the end-time. Indeed, we need to have much prayers, and we need to fix our eyes on Jesus to solve problems in our church." Edwin (iPreach Student) added, "Invigorating! Motivating messages! We need those kind of messages nowadays!"

The topics included 1) Good and Pleasant; 2) Precious Ointment; 3) Guideline; 4) Divide & Conquer; 5) Focus; 6) Dew of Hermon 7) Team Work and 8) Kilometer Zero. The topics presented practical and helpful ways how to get the church united. So, PAFCOE invites all people who are interested to share and study on church unity, to ask the WOP PowerPoint file through the Facebook page. Let us all seek unity as we work together for God's cause. ■

PAFCOE Joins GYD '18

PAFCOE staff and students joined the MCAC Youth for the activities. Together with the youth, PAFCOE were dispersed to different youth groups who were set to do certain activities. The activities included Free Jeepney Ride & Serenade, Water-giving to PUJ Drivers, Tracts Distribution, Free BP checkup, Children's Class, Fruits for Cigars and many more.

PAFCOE is glad to be able to participate in this world-wide youth event. According to the testimony of many, it was such a blessed experience. However, experience will become more blissful and glorious when we do the work daily as a lifestyle—this is PAFCOE's advocacy. May we serve the Lord not just by every church events, but for all the days of our lives until Jesus comes! ■

PAFCOE Supports Phl for Christ 2018

By Jessalou L. Pingol

On February 17 & 24, PAFCOE Director Kevin C. Pingol conducted the lay evangelist's workshop and training at the Central Luzon Conference (CLC) Cucueco Hall and AIIAS Function Hall.

The workshops were set to prepare the church members and would-be speakers for the simultaneous evangelistic campaigns of the *Philippine for Christ* 2018 this July.

Bro. Kevin did not only share the techniques, but also directed the attendees' attention to seek for a deeper experience in God's word as they work for others. The topics presented were: *Personal Preparation*; *Organizing Your Church for the Harvest*; and *Preaching Principles and Gestures*. When asked about PAFCOE's participation for the PFC 2018, Bro. Kevin replied with zeal that it is a great joy for PAFCOE to be able to help the conference through evangelistic efforts.

The training at CLC last February 17 was arranged and coordinated by CLC's Corporate Secretary, Pastor Eliezer



Barrientos and SS/PM director, Pastor Rene Montoya. The *It is Written* Coordinator Yves Monnier was the hour of worship speaker. Pastor Rene presented the *Appeals in Evangelism*. Pastor Benjamin Casimiro gave the devotional message and Pastor Eliezer Barrientos led the attendees to commit to the inspired message of the Lord to His people. There were 255 people who attended and were blessed by the training.

On the other hand, the training at AIIAS last February 21 was arranged and coordinated by Pastor Ferdinand Barcoma, SS/PM director of the Cavite Satellite Field (CSF). AIIAS Senior Pastor, Bryan Tolentino, gave the devotional message.

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By Steve Dragoo

A Helping Hand I

Was There Ever Really a Beginning...?

Ezekiel 11:19 says, “And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:”

This is for Batch 13. You are carrying on a custom of the 12 batches before you— yet you carry a new light in your hearts. At all costs and every turn you experience, do not let that light diminish or go out. It comes from God and is given to you to carry you through the new journey you are about to embark on. Remember well that we are sojourners with a Light so bright; we are to share God's greatness and His soon return through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Where is Jesus now? Should not you be there beside Him spiritually? Soon you will be surrounded and be immersed in a walk that is so steadfast; it will feel like the narrowing pathway home. I hope and pray it does. Ask your fellow previous graduates what we mean by, “We have our salary”, and you begin to understand. Share the Good News, share it with all of your heart and do not look back.

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You will not even notice how narrow the pathway has become because your eyes and heart are firmly ever focused upon Jesus. That is my hope for you. That is my prayer for you, that others too can see and come forward, and join us by giving their financial resources and time for God's work. They are God's gifts to us anyway. Use them rightfully.

Isaiah 62:1-3 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. ² And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. ³ Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

You are in our prayers. ■

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Pastor Barcoma was the hour of worship speaker and presenter of the *Appeals in Evangelism*. CSF Vice-President, Pastor Ephraim Parulan concluded the day by giving a strong emphasis on the workers' relationship with Christ. He led all the 245 attendees to be all consecrated to the Lord. PAFCOE praises God for opportunities given to empower and edify the church.

PAFCOE is dedicated to prepare a people ready for the Lord's return. Even this current batch of training, PAFCOE has 27 students for the Philippine for Christ 2018. Also, its graduates will support and participate through simultaneous evangelistic efforts this June and July. ■

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Agatha was even able to imitate the way I teach and encourage children to follow action song. I praised the Lord for Agatha's experience that even at her young age she was able to impart the truth from the Bible to others. Her experience motivates me to work harder in teaching children and in training more child evangelists.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:" -Acts 2:17 ■

Where Are You?

By Ib Marlou D. Pondara

WHEN JESUS NEEDS YOU THE MOST...

Gethsemane was commonly known by many Christians as the place where Jesus cried with tears and sweat of blood. One reason for that is the severe agony of the sinless, humble, lovable Saviour for the powerless, stubborn, hopeless, careless and indifferent human beings. This story is so heart-touching that I cannot hold my tears as I imagined what happened at Gethsemane and how sin brought heaviness into the heart of our Saviour.

The whole story can be read from the book *Desire of Ages Chapter 74 - Gethsemane*. In the garden that night, Jesus was sighing and crying for sinners' behalf. The excessive weight of guilt that sin brought crushed His very innocent soul. As He was experiencing deep and intense battle over self, His three disciples were comfortably sleeping, waiting for their Master to finish His pleading in the presence of His Father. When Jesus really needed comforting words from His earthly friends, He found these professed commandment-keeping disciples sleeping! Thrice Jesus went back to them hoping to hear some help, yet they had nothing to offer each time as they were fast slumbering.

Jesus needed the disciples the most in that very hour but they slept. They were supposed to be wide awake, praying and pleading with Him but they failed to overcome. They failed to help Jesus. They rejected their very own Master who helped them in the midst of the tempestuous sea, who fed them in times of their hunger, and who gave them power to cast out demons, heal the sick, and deliver captives of those who were bound.

Nevertheless, Jesus understood the disciples' weaknesses. He did not consider them hopeless when they rejected Him. Instead, He looked beyond who they are to who they can become someday as they come to understand the deep Love of their meek Master. What is the point for this? Very simple. Jesus needs your help! He longs to hear you pray for the souls that He loved.

In Matthew 9:37-38 was the story of Jesus healing a lot of people and upon seeing the great multitude, He was moved with compassion telling His disciples to pray for more labourers. *"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."*

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But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Noticed here, it was only Jesus who did all the work of preaching, teaching and healing! In His human nature, He needs help in harvesting these ripe souls ready for the harvest and waiting to be gathered in.

You see friends, Jesus prayed for laborers. His heart was burdened for more laborers because the harvest was great and there are only few laborers available. The Jesus that the disciples failed to help in times of His intense agony, is the same Jesus who longed for the help of His disciples but did not get any.

Is the same Jesus longing for your help? Will you fail to heed His earnest plead? Does Jesus need you in times like these? When our world becomes more sinful and immoral, when prophecies are clearly coming to pass to its fulfilment, when pleasures of the world are becoming more attended than spiritual meetings— does He need you? When people are starving along the streets, when iniquity abounds, and the hardness of heart increases— does God need you? Yes! He really does. He needs people like you to be His hands to help the needy. He needs you to be His feet to go to mountain peaks, cross dangerous rivers, enter polluted cities to reach the sin-sick souls!

Time is so fast! Jesus needs helping hands like you! People are dying without anyone handing them the hope of salvation. They are waiting for someone to knock on their doors so they can hear words of hope.

Let me share a testimony from our students that amazed them so much and even brought them into tears during their first Outreach Activity.

Set to do the current-event survey, students knocked on a certain door. No one responded and they thought to just leave. However, something restrained them to just wait for some more minutes. Their patience was tested. After some time, a lady came out and thanked them for waiting. They conducted the current-event survey and was then very amazed about what the lady shared.

The lady explained that she was not able to open the door immediately because she was stuck at the rest room. She was thinking about what true religion would really be. She told God that she was so confused of her status as a Christian and asked God to lead her to someone who can guide her to the truth. Suddenly, her doorbell rung! She wished to entertain them right away but she was still on the toilet. She quickly prayed that God would hold the visitors until she is done. She then exclaimed telling the students, "You are my answered prayer!"

Can you also be an answered prayer? Absolutely! We cannot deny the fact that the world is ripe for harvest, and yet there is just a handful of laborers. Does Jesus need you so much for such a time as this? Yes He does, but the question is **"When Jesus needs you the most, where are you?"**

Friends, Jesus is about to come and your availability for the master is very much needed! Why not heed the call of God to be His co-laborer in this end time?

Jesus needs you, where are you?

Join PAFCOE in reaching souls for whom Christ hath died! ■

>>> from page 8: Love Yourself...

"Too much focus on self is given, that we forgot to exhort and develop that agape relationship with our neighbors."

He knows how to even deprive himself of his own needs for the benefit of others. He endures the necessary suffering for the sake of one precious soul. The command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is essentially telling us to treat other people as well as we treat ourselves because we want the love of Christ and His righteousness for everyone. ■

Love for self - our world has not fallen short of this principle. It is even said that in the last days men will be *lovers of their own selves*. Love for self will become one of our problems in the end time. However, Jesus in fact emphasized in Matthew 22:39 that the second great commandment is to *love thy neighbor as thyself*. There seems to be a conflict here. Why would Jesus encourage us to deny ourselves when we follow Him (Matt 16:24, Luke 9:23), but in Matt 22 He commanded us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves?

To understand what kind of Self-Love the Bible is encouraging to us, let us look at what the Scripture truly says. This is important so as we will not fall into the pit of becoming lovers of selves as being described in 2 Timothy 3:2.

Let us first define what is this Love in the Bible. There are many kinds of Love in the Scriptures but we will focus on the one that was mentioned in Matt 22:39. This Love comes from the Greek word *Agapaō* which means to love in a social or moral sense. If we talk about the very foundation of morality in the universe, there is no doubt that we are referring to the very foundation of God's Kingdom which is His Law in Exodus 20. It makes sense because the law reveals the actual character of

God, and His very character is "Love" (1 John 4:8). We can find more about this Love as elaborated in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. That Love is patient, kind, it does not envy or boast. It is not proud nor dishonors others, it is not self-seeking or easily angered and it keeps no record of wrongs (which means you still give your trust even if it was already broken). This kind of Love does not delight in evil things but rejoices with truth. It always protects, trusts, hopes, & perseveres in a relationship. Given that we understood the very nature of the kind of Love we are studying, we can conclude

that anything that falls short of God's character/His Moral Law is not the kind of Love we are encouraged to develop towards ourselves. If we look closely the verse in 2 timothy 3:2, which describes the very characteristics of those who are lovers of their selves, we can see that these are the ones who are "lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love (for others), unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather

than lovers of God. They have a form of godliness but is deprived of the power of the Spirit." This is the very concept that the world is teaching now about self-love. Too much focus on self is given that we forgot to exhort and develop that agape relationship with our neighbors.

As the world teaches us to follow what makes us happy, Jesus is admonishing us to deny ourselves even as Christ denied Himself of His own physical needs (as He fasted in the wilderness) for our salvation. How Jesus conducted Himself while in this earth is an example of how God loves Himself, He lived in purity and righteousness. He respected His body so much that He will not do anything that would defile Himself and separate Him from His Father.

LOVE YOURSELF ----- AND ----- LOVERS OF SELF. **WHAT** ----- IS THE ----- **DIFFERENCE?**

By Randy G. Balinton



That same kind of self Love is what He is teaching us to follow. That we respect ourselves as a sacred vessel and reflection of His character for the sake of our eternal salvation. A self-absorbed person will not even think of sharing his meal to a homeless person because He cannot see the love of Jesus Christ for them. But a person who knows the true value of self, in the light of Jesus' redemption for our sins on the cross, knows how to put himself second to others.

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KITCHEN MATTERS

OBJECT LESSON:

Our Apple Experience

By Roniel L. Pame



As part of the PAFCOE kitchen team, we really exert effort to ensure that the food we serve is good and tasty. However, we also need to consider proper food combination and the budget.

Regarding fruits, we usually buy by crates because doing so can save us money. To ensure that what we are getting is fresh, we check the fruits inside a crate.

Back in the kitchen one time, I was so disappointed of what I discovered. At first glance, all apples looked great — juicy, fresh and healthy. But when I started cutting some of it, I found out that some were rotten and bruised inside.

Those apples may have been over-pressed, rolled-over, or mispositioned. This gave me some reflections.

Battered by numerous problems, a person may have confused thoughts, a weakened heart, and a shattered soul. A person may look good outside, but is rotten and bruised inside.

Can you relate to this apple experience? Remember, Jesus is able to fix you up. “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matt. 11:28-30.

From Child Evangelism to a Child Evangelizing

By Darlyn M. Cabarubias

CHILDREN'S WORLD

Being the Children's Program Coordinator and a teacher for the little ones for five years now, brings me a lot of wonderful and amazing experiences from different places. In this field that I got into, the Lord entrusted me to train young people on how to be a dynamic Child Evangelist and how to unlock the Word of God to the little ones for such a time as this. In these perilous times, God needs “Mordecai” who have the vision for the value of one child.

In child Evangelism, we do not always see the fruit immediately. We just have to faithfully plant seeds in their hearts, and we know that it will spring up for some time and bear fruits unto eternal life.

Children are good learners. They easily learn to follow what they hear and see. They are like wet cement—whatever falls on them makes an impression.

Let me talk about Dr. Peachy, a child evangelist. She took the PAFCOE full-course training while she was pregnant



with her first child. Few months after the training, she delivered a healthy baby girl and named her Agatha. Desiring to apply what she learned from Child Evangelism, she patiently taught Agatha scriptures songs as she is growing. She lets Agatha attend some of our evangelistic meeting in the Children's Program.

One time, Dr. Peachy shared to me her experience in teaching children together with Agatha. I was amazed to learn that Agatha is already able to teach in the children's program. She showed to me the video clips of Agatha teaching the children older than her. This brought joy into my heart. >>> continued on page 5



Welcome New Staff Members!



Rommel Galimba is a graduate of the previous batch. Now, he is called to serve as the marketer of PAFCOE Kitchen.



Roniel Pame is a graduate of the previous batch. Now, he is called to serve as the cook of PAFCOE Kitchen.



Floramae Dejito is a graduate of the batch 2. For the past years, she has been a staff in AFCOE Africa. Coming back here in the Philippines, she is called to serve as one of the Personal Evangelism instructor and the Bible Worker coordinator.

New Responsibilities



Ib Marlou D. Pondara is a graduate of Batch 5. Last batch, he was the BW coordinator and the Personal Evangelism Instructor. Now, he is called to serve as the PAFCOE assistant Director and one of the Public Evangelism Instructor.



As we are finalizing this release, PAFCOE received a GREAT blessing! Watch out for the next release for more details.



Majority of our full-course and even iPreach students in this batch are recipients of Worthy Student Fund grants. Your gifts to PAFCOE are not just winning souls, they are also training soul-winners for the kingdom of God.

**Thank you so much for supporting
PAFCOE!**



Help us:

- Pray for the on-going 13th evangelism training session
- Pray for churches to host the public evangelism efforts of PAFCOE student, staff, and graduates.
- Pray for a decent place that can accommodate all of PAFCOE's volunteer workers or for a housing fund that they can use to rent their accommodation. Room rental ranges from 5,000 to 10,000 pesos (100 to 200 USD) per month.
- Pray for more Worthy Student Fund. Most of our students benefited from the worthy student fund this batch. PAFCOE wants to continue offering scholarships for the next evangelism training session. Support from generous people will enable us to do this.
- Pray for more evangelism fund. PAFCOE need more evangelism fund so we can continue sending evangelistic teams to different parts of the Philippines. Each team is sent with 25,000.00 pesos (500 USD) to conduct a 29 session (4 weeks) prophecy seminar.
- Pray for the expansion of Veggietao ministry –PAFCOE's Health Food Ministry aiming to encourage healthy lifestyle, to reach the elite, and to help in financially sustaining the needs of the whole PAFCOE Ministry.



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