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#### Quotable Quote

"Every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God. Whatever our calling, as Christians we have a work to do in making Christ known to the world. We are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ."—TC, vol. 6, p.427









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## Unfolding the Mysteries of History and Prophecy

PAFCOE 10<sup>th</sup> batch held its evangelistic training seminar in Cubao. It is one of the cities in the Philippines that is considered to be the Central Hub of business, travel, trade, industry, and workers. Into such a busy place, PAFCOE directed its efforts through the Mysteries of History and Prophecy. The seminar began on September 9, 2016 at the Friendship Court of Barangay Silangan, Ermin Garcia Street.

This time, PAFCOE worked with the Urban Ministry in Cubao for a church planting project spearheaded by Pastor Arnold Serra. Four Bible

workers did the groundwork and then later joined by the 10<sup>th</sup> batch PAFCOE students. The seminar was not only attended by the Bible interests of both the Bible workers and students, but also with individuals who had been informed through the flyers distributed prior to the said event.

Night after night the gospel was lifted up. However, the enemy was striving to oppose the work. Most of the workers got physically ill. Since Cubao is a heavy-traffic area, transportation was difficult. Oftentimes, the team went racing against the clock and, at times, arriving in the venue just minutes before the program would start.

Moreover, there were nights when the weather conditions went really bad. During the 10<sup>th</sup> night, the rain poured so hard. PAFCOE students and church volunteers jumped in the rain just to protect our electronic equipment. Some had to hold the projector screen to prevent it from collapsing. Others wrapped the wires with plastic and held umbrellas so the seminar attendees would not get wet. One Sabbath afternoon just towards the end of the topic presentation, the court got flooded.

Amidst all these seeming turmoil, the workers of the Lord still found joy in doing His work. All moved in sync with the heavenly armies to rally for the gospel. As the mysteries of history and prophecy were unfolded, the people in this area got to know the wonderful truths they may have never heard before. The very truths that will lead them to the foot of the cross.



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#### Health Expo: Extending Jesus' Healing Hands

Last September 9-12, Health Expo bridged the Mysteries of History and Prophecy Seminar. For four days, PAFCOE students conducted NEWSTART exhibit while the medical practitioners gave free medical consultations. An hour prior to the evangelistic meeting, the Friendship court of Brgy. Silangan was largely filled with people who sought for medical attention and help. Most of them came through the flyer invitation. Moreover, the doctors shared health lectures every 6:30 to 7:00 PM.





Event like this reminds us of Jesus' healing ministry while He was on this earth. Wherever He went, Jesus carried with Him a healing virtue. None of those sought for restoration were forsaken. Everyone that had faith in Him went away full of vigor and in perfect health. They too had a testimony to share out of their gratefulness to the Great Physician.

Josie, a resident of Cubao shared how she was blessed by the Health Expo

conducted in their place. "I love what's happening here in Friendship court. I enjoyed attendingthe health exhibits. The lecturers are conveying, in a very simple way, the essential things I need to know to keep my body healthy."

By the way, Josie was an attendee of the prophecy seminar as well. "Every night that I am here, I am learning new things about Jesus. Supposedly, I have to go home after the health lecture because my husband prohibits me to continue, but I cannot resist the Holy Spirit's voice. I have been richly blessed!"

Truly, when we follow Christ's method alone, we can bring a person in need of spiritual healing to Him.

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### Young and Old for Jesus

Sixty-four children filled the 3rd floor of Brgy. Silangan Hall during the opening night of the children's program. Even amidst the unfavorable weather, the attendance kept on growing night after night.

Yes, working with the children is very challenging, but is also rewarding! They may seemed unruly during the program, yet to see them applying the lessons they'd learned is fulfilling. After the story ended, some rushed to the Friendship court where the adults were and helped in cleaning the area. After knowing the importance of taking a bath and other stuffs, they went to the hall so neat and clean. On top of that were the changes we've seen in their characters.

When Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for such is the kingdom of heaven," He knew too well that when taught, they will not resist but obey.









No Age Limit

Children's Bible program is not only enjoyed by grandchildren, but by a grandmother as well. Meet nanay Nida Santos (the woman in orange shirt). She is the grandmother of the three child attendees we have. What's inspiring about nanay Nida is her commitment in bringing her grandchildren at the program however bad the weather is. Whenever her grandchildren misbehave, she always reprimands them and does her best to bring their attention back to the teacher. Nanay Nida listens with all ears. Volunteers often see her taking down notes. We are hoping and praying that the seeds planted in her heart will flourish, and together with her grandchildren will follow the Lamb.

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#### Manila Center Media Covers Nightly Meetings

True enough, not all of the residents in the area were able to attend the seminar. And that's just one of the reasons why the Media team of Manila Center Adventist Church took the burden to cover the nightly meetings.

Through this, not only the people in the vicinity will be given with another privilege of unlocking the mysteries of

history and prophecy, but also those who are living outside the area of Cubao City. The recordings of this evangelistic meeting will be available to the public soon.

Kudos to the Manila Center Media team for recording the whole 29 presentations! To God be the Glory!



The activity that sent chills to the spines of PAFCOE graduates is finally here. It's the

preaching practice! This batch, eight students choose to specialize in the adult's program while six for children. Just like the previous batches, the students are not just to be evaluated but will be coached by the instructors. This way, students get to develop directly on areas subject for improvement.

Results of this activity is a determining factor on who will be sent out for OJT. Gladly for this batch, everyone will be sent out! Praise the Lord!









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### PAFCOE Graduates in Action

Committed PAFCOE graduates consider graduation as the end of their soulwinning experience. In fact, it opens before them a wide mission field. And wherever God places them, the passion for soulwinning is manifested.



Let's take for example the experience of a good number of graduates who are currently studying at Mountain View College. In the place where God brought them together, they united themselves under Prince Immanuel's banner in the work of seeking and saving the lost.

"This has been the Holy Spirit's impression and the providence in His Word that we (PAFCOE graduates) together with LIGHT, 1000 MM, OYIM, PFM and SULADS missionaries founded a campus ministry called "Joy of Living". Our aims are to help our fellow students to know Jesus more and to encourage our co-Adventist students to join the army of young people who win souls for Christ," shared Cindy, a recent PAFCOE Bible Worker graduate.

Last Sept. 2-4, 2016, the team launched a Bible Study Training called "Young Trumpets Bible Camp" at Mountain Resort, Diomel, Lanao del Sur. Twenty-seven individuals attended the training. Lectures given were about Sermon Making and Personal Evangelism. With these, the attendees left ready to do effective soul-winning.





"Divine appointments were being experienced as we conducted a Week of Prayer in Pearl Hall (Girls' Dorm). Also, we experienced much of it during the Revival week where we had the privilege of assisting the Alumni Church Pastor. Through it, doors had been opened for us to have scheduled Bible studies with our non-Adventist friends and classmates," she continued.

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#### Bread and Soy Ministry: From Kitchen to Mission-field





Through the instrumentality of the Bible workers and PAFCOE Kitchen team, bread and soy reach far and wide. Offices, hospitals, universities and some of the establishments were buying the wholesome products

of PAFCOE Kitchen. This way, doors have been opened to get Bible study contacts. Please continue to make mention this bread and soy ministry in your prayers and the people it reaches.

#### Hazel's Bread and Soy Ministry Story

Last September 16, my partner and I went to the tennis court of UP Diliman to deliver the orders of sir Rolando, a faculty of UP who became one of our good friends in that prestigious campus. He ordered 6 raisin breads and 10 soymilks from us. We praised the Lord for helping our baker to prepare them all and we were able to deliver just right on time at 10 AM.

Since we brought extra loaves of bread, I thought we could still bring them to our Bible interests. But, to our amazement, sir Rolando's friends wanted to have them all. So we sold to them the four loaves left in our bags. When others knew that we were selling wholesome products, they wanted to buy as well! We then decided to bring 20 loaves next time.





We were so blessed to see how God used this bread and soy ministry in reaching the elite people of UP Diliman. To meet a Dr. of Archeology, a priest of Roman Catholic Church and a number of intelligent professors of that campus was truly His leadings. May the Lord touch their hearts and accept the free Bible studies we were offering to them. Keep us in your prayers and the rest of the Bible workers!



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### Amazing Facts Logo Makes Amazing Story

By Ib Marlou Pondara



It was a hot sunny day when my partner and I were looking for a Bible interest in Galas. We went knocking on doors from one house to another, yet no one accepted the free Bible study we were offering. In our human understanding, we thought that there was no one left in that place that was willing to study with us since it was already worked by students and Bible workers of the previous batch.

So we decided to visit those people who were being endorsed to us. As we did the home visits, we never lost hope that He will send us to somebody who was searching for truth. Before continuing on to another home, we took some time to pray and ask His guidance.

Time flew so fast and we realized that we were now on our last home visit. The sun was still up in the west side, but we had no idea where to go. So we did an AF survey again. But still, no one accepted. Then we stood near the front door of a house and took a minute of rest, asking Him for strength to go forward. Suddenly, a man standing at the door where we stopped caught our attention.

"Amazing Facts?" asked the man while looking at the inscription on our uniforms—the Amazing Facts logo.

"Amazing Facts? The one that teaches about the Bible?" he seriously inquired.

Sensing that the man was so surprised to see the logo, my partner and I grab it as an opportunity to converse with him. We then found out the reason why he was familiar with it. He shared that whenever he had Bible questions, he searched those in the internet and usually, the very first website that appeared was the Amazing Facts' and that's what he opened.

We then offered him a sit-down Bible study of which he gladly accepted. We found out that he had been learning many truths already and is practicing them as well just like the Sabbath. And when he knew that we too are keeping the Sabbath, he heeded to our invitation on attending Sabbath worships.

By the way, his name is Alejandro, 20 years of age. He is now worshipping with us at Sampaloc SDA church. His eagerness on knowing more of the Bible during our studies inspired us beyond measure. Kindly include him in your prayers and our ongoing Bible studies.

What an amazing experience we had through the Amazing Facts logo!





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Aside from these outreach and in-reach activities that the Lord had given them, the team had also agreed to volunteer in the church clean-up. This simple act of cleaning served as an opportunity for them to be a blessing to the church workers.

"To strengthen camaraderie among us, we are having dawn worships every Wednesday and Sabbath. We also meet at the Jubilee Park on Friday sunsets and welcome the early hours of the Sabbath together—recollecting the wonderful experiences we have had while working with Jesus in this campus."

Sure enough, these PAFCOE graduates have piles of paperwork to do: assignments, research papers, and a bunch of others, yet they allocate an ample time to colabor with Him—not forgetting the sole purpose why He placed them there. They have chosen to heed the call of making themselves available for His cause and glory.

Reader, if you are a PAFCOE graduate, then let this article reminds you of Jesus' commission. The one you uttered during your batch's graduation. My fellow worker in Christ, you are not to stand idle. It does not matter where you are at this time—in school or at the workplace. Always remember, the harvest is great and you are called to serve.



#### Jesus Really Does Answer Prayers

If you have read our previous issue, you will see there a list of prayer requests. Read our next issue to know what special request got answered.

#### Reward of Service

Don't miss the update on the result of the evangelistic effort in Cubao.

#### OJT Sites for this Batch

Know where the students will be assigned.

More Exceptional Stories to Share!





