



BATCH 8 COMPLETE

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The completion of PAFCOE Batch 8 reminds us of the truthfulness of the words Jesus spoke to His AMAZED disciples. How? You may inquire... Batch 8 was not just a mere completion but a success against impossibility. Keep on reading as we recollect the miracles wrought by God for this training session.

The graduation ceremony was held last December 9, 2015 at Manila Center Adventist Church.



Here is our graduation photo. You can count 31 graduates for this batch: a combination of Full-course students, iShare students, and Bible Worker Interns.



Joel Sarmiento, MCAC Senior Pastor and newly elected NPUC Communication Director lead the commissioning prayer



Amazing Facts Evangelist Darren Bartel delivered the graduation message



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The men are lined up after receiving their certificates



The ladies excitedly waited for their turn



3rd Batch Bible Workers gave the special music



The ever supportive Manila Center Praise Team sang for the graduation music



Manila Center Youth Pastor, Chester Labrador (extreme left) and His wife, Jovylee (middle) successfully graduated from the iShare training program



Marching out, READY TO SERVE!



EXPERIENCING THE UNFORGETABLE

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Last November 6 to December 5, 18 teams were sent to conduct 1 month evangelism sharing the Prophecies of Hope in different parts of the Philippines. Our full-course students bring back powerful testimonies:

"The inspiring experience is that some of the former Seventh-day Adventists were able to go to Sabbath and worship with us may be through their children who were eager to learn the Bible truths. I'm glad to see them. I'm sure the Lord is glad to see them also. We've seen smiles on the people whom we were visiting especially a grandmother who is still strong in spite of old age and even caring for her special child. In spite of her situation she was able to come to the meeting and I hope she's blessed by it. I'm glad also that the church is not slack on their responsibility especially in providing us foods. Every time we visit, they give us papayas and some vegetables for us to bring home. Also the youth did not fail to support every night with special songs and serenade activities..."

-Bill John Estoque, Full-Course Student



Bill John preaching for Prophecies of Hope



Jean handing crafts to her children's program attendees.

"I was so inspired how the brethren in Campaan Church cooperated with us in the giving of flyers. I can say that the committees, volunteers had been really supportive. Each of them contributed to help us. When I told them to invite their neighbors, friends and relatives to attend to our seminars so they did. Some students invited their classmates. The brethren brought their entire family in the seminar. And also the layman has his own interests that came with him every night.

What inspired me most is to know that each church of that district participated in handling the program every night until the end of the month. Some of the brethren of those churches became our regular attendees. They were so interested with the topic. I saw their eagerness to know more about the word of God and the prophecies."

-Jean Roxanne Ursonal, Full-Course Student



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The harvest is great but the workers are few. A number of graduates participated in this batch's OJT.

"After I preach about the food, my students had their 10-days trial test and one of them, a five year old checked everything and decided also not to eat pork anymore including those foods that God declared unclean. Unknowingly, that night his Father listened outside the hall. When my student went home his Father told the boy to buy soft drinks. The Boy's response was, "No Daddy Jesus said that's not good. By drinking that you are killing your body". The Father also told the boy to buy pork for their viand. He again refused and responded, "No the Bible said that's dirty and has worms". His Father just laughed and said, "OK". The boy continued and said, "I'll buy vegetables instead for they are good." Imagine the prophecy is fulfilling! Babes are preaching! Jesus is indeed nigh to come."

-Cindy Ariola, Batch 5 Graduate

"One Friday afternoon at our venue, the conversation of my students caught my attention while we were preparing ourselves and fixing the equipment for the meeting. A 9 year old girl told her friend that she had already prepared her Sabbath dress because she had learned that Sabbath is a holy day and she should not do any work. Sabbath morning came and I was so delighted to see not only her, but almost all the children in their best Sabbath dress! They looked handsome and beautiful! They were so happy as we greeted each other a happy Sabbath. After the meeting, we accompanied them to their homes. Before we left, one child said, "Kuya, bye-bye! Happy Sabbath!" I was so inspired and prayed that God will cause the seeds which were planted in their hearts to grow and that He will give them strength to follow Him 100%."

-Rovill Jay Villamosada, Licensed PAFCOE Bible Worker and Batch 6 Graduate



Rovill posting with his Children's program attendees



Jessalou doing homevisit with the young people

"The tatay who for many years had not been coming to church surprisingly came to be cleared and be rebaptized. Also, the woman who had never responded to our appeals during the previous topics presented finally came forward on the second to the last topic and decided to be baptized. Thirdly, the man who was a Protestant firmly decided to be buried in the watery grave and join our faith. Another thing that inspired me was the changes He wrought in the lives of the brethren who were helping out in the seminar. And of course, the growth that He had wrought in our very lives--the evangelists. Praises be to Him!"

-Jessalou Luarez, Staff and Batch 4 Graduate



NEVER VOID

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11

God greatly blessed PAFCOE 8th Batch with the harvest of over 378 souls.























A BLIND MAN'S TESTIMONY

"And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him." –John 9:37, 38

"Lord, I believe" were the last words uttered by the blind man healed by Jesus in the story recorded in John 9:37, 38. As He passed by, Jesus performed a great miracle by putting sight to this man who was blind since birth. Conversion was the result and in spite of the difficulties and persecutions, we are told that he worshipped Him. Today, Jesus is still in the business of passing by people's lives. No matter where we are, no matter how we are, Jesus can perform great miracles in our lives.

Rexzel-Ann (Student) and Nemia (graduate) were sent to conduct their OJT in Daan Bantayan, Cebu. They shared with us an amazing conversion story from Eliseo Nulla a blind man. A story of healing from spiritual blindness. Eliseo testified:



Eliseo waiting for his friend to guide him to the seminar venue

"I was just invited by a neighborhood and a friend to attend this Prophecies of Hope Seminar. When I learned that it talks about Bible Prophecies, I got interested. I told my friend that I want to go but I can't cause no one will guide me since I am blind. Then, he offered to guide me each night to the venue. I found out it was nice and it's actually Bible-based and I desired to improve my knowledge in the truth. I want to know more about the Bible which is the of God and I want to understand the truth of its principles and teachings. These prompted me to keep on attending."

"I learned that the coming Jesus Christ is really near. There is really no time to sleep now. I understood that its so hard to be left at the close of probation. Since salvation is still open we have to follow the true church or else it will be too late for us to be saved. Also, in the seminar, I understood the true meaning of obedience; that the law is not abolished and it is our duty to obey it. What is professing as Christians if you are not keeping God's law? It made me realize that obedience is important for us to be saved. Well, I want to go to heaven and with my eyes wide open, I will soon see Jesus face to face. Also, I want to enjoy eating different kind of fruit there and I will soon have complete teeth to bite them."

"A lot of changes happened in my life. Firstly, I've understood that the Sabbath is important to the Lord and I decided to keep it. So instead of spending my boring Saturday at home or tiresome Saturday in the farm, I rather spend it holy and happy in the church with God. Secondly, I now always pray/communicate to Him which I rarely do in my past. Lastly, I found internal peace in my heart and became hopeful in the future. I'm hopeful that Christ will soon open my eyes and though I can't see the beauty of this earth, at least I have hope to see the more beautiful heaven He prepared for me. In the past, I really longed to be healed from my blindness and I even go to quack doctors to just be healed. But now, I no longer feel down for my situation because I felt Christ's comfort over me."



Rexzel guiding Eliseo



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Eliseo getting baptized

"I decided to be baptized through the truth that Jesus revealed to me and I want to surrender everything to Him. He has been knocking for so long on my heart and now is my opportunity to open it for Him and lay all my burdens upon Him. Through I baptism, I believe He will remove all the hindrances (sins) that separates me from Him and I can now fully serve Him."

"Of course! I am going to apply and share the truths I learned. There is no place for turning back. Even in death, I will share the truth I received. I am ready to face the persecutions even unto death because I understand that Jesus will resurrect me again in His second coming. I rather die now in His name than continue to live but my soul will be waste in the future. What is gaining everything if I will just lose my soul and be a prey to Satan. I'm willing to serve my God alone."

Rexzel testified:

"From the very beginning of the seminar, we have this seminarian who keeps on attending, his name was kuya Ely. He is blind and was guided only by one of the brethren of the Paypay Church. He had never been absent, even for one night. I am inspired with him because even though he was blind, he still keeps on attending and he never got bored or sleepy during the lecture. I know he is really listening though he can't see anything, he can't see the presentation but he is attentive to listen. By the way, he also started to attend the Sabbath of the Lord. This Sabbath AM, our topic is about "3 Steps to Heaven," I was very inspired because he was very thankful for the message. The night after that, the topic is Millenium and again he was very thankful for the presentation and that night, he also decided to get baptized. My heart was squeezed when I saw the tears that flooded his eyes. I know, the Holy Spirit is working within him. Though he didn't see the images of the heavenly city in the presentation, I believe, through his imagination, he saw heaven and it's beauty and realized how much he will lose if he lose heaven.



Eliseo with Nemia and Rexzel



FLYING TO CLASS – LITERALLY!

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:" -1 John 5:14

With students coming from different parts of the Philippines and from different walks of life, each PAFCOE batch has always been unique. Among our most significant students for this batch were the Beduya couple. Coming from Cebu City, they fly their way to iShare class every Sunday. Yes! You read that right. Here is their testimony (as written by Therese Beduya):



Therese and Ramon Beduya

"My husband and I became Seventh Day Adventists in February 2009. We are based in Cebu City, Cebu. I have always wanted to be an effective witness of Christ to the people closest to me but somehow, there must have been something wrong with my approach in witnessing to them because instead of being able to bring them closer to Jesus, they would all turn away. During the 6 years of my being an Adventist, daily I would pray, "Lord, what do I need to do to become an effective witness for you?" In March of 2015, my husband and I attended the Prophecy Seminar of Pastor Doug Batchelor. It was Pastor Doug's messages that brought my husband, then me, to Christ in 2009 and we earnestly wanted to meet the man who shared his light with us and changed our lives and so we flew to Manila for this event. There, a PAFCOE trainee handed me a pamphlet that promoted an upcoming iShare Seminar in August. Finally! Here was the answer to my prayers!

There was one problem though; we did not have the budget to make the trip to Manila every Sunday for 4 months to attend the classroom lectures. This might pose as a huge problem for me but I knew it would not be a problem for the Lord. So I paid the down payment and reservation fee without even knowing where I would get the money to pay for the entire training plus the plane tickets for the Sunday trips. Once again, I prayed hard for the Lord to help me and true to His Word, He provided the exact amount of funds that my husband and I would need to pay for the training AND make the Sunday trips to Manila 1 month before the scheduled training! But wait, there's more!"

Cebu is 1 hour and 15 minutes away from Manila by plane. This distance is nothing when compared to the earnestness of the Beduya couple to serve the Lord.





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"In Cebu, we have a modest retail business. Being in the retail business, our monthly income is dependent on my husband going out on a daily basis to get orders from our customers. This means that if we do not take care of our customers on a daily basis, we do not get any orders nor make any income. We thought that the PAFCOE training was going to be an easy one. After all, what could you stand to lose since it was only every Sundays? How wrong we were! The rigid training had us studying our lessons and doing our assignments throughout the whole week, from Monday through Friday. We were immersed in studying the Bible, the textbooks and the Spirit of Prophecy every day. During the 4 months of class lectures, we completely neglected our business even when we were in Cebu. This was another leap of faith for us. We considered the training more important and rested in the thought that God would once again be faithful. I am happy to testify that during those 4 months of rigid daily studying, our business did not suffer in any way! In fact, during the PAFCOE training, our sales even doubled!



The couple applied PAFCOE's new church training program to their home church and trained the brethren how to do outreach and how to give Bible Studies





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The desire for service was kindled and the longing to learn was so intense that the couple needed to conduct another training in the same church. This time, the youth were the participants. Their trainees are now doing Bible Studies and in a few months they will proceed to the 5th phase of the iShare Personal Evangelism Training module where Therese and Ramon will conduct a group Bible Study to the interests that will be brought by their church trainees.

Lamentations 3:22-23 says, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Our training days are over and we are back in Cebu, now applying everything that we have learned from PAFCOE. It has certainly been such a life-changing experience! We have learned perseverance from doing our lessons and assignments and patience from waiting for hours and hours at the airport just to make the trip to Manila and back even during stormy weather. But most of all, we have learned to trust in the Lord and His faithfulness. He sustained our business during those training months and He will continue to sustain us as we do His work. My husband and I now do witnessing and training on a regular basis using the tools we learned from our PAFCOE training and by God's grace, the same people I have tried to witness to before have now opened their hearts and have become our Bible study students. Our ministry has now become our main business and we devote more time to it than our earthly business, always trusting that if we are faithful, He is faithful. I still keep that pamphlet tucked away within the pages of my Bible. It serves as a constant reminder to me that the Lord answered my prayer and led me to PAFCOE to equip me with the tools I needed to do His work. May God continue to bless PAFCOE so that they may likewise bless others. You will never regret the experience!



BATCH 9 COMING UP!

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee." —Isaiah 60:1



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Another batch was completed
But the work has not yet ended.
The Lord calls the dedicated;
Don't leave His voice unattended!

So great love the Lord has given;
Our service a tiny token.
Another batch will soon begin.
Would you miss this chance to join in?

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