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Life Inside Bible Work



2014 marked PAFCOE's deeper commitment in training and equipping soul-winners for Christ. An additional program called Bible Worker Internship had been launched. It aims to provide PAFCOE graduates with full-time Bible Worker experience, of which students (some, if not all) looked forward to.

You might ask, "Why do Bible Work?" Friend, it's simply because "the world is perishing for want of the gospel.... The Lord desires that His word of grace shall be brought home to every soul.... To a great degree this must be accomplished by personal labor. This was Christ's method."

In this issue, acquaint yourself into the experiences of young people whose lives are spend in spiritual farming. Don't just flip through its pages, read and have at least glimpses of the radical changes God has wrought to them who render an inestimable service —the PAFCOE Bible Workers.

A Message from the Heavenly Sower

"There can be no reaping unless the human hand acts its part in the sowing of the seed. Preach the Word. Sow beside all waters. Be instant in season, out of season. He that hath My word, let him speak My word faithfully.... But without the agencies which I provide in giving sunshine and showers, dew and clouds, there would be no increase. Thus, abide in Me."

— Jesus Christ

Activities of Noble Bearing

"We are not to wait for souls to come to us; we must seek them out where they are."

From Sunday through Thursday, the Bible Workers leave the comforts of life. Two by two they go untiringly—preparing the soil, sowing the seed of truth, readying the people for the great harvest.



To get Bible study interests, they conduct either AF or Health surveys. They knock on doors with hearts that long for divine appointments. Thus, their rule : *Never skip a house!*



Sit-down Bible studies in the home are highly preferable, but if homes are closed, they go to the streets, seeking the lost. Standing all throughout the study or sitting on dirty floor, that they don't mind. Like Paul, they count not their lives dear unto themselves.



Bible Workers are not confined to do house to house visit during their term. Sometimes, they are to conduct evangelistic meetings as well. Through this, their inactive interests are given another opportunity to heed His invitation. And true enough, they did and joined the faith.



Part of their sacred duty is nurturing newly baptized members. What a wonderful privilege for them to help those who are new in the faith to grow up into a mature Christian; and praying that later, would become sowers themselves—sharing to others what they'd found, that is, of eternal value.

Recounting the Joy of the Work

Being out there in the field 5 days a week for 8 hours (sometimes beyond!) offers a lot of wonderfully exceptional experiences to our spiritual farmers. They had seen how the heavenly Sower planted the seed of truth not only in the lives of their Bible interests, but even in their very lives! Let's read some of their testimonies.

Finding Joy In Privation

Jovienyl and Carol, batch 1 BW graduates shared, "There are lots of challenges in Bible work that sometimes we feel like quitting. But when we decided to go on in doing the work, we then understand the real meaning of self-sacrifice, privation, self-denial, humility, patience and burden for souls. What a joy to know that this very work helps us to grow spiritually and refines our character."

Lead to Plead More

Noting the prayer life of Jesus, Fermin, from 2nd batch and Mark from 4th shared things in common. "A life spent in Bible work is a life walking in the footsteps of the Master Worker. This work brought our knees more often into prayer. It caused us to entreat for the souls of those we were laboring with that they would decide to accept Jesus as their personal Savior."

Rejections and Divine Appointments

Apparently hopeless, Melanie, from 3rd batch, narrated, "In Bible Work, we met plenty of rejections. There were times that the interests would find excuses just to cancel the studies on the scheduled date. Again, we had to walk long distances under the heat of the sun or drenching rain."

Experiencing the same thing, Kathleen from 4th batch, shared, "Yet, it's when you are almost to give up that God would lead you to the very individuals he would have you met with that day in order to impart to them the hope that you have in Jesus."

And with smile they concluded, "What a joy it was to know at the end of the day, that people had been blessed to have us in their houses and thanked us because they got to know about Jesus."



Missionary Tribute

Daughter Mee Hallazgo and Phoebe Mnemosyne Galleposo, graduates of the very 1st batch of BW Program continues to work in the Lord's vineyard until now. Let's find out what keeps them in doing the noble Bible work through this exceptional experience.

"One fine hot midday, my partner and I marked one last lane for the survey before having lunch. We managed to knock on a market vendor's door. The person introduced himself as Arman Odiaman. We found out that he and his whole family backslid for approximately 30 years. Before we parted, we asked him if we could visit the next week, and he agreed. After having some several visits, we prayed for God's guidance on how to make an appeal for them," recounts Phoebe.



"During our worship with them, my partner shared the story of the prodigal son—showing them the mercy of the heavenly Father and how He longs for His son to come home. The following day, together with our pastor and some church members, we set off to Kuya Arman's home for a serenade. They were really surprised to see some of their good old friends at church. We had a worship and then went back home to prepare for church. Before the Sabbath School started, we had a very pleasant surprise! Clothed with their best Sabbath dress, Kuya Arman, his wife Ate Sol and their daughter Inday entered the church and sat at the last pew. Unlike other Sabbaths, it was a special one. We had a special lunch and a hearty conversation among the church members including Kuya Arman and his family. I could imagine the father in the story throwing the biggest homecoming party for his son!"



Indeed, no prayer can escape God's ears; He hears, He answers and He is able.

Little did Phoebe and Daughter know that the Lord was personally working in the heart of Kuya Arman before they knocked on his door for a serenade.

"We visited them again. Kuya Arman shared to us what had happened before they decided to go back to church. According to him, as he was going home, he caught a glimpse of the church and a thought just suddenly came to him, 'Why not go back to church?' And God did answer that tiny desire in his heart! Also, after hearing the appeal we made during the worship, Ate Sol couldn't go to sleep. She was thinking that they were the lost son and that they need to go back. Their desire was heightened during the serenade. God was calling them back and they answered the call!" narrates Phoebe.

Recounting with joy, Phoebe continues, "During the crusade in Mapulang Bato, Kuya Arman and his family actively took part. After the reaping effort they decided for a rebaptism—with a revived and reinvigorated faith, with Jesus as the Cornerstone. They were joined with other 15 souls from the joint effort of other Bible workers. The Holy Spirit did not just converted souls in Cuartero, but His workings had also revived the church members. All took part in the work. Their presence and finances had been a big contribution to the success and progress of the labor there."

"At present, the church members are nurturing the souls which have been added in the fold. It was such a joy to work for the Lord in that part of His vineyard. Through the work, we saw God's redeeming grace not just to others but to our very lives as well. The sustenance and progress of the work in Capiz, I believe would continue on until Jesus comes again. His redeeming grace still lingers. All glory to God!"



Reaping

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”—Psalm 126:5, 6



Praises be to the Master Worker for the tremendous results that the program had brought in the lives of those who accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. We greatly rejoice because you also take part, be it through your earnest prayers, your financial support, or anything you gladly extended.

Entering New Mission Fields

It has always been God's will to see His workers enter in new places. "Go forward; add new territory..., and give the last message of warning to the world (Ev. 61.2). This year, 10 Bible Worker graduates from batches 1-3 are deployed to different parts of our country. New fields has been opened and by God's enabling grace many souls will be brought into the knowledge of the truth.

Additional Sowers



BW Internship Program is now on its 4th Batch. We praise the LORD for sustaining this program!
New BW Interns are actively working in Brgy. Galas, Quezon City and its neighboring places.

Getting the Church Members Involved

Batch 4 Interns are holding a training program in Sampaloc SDA Church. It aims to involve every church member in the work of soul-winning. Both the young and old members are actively accompanying the BWs in their Bible studies. Praises be to the LORD for the initiative of the church's elders.





FYI

- BW Internship is a twice a year program. The first training is from Jan. 15-June 15 and the second is from July 15-Dec.15. At the end of the term, efficient workers will be given certificate and license. But on top of that, are rich experiences that are truly priceless.
- If you are one of those who contributed financially, please be informed that it has been put into good use. And because you contributed cheerfully toward the support of this program, many precious souls were brought to the feet of Jesus. You are investing right—on that which is eternal! And we pray for your continued support.
- From the time BW Internship Program started until the very recent batch, wonderful stories of His redemptive grace had been witnessed by the workers themselves, church members and even the very families of those who accepted Jesus. Such stories of mercy and divine love are not just to hang in memory's hall. Good news! We made them available for you. Just visit our Blog (www.pafcoe.blogspot.com) and read for yourself stories that bring joy to God's heart. And sure enough, to yours as well! So be inspired, be thrilled, be encouraged, and let the heavenly joy be painted in your face!



Spiritual Enrichment Tip

Are you seriously longing to have a deeper experience with Jesus, yet don't know how to start? Here's a great help for you! Get your Bible and follow this helpful tip.

1. Learn about Jesus
2. Experience the Word
3. Apply the Word to your personal life
4. Keep a journal
5. Memorize
6. Share it

Blessings!



Prayers Needed

- ☐ PAFCOE would like to continue the Bible Worker Internship Program but we are short of funds. We are praying for enough funds to accommodate at least 8 Bible Worker Interns and 1 Coordinator.
- ☐ We are still praying for the best place to hold the next Training Prophecy Seminar. The Bible Worker Interns will be assigned immediately around the selected venue. Hopefully we can finalize things before July this year.
- ☐ We are praying that PAFCOE will be able to supply the demand for Bible Workers in different parts of the Philippines. As of the moment, we still have 4 pending requests. In our carefulness in giving recommendations, we usually just choose among our graduates who have undergone Bible Worker internship Training . However, we only have very few .
- ☐ We are also praying for more students to join the PAFCOE Full-course Training. Only excellent full-course graduates can qualify to undergo the Bible Worker Internship Training. The next training session will be from August 4 to December 7.

Join us in praying or be an answer to our prayers.

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You may also hire a PAFCOE Bible Worker through the mentioned contact information. We will include your request in our priority list.



Hark the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today? Fields are white, the harvest waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?" goes the lyrics of the song that our Bible Workers love to sing almost always during their devotionals.



Before you turn the last leaf of this issue, have you come to think that their experiences can be yours as well? If so, then stop thinking. PAFCOE 9th Batch is almost over—another batch will soon begin. God needs not only them in the harvest field that is now ripened, but YOU as well!

Friend, Loud and long the Master calleth, rich reward He offers free; will you answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, O Lord, send me"?

