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SHARP SICKLES



O Where Are the Reapers?

*"O here are the reapers that will garner in the sheaves of the good from the fields of sin!
With sickles of truth, the work they'll do, and they'll never rest till the 'harvest home.'
They'll go with their sickles, and will gather together the golden grain;
They'll toil on till the Lord of the harvest come, then they'll share His joy in the 'harvest home.'"*

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Tell of the Lord's Wondrous Work

*How PAFCOE Got
an Official Van*

By Jessalou Luarez

As a volunteer, I always find myself privileged to work with the Lord. I have chosen to give my life, my time and my all to Him for His service. My honest reason for this is that the highest accomplishment for me is to be with Him. It is my highest ambition; my utmost desire.

Every day the Lord's workers can always be at watch and expectant of what He does for His people. Time and time again, we have an exalted view of His power and greatness. Truly, He withholds nothing good.

Once again, PAFCOE witnessed how the hand of the Lord is never short. How excited I am to testify one of His blessings, goodness, surprises and miracles. Let me share with you the story.

Before the prophecy seminar started, we prayed for a vehicle to transport us to the venue where it would be conducted. The arrangements made for the renting of a vehicle seemed unsuccessful. So we travelled via public transportation back and forth. It was really trying, not until September 19, 2016.



"The Lord is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that we ask or think..."! On September 17, our newsletter found its way to the hands of the person whom the Lord had prepared as an instrument for the outflowing of His abundant blessing. The prayer for the need of a vehicle moved his generous heart to grant the needy request. On the following day, he made arrangements for us to get the brand new vehicle!



Seemingly unbelievable?! I thought so when the director and I went to the Toyota Car Company. I did not fully appreciate it yet while waiting for the vehicle to be released. Until the reality dawned on me when the key was handed to Kevin, and together we entered in PAFCOE's official van. The van is inclusive of insurance, materials, and budget for gasoline. I just couldn't keep myself from praising and thanking the Lord while exclaiming words full of exultation. This answered prayer calls for deeper trust, confidence, dependence and dedication to His work. I can only say, "willing to be spent, willing to be spent".

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By the way, the donor is a good friend of PAFCOE ministry. He is not only a supporter, but a personal evangelist as well. When asked why he was sharing his blessings ungrudgingly, he answered, "It is God's work." His dedication to the work and his humble reply deeply moved and encouraged me.

Reflecting on the countless blessings received and prayers granted, I believe that the Lord we serve is a great and amazing Grantor. He never forsakes His own work and He knows just what we need. He is our everlasting Father who never fails to bestow gifts and blessings.

More blessings and surprises awaits. Be an instrument for the out-working of His promises!



Transition to Culmination

After two weeks of conducting prophecy seminar in Brgy. Silangan, the children and the adult's program were transitioned to Fernandina 88 Suites Hotel, 222 P. Tuazon Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City. This is where the Urban Ministry meets every Sabbath for the elite evangelism. For the first time in the training seminars of PAFCOE, both programs were conducted in the same place, at 6th floor, Vigan Hall except on Saturdays where Gems for Jesus was held at 2nd floor, Executive Hall. This means that children's program took the first one and a half hours, from 5:30-7:00 pm. After which was the health lectures for thirty minutes and then the prophecy seminar up to nine o'clock.



The attendance in both programs decreased after the transition. But God preserved His elect. Those who were class A interests kept on coming to the nightly meetings. Some of them suffered persecution by their family members and friends, yet they went unhindered. They were all the more fascinated to learn His precious truths.



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Their decisions, whenever called for, showed their eagerness to follow the footsteps of their Master.

Then came October 8, the last Sabbath of the seminar; the day everybody looked forward to. The workers witnessed the burial of twelve precious souls in the watery grave of baptism; souls who chose to leave their old lives, and came out with newness of life in Jesus. Together with the heavenly hosts, the workers rejoiced as they behold the new members of the remnant church; who through the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit decided to accept Jesus as their personal savior.

Later in the afternoon, the newly baptized shared how the Lord freed them from the fetters that bound them for so long. Testimony after testimony reminded the believers that "He that is our God is the God of salvation," a God who has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live."

God's kingdom is enlarged! A good number of workers had been added to labor in His vineyard. May this evangelistic effort be a constant reminder to you, dear reader, that everybody is called to be "co-workers with Christ and the heavenly angels in the great plan of salvation." And the reward? Oh, so sweet! Eternal life with Jesus and with those whom you've ushered into His kingdom.

To God be the glory, honor and praise for the things He had wrought!





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Stories to Tell: Overcoming Challenges

PAFCOE life is not free from challenges. In fact, its presence is what makes the training meaningful. The students have a good share of it especially during the training seminar. Maybe you've wondered how these trainees overcame it. To answer all your queries, read on and learn how.



Since the time Rona started her PAFCOE journey, she kept on looking forward to work with children. But little did know that her heart's desire would try her patience to the utmost. "It wasn't as how I expected it though in the children's evangelism. Working with the little ones, from ages 5-11, is very challenging to a point where I was almost about to break down." Rona's children were among the noisiest and most unruly attendees. "But God was teaching me to be more patient. At the end of the program, I felt very blessed as I looked back from how they were in day 1 and how they had changed and developed (somehow) throughout the program."

Worse than Rona's experience, Marevic almost gave up in specializing child evangelism because of the children she was handling. "Seeing most of them just chit-chatting and making disturbances instead of listening to the story, I considered my effort in fetching them as useless." But during those trying times, the Lord kept on reminding her of the verse found in Matthew 19:14; and she held onto it.

"Two days before the children's program came to an end, the Lord showed me that I didn't have to dwell on the thought that my children weren't learning anything. That was Thursday and we were told to visit those who signed up for baptism. One of my children decided to be baptized. He was Mike, an 11-year-old boy. Among the children I had, he was the one I liked because of his good character. When my partner and I cleared him for baptism, we were so amazed that he understood everything. So we asked the permission of his parents and they consented. We were so happy to hear it."

Then the unexpected happened when she least expected it. "On the day of baptism, I was so happy. I went early to Mike's house to pick him up, but his parents changed their mind. They didn't allow him to be baptized. The firm decision saddened Mike and I. I just pray that those truths he came to know will still remain in his heart as he grows and will be able to stand for what he believed."

When the prophecy seminar started, Jelaville realized that her managed time needed more management. "The schedule was so hectic, and my energy was put to the utmost. We usually got home late and I was so sleepy already. But, bed was not the first place I had to be for my only pair of uniform needed to be washed. I even had a hard time finding an opportunity to do my assignments."

During those tough times, she asked God to keep her in



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perfect health so that she would be able to do the best that she could for the seminar. “And He answered my prayers! Indeed, He was so faithful. He caused no sickness to me for the entire month of the seminar despite the bad weather conditions.”

“Yes, tiring it may seem to be, but watching the interests who were eager to hear His word every night was so fulfilling. After all, the sacrifices I did are nothing compared to the sacrifices of Jesus. Looking at the souls who accepted Him, my heart was filled with unutterable joy! I loved to think that my time was used for the knowledge of Christ and for His work. Such an amazing experience! Without a doubt, the best way to use our time is to work for the Lord at any cost. Let us redeem the time! Let’s work for Him. We have no time to lose!”

The sundry experiences that these students went through showed that *not by their own might nor power, but by His spirit* could they overcome the challenges in life. They had learned lessons that improved their attitude towards the work of the Lord. Their challenges made their faith stronger and even prepared them for the greater challenges to be overcome.

One Year and Counting

Ebenezer Bible Center celebrated its 1st anniversary on October 8, 2016. Brethren from other SDA churches attended the special Sabbath program and came to know how EBC started as Sis. Lily Bartolome shared its history.

EBC is the result of the church planting project in San Juan City during the Hope Manila 2015. Ten PAFCOE Bible workers were appointed to conduct Bible studies. By God’s grace the effort yielded fruits. The work didn’t end there. Another batch of Bible workers had been deployed. The newly baptized had been nurtured and by His grace, new members were added to the growing congregation.

For the first three months, EBC held Sabbath worships at the municipal hall. Then, it was transferred to a brethren’s house where they are currently having their church services. It is situated at A. Luna, Brgy. Balong Bato, San Juan City.

Please continue to pray for this neophyte church, its members and its missionary works.





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Groundwork: Preparing the Work field and the Workers

Jasel Ramon, a graduate of 6th batch, never says no for OJT appointments (so far). After her graduation, she assisted OJTs from batches 7 to 9; sometimes she did the children's program, other times the adult prophecy seminar. This batch, she commits for another OJT and is assigned in Tacurong City.

Jasel's previous experiences led her to see more deeply the great importance of doing a groundwork—the phase in evangelism that is oftentimes neglected. In her fourth time, she has the privilege of doing the groundwork preparation. She is blessed and loves to share it with you.

"I see that God is really a loving God who cares for the welfare of His workers. He knows that I really needed a partner while doing the groundwork. And so He provides my brother as my partner. For seven weeks, we are preparing the ground. Our faithful God provides not only for our physical needs, but sustains our spiritual necessities as well. Much more, the Church Board members give all the privileges for us to work with the church."

Jasel and her brother conduct Amazing Facts Current Events Survey to get contacts for the seminar. Health assessment is also one of their ways. "We have made friends to some already and we are blessed as we continue in mingling with the people."



Working in the area, Jasel realizes that there is more to be done; something that would benefit the workers. "We invited the church members to join us in prayer every morning at 4:30-5:00. Our brothers and sisters keep on coming until this time. The corporate prayer continues and has impacted the lives of the *prayer warriors*. It unites and binds us closer together. Souls are being prayed for and every day, a prayer is answered. This faithfulness of the Lord begets faith in His people and as the reaping draws near, the church prays more as they anticipate God's answer to their prayers."

Jasel conducts a week of prayer as well. "During the *Principles of Prayer* series, the church made commitments and began a deeper walk with God. Misunderstandings were settled and forgiveness was sought for among each other. It renewed the spirit of the church in seeking the lost. Personal evangelism training will soon begin, and the church is looking forward to have every member participate in this mission we are entrusted to accomplish."

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Batch 10: Send for a Sacred Mission

When Jesus was doing His earthly ministry, “His disciples were in attendance, eager to do His bidding and to lighten His labor. They assisted in arranging the people, bringing the afflicted ones to the Saviour, and promoting the comfort of all. They watched for interested hearers, explained the Scriptures to them, and in various ways worked for their spiritual benefit.... But they needed also an experience in laboring alone.”

In the same way, our PAFCOE students experienced what the disciples had. During the training seminar, everybody gladly gave a hand be it in the setting-up of the equipment or in fetching the interests. And just like the disciples, they are to experience doing the prophecy seminar themselves. Well, the most practical and blessed part of the PAFCOE training has come. It is OJT time again! Without a second thought, I would say, it is every student’s dream.

Indeed, God qualifies whom He called. All 14 full-course students allowed themselves to be molded and therefore qualified to be sent out to preach the good tidings of Jesus’ love. To some, it would be their first time to conduct an evangelistic meeting. Previous weeks, they were busy in preparing the stuffs needed for their own prophecy seminar. Through the strength He lent, the crafts for children and the handouts for the adult attendees were all packed. Watching the students afar while doing the preparation, I can see their excitement to set on foot in their OJT sites.

“Jesus bade them go out two and two through the towns and villages. None were sent forth alone, but brother was associated with brother, friend with friend. Thus they could help and encourage each other, counseling and praying together, each one’s strength supplementing the other’s weakness.”

In the same manner PAFCOE sends its evangelists. Most of our students are paired up with staff and graduates. This time, we only have two students that will be working together. Everybody is advised to *expect for the worse and hope for the best* as challenges and surprises wait before them.

As these individuals co-labor with Christ and prepares the way for His soon return, may you never fail to pray for them. May you, as well, find your knees often bowed in prayer, interceding for the attendees of the different OJT sites and for a revival of the church they will be working with.





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PRAY FOR PAFCOE'S OJT
NOVEMBER 4 TO DECEMBER 3, 2016
DEPLOYMENT: OCTOBER 25, 2016

North Philippine Union Conference

6	Central Luzon Conference
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1	North Luzon Mission
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Central Philippine Union Conference

1	Central Visayan Conference
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2	East Visayan Conference
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Southern Philippine Union Conference

4	Southern Mindanao Mission
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1	North Eastern Mindanao Mission
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15	Total Evangelistic Sites
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*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath
anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath
sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach
deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to
the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To
preach the acceptable year of the Lord."*

Luke 4:18, 19



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PAFCOE is praising the Lord for:

- ☐ The official PAFCOE van inclusive of comprehensive insurance and gasoline supply.
- ☐ The successful evangelistic effort in Cubao, Quezon City yielding 12 souls baptized initially.
- ☐ The tremendous support of Manila Center brethren and other volunteers during the 4 day Health Expo prior to the start of the training seminar in Cubao.
- ☐ Sustaining PAFCOE team and Manila Center Media team through the 4 week public evangelism
- ☐ The progress of the church planting project in Cubao after PAFCOE's training seminar
- ☐ 15 churches/districts that requested PAFCOE to send evangelistic teams to hold a 4-week evangelistic effort.
- ☐ Qualifying all full-course students for OJT.

PAFCOE is praying for:

- ☐ All 15 public evangelism sites, revival of the churches and victory of the gospel.
- ☐ The follow-up baptisms from the recently completed prophecy seminar and the follow-up efforts by the Bible Workers in Cubao.
- ☐ The regular attendance of the congregation and for the establishment of a new church in Cubao
- ☐ The establishment of the ministry's media department. We are praying for funds to acquire video and audio recording, editing, rendering, and publishing equipment and software. We are also praying for people who will make up the ministry's stable media crew.
- ☐ PAFCOE is praying for a facility that will sustain all of the programs' activities and enable it to expand.
- ☐ Guidance for starting another evangelism training batch.