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"With the great truth we have been privileged to receive, we should, and under the Holy Spirit's power we could, become living channels of light. We could then approach the mercy-seat; and seeing the bow of promise, kneel with contrite hearts, and seek the kingdom of heaven with a spiritual violence that would bring its own reward. We would take it by force, as did Jacob. Then our message would be the power of God unto salvation. Our supplications would be full of earnestness, full of a sense of our great need; and we would not be denied. The truth would be expressed by life and character, and by lips touched with the living coal from off God's altar. When this experience is ours, we shall be lifted out of our poor, cheap selves, that we have cherished so tenderly. We shall empty our hearts of the corroding power of selfishness, and shall be filled with praise and gratitude to God. We shall magnify the Lord, the God of all grace, who has magnified Christ. And he will reveal his power through us, making us as sharp sickles in the harvest-field."

-Review and Herald, February 14, 1899, par. 13



IMPACT YOUR WORLD!

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Another Year! Another Session!

By Kevin Pingol

Amidst the severity of darkness in this world, have you ever asked "Why did God allow another year to come?" The world would answer, "Because we have businesses to run, we have ambitions to reach, or perhaps, we have dreams to fulfill." But the people of the Lord ought to have better answers than these. The scripture tells us, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

Come to think of it... Had the Lord come last year, will you not hide yourself from His presence? Would you even be able to stand the brightness of His glory? You see, this is not just another year for worldly businesses, ambitions, and dreams.

As the world lingers in thought of how this year can be used to satisfy the selfishness of unsanctified hearts, The Lord's people ought to be quick to fulfill God's unmistakable purpose. "God will have men who will venture anything and everything to save souls. Those who will not move until they can see every step of the way clearly before them will not be of advantage at this time to forward the truth of God. There must be workers now who will push ahead in the dark as well as in the light, and who will hold up bravely under discouragements and disappointed hopes, and yet work on with faith, with tears and patient hope, sowing beside all waters, trusting the Lord to bring the increase. God calls for men of nerve, of hope, faith, and endurance, to work to the point." (The True Missionary, January, 1874)

"Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own." (Christ Object Lesson, p. 69)

That God's "will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" —I believe this is why we have another year in this dark world. Another chance to serve Him and to develop His character —I believe this is why PAFCOE continues to exist.



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The Invitation

"Think of that cup trembling in the hand of Christ. You realize that He might have refused to drink, and left the world to perish in its sin. You will pledge that every energy of your life should be devoted to the work of winning souls to Him."

"Consider the exalted privilege of adding a star to Christ's crown—a soul cut loose from the chains with which Satan has bound Him. A soul saved in the Kingdom of God."

"The urgent need for active, aggressive, continual witnessing on the part of every Seventh-day Adventist is inherent in His or her possession of the last warning message to a perishing world."

"The very reason for the existence of the Church, its organization, its institution, and its members is the proclamation of that message, making disciples prepared for Christ's soon coming."

"Are you laborers together with God? If not, why not? When do you mean to do your heavenappointed work? Ponder upon the unfathomable love of Jesus. The love of Christ controls and urges and impels you. Realize the necessity of doing the utmost of your ability in the work of God. Have a deep love for souls."

Jesus longs for the names of His people to be entered in the book of life never to be blotted out. Will you be working faithfully for the Master in this age of the world? Would you help those around you to win eternal life?

You may not be called to stand before the desk, but you can be a minister for the rich graces of Christ to flow earthward to men.

Learn from Jesus how to work as devoted, consecrated missionary for God.

Join or Support PAFCOE!



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Batch 8 Students Express of Gratitude and Acknowledgement...





Another batch has begun and before we share to you our updates, we are extending to you the gratitude messages of 8th batch graduates. Indeed, through your instrumentality, many were lead to understand the meaning of God's providence. More were equipped to become most effective agent in preparing people ready to meet the Lord.

"My earnest prayer to the Lord every night was, 'Father, please find someone who is willing to sponsor me.' I always prayed but it seemed that nothing happened. But I never stopped praying until He answered me. You were the answer."

"Sir/Ma'am, thank you so much for helping me. It inspired me to continue my training in PAFCOE. I pray to our Father for more bountiful blessings, peace, joy and happiness to you and to your family. Thank you! " -Jean, now an Intern Bible Worker



"Praise and honor be unto God for His compassions fail not. The Lord is such a faithful God! Thank you for imparting to me the blessings that God hath bestowed upon you. Words can't express how happy I am when I was told that someone sponsored my books and uniform and that's you! May God's grace and blessings continue to be on your path. God Bless!" -Kathleen, now an Intern Bible Worker

"Thank you so much for your loving help particularly for sponsoring my books and uniform. I pray that our Lord will even more bless your heart."

-Janeth, held another evangelistic meeting with her friends days after her graduation.

"I praise God for the many blessing I received from Him. I am thankful for your instrumentality of being an answer to a student's prayer. Thank you for sponsoring me in this training. God bless your work and -Samboy, now doing ground work for an evangelistic seminar



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Unto Sharp Sickles in the Harvest-field...

Glories of the other shore is almost seen as we launch anew this year. PAFCOE, by the Great Overseer's grace is steadfastly moving onward in its operations. In His love, the Lord grants it a new capacity to lead His people to the footsteps of Jesus.

PAFCOE officially started its 9th Batch last January 24. Young people from different walks of life joined with earnest desire, seeking to know how to influence the hungry and unsatisfied. With a seemingly heaven imbued zeal and desire to learn effectual means to help others to win eternal life perhaps they turned away from the "worthless baubles" in their life.







During the interview, the staff interviewer was amazed with the response of these young people when asked of their reasons for wanting to attend the program and was also in deep appreciation of their willingness to receive that they may impart the blessings that they now enjoy. Below are thoughts from the students:

"My heart is hungering for the work that will truly shape my behavior into the selfsame character of Christ. I am willing to become an instrument of Him to proclaim the advent and to rescue the souls from the traps of the enemy. I know not greater joy than to work for Him. I know the world is really close to its end, and if the agents of the devil work day and night we the children of God should work while the light is still on for the world is going dimmer each day and sooner we can't work anymore". –Gaspar, 22, Leyte.

"I want to effectively reach my family and bring them to Jesus. -Kenelyn, 17, Ilo-Ilo.

"I want to learn more about Jesus and His love that I will become an effective missionary". – Reymart, 22, Bukidnon.

"I love the truth and I want to share and partake the joy of soul-winning and point people to the lamb which taketh away the sins of the world." —Paulo, 25, Leyte.

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"I want to be united with the works of our Father. I want to learn character development and spiritual growth. I want to be capable and equipped that when I come home after the training I may as well lead not only my family but the young people in our Church as well to the footsteps of Jesus." -Shiela, 26, Cagayan de Oro.

Oh how these trainees satisfy the heart of Jesus and quench His great desire for agents who can represent to the world His Spirit and Character! These indeed fills His longing for channels through which He can give the knowledge of the way of salvation. Messengers in whom the world may know the merit's of the savior's sacrifice, His power to present us blameless to the Father and the protection of His righteousness.

Cheerfully, PAFCOE welcomes these young people entrusted by the Lord. We are looking forward in great anticipation how the Lord will mold and fashion them while here and cause them to be enlisted among those who will be working faithfully for Him until He comes.

This batch has 10 iShare Students from Metro Manila. The full course students are all young people. There are 9 men and 6 ladies. Most are coming from Visayas. Some are fresh graduates of other training institutions. They long to grow in the Lord's grace and come into that increased ability to work for Him. They are seeking for more from the Lord to become better fitted to help others.

Certainly they are copartners with the Lord in saving the world. Angels are looking with astonishment and joy on how through this willing vessels Jesus can effect spiritual transformations in the hearts of His people.

The Lord's brightest blessing and grace will always be on the program and on our partnership with you. Continue to include us in your prayers.



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Week of Prayer "A Righteousness by Faith Series"







As customary, PAFCOE began with a week of prayer meeting before the students totally embarked on an intensive training session for Evangelism. This batch's prayer meeting started last January 23 and culminated on the 30th with a communion service, having Bro. Kevin Pingol as the speaker. Its theme was Salvation, A Righteousness by Faith Series.

This was not only attended by PAFCOE students and staffs, but by some MCAC brethren and a good number of MedTech reviewees as well. As important points were uttered, we saw heads nodding, and hands raised as decisions for Jesus were called for. Sure enough, the meeting impacted the attendees' lives. Let's hear from those who find their way to the week of prayer night after night.





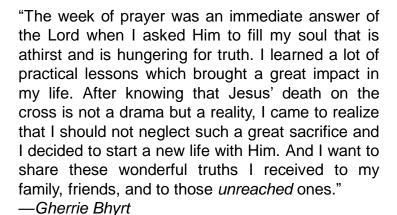


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Week of Prayer "A Righteousness by Faith Series"

"Not in my own strength can I keep His commandments, is one of the things I cannot forget from the week of prayer. It brought me to a deeper thought that to keep the law of God, love should be the motivating factor. This wonderful reality caused me to search my heart and check whether I do keep His law as a response to His love."—Estrellita



"Attending the week of prayer was truly a blessing for me because it helps me to understand fully what the will of the LORD is in my life. I have been convicted each night that my life was not yet totally surrendered to God, and it makes me weak as a Christian. And as I am learning, I know that God is leading me continually to the truth. Certainly, the impact of the week of prayer is very heart whelming and it uplifts my soul to Christ."

—Christine Camille







"The messages throughout the week of prayer brought me into a deeper Christian experience. It awakens me from my spiritual slumber. I came to realize that there is no such thing as sleepiness in the church, no such thing as thinking of worldly thoughts even. The sacrifice was too great a price! I was compelled to heed the light I had received. And by the Holy Spirit's power, I must die daily in Christ and completely surrender to His will."—Daniel

Audio recording of the week of prayer series will soon be available at www.pafcoe.blogspot.com and www.facebook.com/pafcoe

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Training Experience









"Here in PAFCOE, I experience many things that I found wonderfully exceptional and exciting. First is the food, it's my first time to eat such a variety of nutritious meal. Also, it's my first time to have a quiz which has a time limit! At the outset, I found the time of classes somewhat strange, because it ends at 1:30 PM. But amidst of that, I count the subjects as a new journey for me because even though I graduated as a theology, I am still learning a lot of things that brings new perspective of which I found essential in my field of work." —Jazhiel James

"Joining PAFCOE brings a lot of changes in my life, be it in my lifestyle, attitude, dress code, habit and many more. I learn to recognize God's blessings and see His miracles even in the little things. While here, I found the great importance of having a personal devotion early in the morning. As I learn to appreciate it, I can recognize now His voice talking to me while reading His Words. Yes, sometimes I feel discourage but every time I do my personal devotion, I see Jesus encouraging me to continue on with the program. He gives me advices and leads me to His right way. Every day, I see Him working in my life step by step and I want Him to be my partner in all that I do." —May Dafodile



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Training Experience

"Before, I was really convicted that I need to do His work. And so He sent me here in PAFCOE to be trained. Such an answered prayer! While here, my behavior is really put into a test, and I praise the LORD because I'm growing and learning. Sometimes, I worry about my assignments, yet by God's grace I am able to pass them before the deadline. I am thankful to God because in here, I learn to manage my time and come to value every single minute. I am very blessed to join this training because it also helps me to realize that I should take care of my body knowing that it's the temple of God. Wanting to be His diligent worker, I can see that He is molding my life into the character of Christ while here."

—Gaspar

"What I like here in PAFCOE is that we can put into action the things we have learned in the class. Take for example from the Outreach and Personal Evangelism classes where we can have live experiences of knocking on doors and looking for someone to have Bible studies with. While in the field, we met rejections which causes my partner and I to feel discourage. But looking beyond, we can still see His great love comforting us. Thus, we come to Him in prayer, asking for courage and strength to go forward. And indeed, He answers by giving us the chance to experience divine appointments under the heavy rain. I am very glad that I am able to apply the things I've learned in PAFCOE classes with His might. Looking forward for more experiences with Him throughout this training session!"—Shiela











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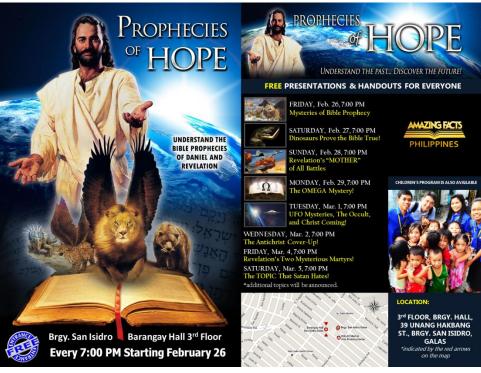


Coming Up!



PAFCOE will conduct another HealthExpo and Prophecy Seminar this coming February 26 to March 26. This will be a joint effort with Manila Center Adventist Church and Sampaloc SDA Church.

Join us and bring your friends!





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A good number of our students are still in need of sponsorships.

You can be an answer to their prayers!

E-mail us at pafcoefinance@gmail.com to know how.







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