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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

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PAFCOE with the Host Church, Welcomes its New Senior Pastor!

Christian greetings to all the workers of God!

I thank the Lord for the opportunity to be yet again a part of Manila Center Church, however, this time it is different, it's in a grander leadership role with a weightier responsibility.

Nonetheless, I'm glad that you, PAFCOE, are based in the church, and it is no brainer what you can bring to the table: not only the souls for Christ but the intangibles like inspiration, modelling, and motivation for the members of the church in to doing evangelism. And for me, that's priceless. Simply said PAFCOE is contributing abundantly to the work and the church, and I praise the Lord for that.



However, as a pastor, what amazes me is not your training, diligence, nor discipline but your COMMITMENT to the work of Christ. And that virtue rubs off to our faithful church members. I love evangelism and much more those who really do it wholeheartedly.

This quinquennium will be awesome for all of us. We plan to double the membership of Central Luzon Conference. The theme is, "Each One, Win One, and Retain that One." That theme modestly conveys that all members of the church will involve in evangelism in one way or another: total church involvement is the name of the game today.

I have heard countless good things about you, and that brings me joy to have you as partner in the ministry and mission. So, through your manpower, leadership, inspiration, modelling, and commitment, the church can benefit tremendously these years to come.

So, on behalf of the pastoral family of mine, I say kudos, keep up the good work, and more power to you, PAFCOE!

To God be the Glory!

Your partner servant,

Pastor Bernard R. Bautista

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PROHECIES OF HOPE ADULT'S SEMINAR...



One of the major Experience all PAFCOE students can have is the Prophecies of Hope (Training) Seminar. For what honor is this from the Lord to be permitted to work with Him in lifting up the oppressed of the Great Antagonist!

The POHS started last February 26 in Brgy. San Isidro, Galas, a vastly populated area. This was a joint effort of two Churches, Manila Center and Sampaloc SDA Church. Following the example of Jesus who ministered to the whole being, It commenced with a Health Expo which lasted for four days from 5:00-6:20 pm. After enjoying the free services, the people were blessed and filled with Health Instructions from the medical doctors. The Adults and Children's Program then followed simultaneously in different halls.

Doctor Anna, one of those who actively participated in the effort shared her experience, "There were lots of people who came in the first day from all walks of life. Majority of them were elderlies that were complaining of several chronic illnesses, such as hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, previous cerebrovascular accidents with residuals, and chronic pains in the different parts of their body. Most of them were interested to avail of the services like blood chemistry, ECG and eye examination. Those complaining of pains were also glad to receive massage and hydrotherapy.

There were also children and young people who consulted me. Symptoms varied from simple cough and cold to as serious as heart failure secondary to hyperthyroidism. Majority of them complained of infectious problems, like respiratory infections and skin infections. A good proportion of them also came in due to toothache from dental carries, as well as problems with error of refractions. I made several referral letters and laboratory requests for those patients who warrant further work-up and management.

I noticed also that the booths for NEWSTART health lectures were also filled with attendees. In summary, I noticed that conducting Health Expo is a good means of bringing people in for the seminar. Just like in the time of Jesus, where sick people thronged Him for their desire to receive immediate relief from their physical illnesses, people in our present time also have the same desire...."

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The Bible said, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, . . . to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified."

You may be counting with your fingers the number of times you attended Prophecies of Hope seminar, yet like Eldrin you feel like it's your first time. "Every night, my experience in the Prophecies of Hope seminar is great! I feel like I'm attending a Bible study seminar for the first time. I take time taking notes on important points that make the topic more understandable to the audience. I mark down the good illustrations that emphasized the doctrines presented. I, at times, imagine myself presenting the topics in front and making the appeals to the audience. Looking at the reactions of the non-Adventist audience, I'm inspired seeing them agreeing with the message and some praising God with a smile after knowing the precious truth.

While here in PAFCOE especially during the training seminar, Christian has been learning a lot. "I learned to love the work of the Lord more than before and this led me to feel the need of being diligent in doing His work. Night after night, I am happy that I can put into action what I've been learning like mingling with the people who are attending, and helping them to accept Jesus. Also, I found the importance of getting things in order throughout the program. Above all, God is teaching me to empty myself, to be teachable and to be humble always."

Along with the Seminar the enemy marshaled his forces against the forces of light. Hours before the 1st night, PAFCOE's director was rushed to the Hospital for he got a 2nd to 3rd degree burn and was seriously injured. We also faced a lot of challenges with the venue and the noise around us. Yes at times, in the work the enemy might seem to gain the victory but the interests continued on until we transitioned to the recipient Church, Sampaloc. The Spirit of the Lord is at work! The seminar will continue until March 26. Pray for us as we continue to open before the people the riches of redemption found in Jesus.

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PROHECIES OF HOPE GEMS...



Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." With that, what comes into your mind when you hear the words, "PAFCOE Child Evangelist"? One whose patience is stretched to the utmost? Fetching and sending off the lambs untiringly?

Working in the Children's program is truly CHALLENGING! No one could argue with that.... But, why do the work anyway? Is it because with all those challenges are wonderful things that God has in store for them? Oh yes! Big yes!

Over a hundred of children gathered to the venue during the first night. Imagine yourself being there where the unruly kids were. I'm sure you will feel pity to our six Child Evangelist trainees. Featuring an ever prayer-answering God and changed lives, here are their testimonies:

"Very challenging yet filled with blessings," as Jaiza would love to say it. "Each night with Lemon group was a survival! In the past meetings, I often shed tears because of worries for certain children and I could see myself feeble. Despite of this, I praise the Lord because now they listen and participate in the program. I praise Him for with His help, I am learning from the experiences with the precious lambs He entrusted to me."

Counting the Children's program like that of gardening, Paulo shared his exceptional experiences with Raspberry group, "I experienced discouragement, stress, impatience and intemperance toward the children. I came to realize that unless my heart is first renewed and well watered of the love of God, there will be no love and tenderness towards my little flock. They need garden tools—the sprinkler of love, the rake of patience and the shovel of faith through Christ. I must receive daily the dew in the morning—the word of God, which refreshes and softens my hardened heart."

"With all these challenges, one of the things that inspire us to endure is that every time we send them home, they would tell us, 'I will miss you teacher. See you tomorrow!' and then hug us tightly. Those moments are priceless—the burdens of the work are all gone."

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Assigned in the most populated group—Blueberry, Rowena and Dafodile recounted, “Previous weeks, we had a hard time keeping the children in order, they’re not listening and were fighting. But as the nightly meetings went by, we see changes. Instead of running and escaping from us when we send them home, now they don’t. They’re the ones who will tell us, ‘Where’s the paper my mother needs to sign?’ And instead of singing secular songs along the way, they prefer to sing Bible verses. We’re so happy for the changes. They learned good manners and are now easy to manage. They also responded to the cards we are giving them.”

This batch, new things were added in the Child Evangelism training. One of that is the *Nurturing the Lamb* where students pray with the children individually, encourage the children to share what they learned to their family, friends and others, and bring cards showing how their children have been cared for. Also, Child Evangelist trainees are having wonderful time counseling and praying together before having their lunch. They are brought closer together in taking care of the precious lamb.

Before turning to the next page, let’s hear from Darlyn, the Child Evangelism teacher. “It’s been three years that I am working in the Children’s program. Teaching and feeding the lambs with the right kind of *food* is not easy, but it turned out to be a great blessing to me. Why? because it molds my character a lot. Applying the example of Jesus how He showed His own love and care for the children is my greatest joy. And it is my desire that there will be more of God’s people who will not despise the little ones. Oftentimes, children are neglected. We should be reminded, that Jesus has a vision for the children, that great is the value of Child Evangelism. Jesus loves to plant the seeds of truth in the children’s heart, knowing that in the future, they would spring up and bear fruits unto eternal life. Today God needs you, like Mordecai, who has a vision for the value of one child.”

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Unto Sharp Sickles in the Harvest-field...Practice Preaching!

From the commencement of the brightest hope to this world, Jesus' bidding to those who covenanted with Him, those who have entered into the Joy of His salvation, has always been, Lift up with me! Oh what a blessed work it is! How honored are His people to be working with Him in bringing many souls unto glory. Through the Ages He has raised up people through whom he can manifest His unconfined love. To us whom the Lord entrusted the declaration of His statutes, comes not just an intimation but the command, "Of all professing Christians, Seventh-day Adventists should be foremost in uplifting Christ before the world."

Thus, unto becoming sharp sickles in the harvest-field, PAFCOE Students are going through preaching rehearsals and disciplines. In the instrumentality of their instructors they are thoroughly trained how to powerfully tell the story of Jesus' redeeming love. Along with it, day by day they are having deep spiritual lessons from the Master Teacher Himself. They are unto becoming humble workers, laborers in simplicity, abundantly seeing the salvation of God at work in the lives of the people.

Jesus is to be lifted up in a way that His people may so identify themselves with Him that they may take hold of eternal life. We indeed are privileged to shed the knowledge of the title He has given His greatly beloved people.

Let us share to you this batch's insights on their preaching practice experience...



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Those who are not just simply memorizing the script for the sake of passing the preaching practice evaluation found satisfaction in Jesus' words and are brought closer to the One whom they are to lift up. Solomon testifies, "I had been truly blessed while studying, and doing the preaching practice. Why? because I was brought into a realization that the message is for me, a rebuke of my weaknesses, of my selfishness and pride, and of my need of a Savior that is preparing an eternal kingdom."

Preaching Practice—the phrase sent chills down the spine of Anjo. "Whenever it's time for preaching practice, I felt nervous. I found it very hard because I had not mastered the script; thus, I didn't know how to speak properly—my fault though. This part of the training was so challenging for me. I felt like I could not do it, but when I read the promises of God and started to claim them, I could hear Him encouraging me to speak and not be afraid. His word assured me that He will always stand by my side. I'm always praying to God that He will give me a spirit of love, earnestness and sincerity to devote my life to Him. I ask Him to teach me always to surrender all and see His goodness. As the training goes on, I need to pray and work, work and pray."



The students had a deep sense of preaching Jesus. Gaspar shared, "To be a preacher of the word of God is not as easy as we commonly think of. It should bear good results for Christ. There is a great importance of our devotion to Him in constant, earnest prayer. We are to do the work in faith for the work can only be accomplished through the power of God- His Spirit dwelling and working in our behalf. We are to do our part by constantly subjecting ourselves in full surrender to Him."

Above all, there should be utter distrust of self and cherishing that love that dwelt in the heart of Jesus. Royco realized, "Unless a person has a genuine love and passion for soul-winning, He will never be successful in seeking the precious souls. Yes we can be energetic for sometime but it will surely wane and eventually we will get tired. It is the love of Jesus in our hearts that will keep us going. We have to be consecrated, devoted and persevering workers. In PAFCOE I have greatly learned to love the work of Jesus."

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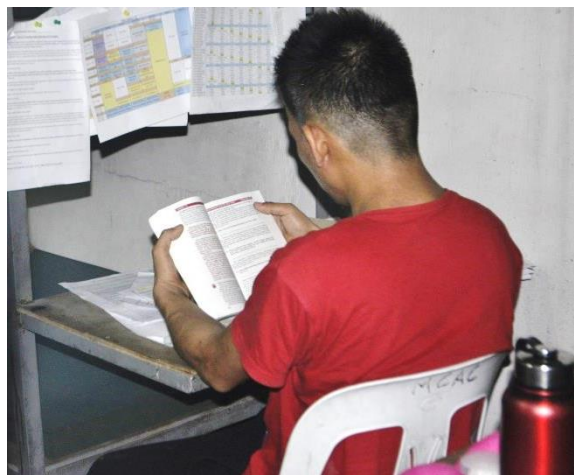
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Marvelous Experience with Jesus...

The Lord has set before His people the 'dawn of a bright and glorious day'! It is His will that we do much in soul-winning. But the endowment of such experience will depend on how much we have of Him in our lives. Our usefulness will depend upon the supply we receive from the infinite source. The pen of inspiration says, "I must have the Spirit of God in my heart. I can never go forward to do the great work of God, unless the Holy Spirit rests upon my soul."

The gospel is more than mere Old Story of a Savior at the cross for a rebellious world. It is the greatest tidings of hope to the alienated souls. It is about Jesus' victory which brought us into a vantage-ground over the adversary. He gave us full access to His divine life. Jesus can forgive, renew, clothe His people with his righteousness and live a life equal to the hosts of heaven.

The Lord's workmen ought to attain a deep and personal experience of God's saving, assisting grace that we may witness to the power of Christianity. So, we are to cultivate a love for loftier aspirations in experiencing the deep things of the Lord. Genuine love for the Bible must be awakened. We ought to seize every opportunity to be intimately associated with the Lord.



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When we can understand the height, depth, breadth and exceedingly abundant love of God we will then be one with Jesus in His purpose, work, and mission of bringing His people to their original perfect state. He can reveal His works through us. There will be a fulfillment of our exalted duties and none can mar our lifework which is the preparation for life eternal. No matter what amount of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, distractions and discouragements marshaled by the enemy, we will lift high ever higher His banner. Never can we work contrary to His ways. The world will be moved. His people will be conquering to conquer. Ever moving forward to victory.

In their Outreach Development classes, the students have been cultivating a deeper love for personal Bible Study. They are taught to have it in a Spirit-filled and meaningful way. They are to take up as their first work the possession of an indwelling Savior that the glorious truths necessary for our Salvation will so encompass the whole life and it will glow brightly in their hearts. There is before them a marvelous experience with the greatest worker. They can be better fitted to build up God's people to the most holy faith.

Oh what exultation you will have in basking and receiving for yourself the invigorating heavenly current. In communion with Him, we have a renewed strength to advance in victory with Jesus!



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PAFCOE Student's Prayer...

"Be instant in prayer"! In this can the soul-winner breathe out its plea to the Master worker. Let us share to you the yearnings of the trainees.

"My ultimate prayer is the need to deny myself more and that 'I' must die in me. I'm praying for Batch 9 for endurance throughout the training as well as for all the staff and Bible workers who are busy in doing the Father's business. I'm also praying for more souls to be reached and for me to put into action the things I've learned inside the four corners of the room."—Shiela



"Being a student here in PAFCOE, my ultimate prayer is that God will stand beside me, hold me up, encourage me to move forward, and strengthen me always with His promises. It's my prayer that I could rightly represent Him in whatever I do. Praying also that He will help me not to forget nor be drifted away from the truths, lessons and important teachings that I had learned and still learning here."—Jaiza

"I'm praying to God that He will give the staff, my classmates and I good health, wisdom and strength to do our everyday task. Also, I pray that God will be working mightily in my life while I'm here in PAFCOE and will enable me to be obedient to His will."—Jeremy

"Before I came to PAFCOE, and even now that I'm here, my ultimate prayer is to learn and know more about Jesus, and be converted always with His words. Also, I pray for humbleness and faithfulness in doing His work. Added to my prayer list are the people I met during outreach and training seminar. The training is halfway to its completion yet I'm still praying for sponsors, not only for me, but also for my co-trainees." —Rowena

"Every time I talk to the Lord in prayer, I ask Him to take away the pride and selfishness in my heart, even the worries I have. Many times I feel so discouraged that I wanted to give up and go home. But I entreated Him to remind me of His love. I asked Him to give me courage, comfort, and grace."
—Dafodile

"I pray that as we continue our journey in serving the Lord, He will fill us with His love and mercy. I pray that He will enlighten our path towards that better land and when there are challenges and problems that tend to hinder us we can stand firm. I pray that He will help us to reflect the character of Christ in our lives."—Kenelyn

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Announcement...



PAFCOE is grateful to the Lord for the abundant bestowal of His blessings as seen upon its full operation this batch.

For the first time, PAFCOE is able to accommodate 3 working students. The guys namely, Joshua Godilo (in green shirt) and Carlo Palacio (in white) are working in Antipolo with Mr. and Mrs. Diones while Dishan Hazel Pamisa is working directly with the PAFCOE Chef (in blue shirt) and his team in Manila Center. They will be receiving full scholarship for PAFCOE batch 10.

PAFCOE officially says,
10th Evangelism Training Session will be on
August 4-December 7, 2016.
Registration is open for Applicants.
Apply Now!

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