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What are you doing with the talents and skills God has given you? Talents are often squandered on temporal matters that do not last for eternity. You may have invested yours in your business, your family, or your profession. But if given the chance, would you be willing to use them in service to God?

The parable of the talents showed three men who received talents. One of them just buried it in the ground. But it should not be so. "God bestows talents upon men, not that these talents may lie unused or be employed in self-gratification, but that they may be used to bless others. God grants men the gift of time for the purpose of promoting His glory. When this time is used in selfish pleasure, the hours thus spent are lost for all eternity." {ML 115.2}

Grace is one more chance, a chance to do what is right. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." As you read these pages, may you be inspired to take that chance: to live godly and serve God.

His Love, My Return

I grew up as an Adventist, faithfully attending Sabbath School lessons as a child. But as I got older, I became discouraged by the inconsistencies I saw in others at church. Slowly, I drifted away. I stopped attending services, and soon I was drinking, smoking, engaging in casual sex, and living without any day of worship. While I still avoided certain foods, I had already consumed things I once considered abominable. Deep inside, I still believed in God—but there was no relationship, no connection. I justified my choices, even when I knew they were wrong, both morally and spiritually.

One day, missionaries came to my door with a simple survey: was I willing to listen to God's Word in a seminar? Hesitant but curious, I agreed. The topics, especially *The Fall of Babylon* stirred questions I had carried for years. Through the seminar and personal Bible studies, I finally found clarity. I realized that faith without love cannot sustain true obedience, and without love, there is no genuine repentance. I had known the facts of faith since childhood, but only after walking through sin and brokenness did I understand how great a sinner I truly was—and how much greater God's love is.

Days before the seminar ended, I quit smoking. For years I had been a chain smoker, but when I chose to follow Jesus, I understood that His blood had bought me freedom. Through His strength, I had the power to reject sin.

I began to spend my time more meaningfully—doing daily chores, keeping active, and learning to appreciate life, nature, and even the trials that came my way. For the first time in a long while, I felt hope.

The seminar opened my eyes: I had been living without love—without a relationship with God. I now know that only through His love can I overcome. I follow Jesus because He first loved me, and through His sacrifice, I am saved. My obedience is no longer out of fear or formality, but out of love and devotion to Him. So, I committed again my life to Jesus and was baptized.

Today, I strive daily to resist the pull of my old life. When I feel weak, I turn to God in prayer and seek encouragement from fellow believers. My goal is to let Him shape me into a faithful servant, a true friend, and a living testimony of His grace. Each day, I pray for strength to live with purpose, meaning, and unwavering faith.

Through this experience, I found my return, my way back to God. I now walk with Him—not in fear, but in joy, faith, and love. Truly, His grace is greater than all my sins, and His mercy has given me a new beginning. |



Ryan Imperio, thirty-five years old, was baptized on April 26 in Sapinit, Antipolo, Rizal after the Revelations of Bible Prophecy seminar conducted in March 28 to April 26, 2025 by AF evangelist Marivic Fernandez.

From Struggle to Surrender

Life was a daily struggle. I used to make baskets and sell products from nito vines just to meet our family's needs because my husband refused to provide for us. Though we lived under the same roof, we lived separate lives. At least we were not quarreling anymore—that was enough for me then. But deep inside, something was missing. We no longer went to church, and I rarely prayed. My heart felt cold and distant from God.

I remember once seeing people worshipping joyfully in a nearby church. I did not know then it was a Seventh-day Adventist Church, but I wished I could join them. Some other churches invited me to worship with them, and I did—hoping to learn more about God's Word. But somehow, I never found peace. Strange dreams even told me to stop attending, and I withdrew again into silence.

Then one day, God used my daughter to reach me. She had been invited to attend a children's program by some missionaries who gave her a flyer for a prophecy seminar. She excitedly told me there was also one for adults and encouraged me to come. Out of curiosity, I went—and that decision changed my life.

As I listened to the messages, I was amazed at the depth of God's Word. Each topic stirred my heart and gave me peace I had not felt in years. The truths I discovered during the seminar opened my eyes and assured me that God was leading me on the right path. It was something I had never experienced in other churches.

One of the biggest changes in my life was learning to truly connect with God. I no longer felt shy or awkward to pray. I began removing things from my home that were not in harmony with His truth—like the pictures of saints that once covered our walls. Now, I find joy in studying the Bible, attending worship, and following God's will each day.

But the journey was not without trials. Three times I backed out of baptism because of fear and family conflict. My husband grew angry as I continued attending the seminar. He even threatened to harm me and sent me away from our home with my youngest daughter. It was painful, but through the missionaries' encouragement, I realized that these were Satan's attempts to keep me from the truth. The more I was opposed, the more determined I became to surrender my life fully to Jesus.

Today, I have finally found peace and purpose in Christ. With God's help, I am committed to living by the truths I have learned and to invite my children to know Him too. I know that trials will still come, but I choose to trust and pray always. What once was a life of struggle has become a story of surrender—a story of how God's love found me and brought me home. Thank you, Amazing Facts. Praise God. |



Jenny Bargamento, forty-eight years old, was baptized on February 8 in Cauayan, Negros Occidental after the Revelations of Bible Prophecy seminar conducted in January 10-February 8, 2025 by AF evangelist Vangelina Lumogdang.

Taking the CHANCE

by Roniel Pame,
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Back in 2015, I was working as an I.T. professional in BGC, enjoying a stable job, a side hustle, and the means to live comfortably. Yet deep inside, I felt empty. My days fell into a dull cycle of commuting, working long hours, and unwinding with online games, drinking, or random hangouts. Even the Sabbath, once sacred to me, lost its meaning as my spiritual life slipped into neglect. Then one night, I came across a Facebook video about Sunday laws that seemed so real, it filled me with terror. Fear gripped me as I realized how far I had drifted from God. Depression and hopelessness soon followed as I wrestled with guilt, fearing my probation was already closed. That night I prayed desperately, pleading with God for one more chance. By morning, I discovered the video was just a movie trailer—but I knew God was giving me another opportunity to return to Him, and I promised never to go back to my old ways.

Taking the chance...

From that day, everything changed. I began reading the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy with renewed passion, watching sermons, and singing praises to God with joy I had not felt in

years. Eventually, I chose to be rebaptized, publicly recommitting my life to Him. I grew active in church ministries and started sharing the gospel with my coworkers, handing out books like *The Great Controversy* and *Steps to Christ*. As the call to ministry deepened, I made the difficult decision to resign from my job and serve God full-time, even though it meant letting go of financial privileges. Yet through every sacrifice, God has proven faithful, and I have found peace in knowing He cares for my family while sustaining me in this missionary calling. I am forever grateful that God gave me another chance.

Going further...

My journey into ministry began in 2016 with Batch 16 of LIGHT (Lay Institute for Global Health Training), where I felt a strong calling to dedicate my life fully to God's service. After graduating from LIGHT, I served as a lay worker in Nueva Ecija and later in Infanta, Pangasinan, where I shared God's Word, connected with the community, and supported others through natural remedies, which deepened my understanding of ministry and the value of faithful service. Later, God led me to PAFCOE,

where, after my training, I first worked behind the scenes as part of the kitchen staff during Batch 13. Eventually, I transitioned into the media team as a full-time volunteer in Batch 14 until now, where I used my skills in graphic design, front-end web development, and video editing to help spread the gospel through creative content. Though still a beginner, I am passionate about learning and growing my skills. I believe media is a powerful tool for soul-winning, reaching people who may never enter a church but can encounter Christ through testimonies online. At the same time, I get the privilege as well to go and conduct prophecy seminars with my co-missionaries.

A privilege experience...

Several years ago, during an evangelistic effort in Ilocos Sur, I met a devoted Catholic couple whose home was filled with altars and images of Mary. The husband, elderly and wheelchair-bound, received daily treatments from us—simple exercises, water therapy, and massages—while my partner gently shared the gospel during our visits. Over time, we witnessed both physical and spiritual transformation: the husband regained strength to walk and even climb their bamboo ladder, while the couple embraced Bible truths, accepted the Sabbath, discarded their idols and jewelry, and ultimately chose baptism. Not long after, the husband passed away, but with peace in Christ, leaving behind a powerful testimony of God's healing and saving grace. This experience reminded me



that our meeting was no accident, but part of God's plan, and I will forever treasure the privilege of being part of their journey.

Reassured choice...

I choose this missionary life because I believe with all my heart that God is coming soon, and the time we have left is too precious to waste on things that are temporary. While the world offers wealth, fame, and comfort, I have realized that nothing can replace the joy and fulfillment of serving in God's mission and helping lead people to Christ. Many of my peers have prospered in their careers and attained financial success, yet I have seen how often true joy is missing from their lives. For me, every soul reached and every life touched is worth far more than any material possession, for these are eternal treasures that no bank account can hold. Though I may not have the wealth of others, I am rich in faith, hope, love, and the assurance that I am working for a greater inheritance—an eternal one.

Thriving amidst Challenges...

Being away from family and friends during my missionary assignments in remote areas has often left me feeling lonely and out of place, surrounded by unfamiliar faces, cultures, and ways of life. Yet in those moments of isolation, God has taught me profound lessons about His love, reminding me through His promise, "I am with you always," that I am never truly alone.

The joy of witnessing someone who once felt lost find hope and purpose in Christ outweighs every difficulty, trusting that success is not measured by my ability but by my faithfulness to His call.

Lessons along...

Through this experience, I have realized that missionary life is a calling to grow not only in faith and experience but also in love to those who are different, to love without expecting anything in return, and to trust that God is using me to plant seeds that will grow into something beautiful in His time. Even when I feel alone, I am reminded that God's mission is bigger than my feelings of loneliness or fear. He is with me, and He is with those I serve. I am part of something far greater than myself.

Committed to the chance...

What keeps me going as a missionary is the urgency and purpose of fulfilling God's calling. Life is short, and whether or not Christ returns in my generation, I am committed to sharing the everlasting gospel—the 'Three Angels' Messages—that brings hope and transforms lives. I do not worry about resources, for I trust in God's faithfulness to provide for His children.

I am deeply thankful for my family who supported my decision to become a full-time missionary, despite the uncertainties that came with it, and for friends whose passion for evangelism continues to inspire me to stay faithful in my calling. I am also grateful for the people around me who teach me valuable lessons in humility, kindness, patience, and godly character—reminders of what it truly means to live out my faith. Though I know His work in me is far from finished, I move forward with gratitude, joy, and trust in His plan.

Take your chance...

To those faithfully working for the Lord despite life's challenges, I encourage you: let no obstacle or hardship keep you from fulfilling your calling. The trials you face are God's way of refining you for greater service, and every sacrifice—whether of time, energy, or resources—is never in vain but bears eternal fruit. In moments of weakness, His grace is sufficient, and His power is made perfect. Stay faithful, take your chance, keep pressing forward, and remember that your labor for the Lord matters. You are not alone—He walks with you, provides for you, and fills you with a joy and peace the world cannot offer. |



NINE MESSENGERS, ONE MISSION

In a bold and coordinated effort to proclaim the complete Three Angels' Messages, Amazing Facts Philippines has launched a month-long nationwide evangelistic campaign, deploying nine evangelists across nine distinct sites from September 5 to October 4.

In coordination with the local Seventh-day Adventist Churches, the initiative represents a unified movement to bring Bible truth to communities across Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao—a clear demonstration of the ministry's ongoing commitment to dynamic soul-winning.

The evangelistic sites include:

- San Pascual, Masbate – Evangelist Reycel Bonoan
- San Jose del Monte, Bulacan – Evangelist Dexter James Salva
- Talisay, Quezon – Evangelist Andrea Alcantara
- Maya, Daanbantayan, Cebu – Evangelist Avon Dale Tejero
- Bacolod City – Evangelist Vangelina Lumogdang

- Loay, Bohol – Evangelist Shailah Susada
- Gutapol, Kibawe, Bukidnon – Evangelist Monaliza Cipriano
- Puting Bato SDA Church, Antipolo – Evangelist Marivic Fernandez
- Bag-o, Bulan, Sorsogon – Evangelist Samantha Pame

Each site will host a Revelations of Prophecy Seminar, sharing God's plan of redemption and the hope of Christ's soon return—reviving believers and leading seekers to faith in Christ.

Year to Date Update

As of September, Amazing Facts Philippines has held **36 Prophecy Seminars**, reaching **2,492 attendees** and leading to **397 baptisms**—a powerful testimony of God's work through dedicated evangelists and volunteers nationwide.

PAFCOE calls on church members, supporters, and prayer warriors to uplift all nine evangelists and their teams in prayer. This nationwide effort is part of Amazing Facts Philippines' mission to revive evangelism and equip believers to share the everlasting gospel across the nation. |





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PAFCOE INVITES CHURCHES TO HOST PROPHECY SEMINARS NATIONWIDE

The Philippine Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (PAFCOE) is extending an open invitation to local churches and mission-minded groups across the Philippines to collaborate in hosting prophecy seminars and evangelistic campaigns in their communities. This initiative marks another bold step in PAFCOE's mission to equip believers for ministry and bring the everlasting gospel to every corner of the nation.

By mobilizing trained evangelists and lay members, PAFCOE continues to lead a focused deployment of workers across Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao—an inspiring movement of human resources dedicated to church growth and spiritual revival. These seminars are designed for lay audiences, offering in-person, Bible-based presentations that reveal the hope and urgency of the Three Angels' Messages.

Through these community-focused evangelistic efforts, PAFCOE reaffirms its commitment to dynamic soul-winning and discipleship. Every campaign provides an opportunity not only for

individuals to hear the truth but also for local churches to experience renewed unity, participation, and growth in their mission.

How You Can Be Involved

- Pray for the evangelists, campaign sites, and local organizing teams as they prepare to reach souls for Christ.
- Support by inviting Amazing Facts Philippines to conduct a seminar in your church or district.
- Participate by attending the meetings, sharing your testimony, or volunteering to help in logistics, prayer, or follow-up ministry.

This invitation is more than a call for cooperation—it's a call for commitment to God's final work of proclaiming His truth. Visit the website now and make a request. As churches join hands with PAFCOE, communities across the Philippines can experience transformation, revival, and renewed faith. |



THE STORY OF ERIC ASPECTO

Most of his days were spent far from land—out at sea, surrounded by endless waves and the hum of engines. As a seafarer, Eric Aspecto thought he had everything life could offer: money, travel, and moments of pleasure. But beneath the surface, he was drowning in a lifestyle of drinking, gambling, and self-indulgence. Until one day, an unexpected illness forced him home—and God began to steer his life in a new direction.

During a mandatory quarantine in 2019, Eric found himself isolated in a small room in Manila with nothing but his phone. While scrolling through YouTube, he stumbled upon a video that would change everything—a Bible seminar from Amazing Facts. What began as curiosity turned into conviction. He couldn't stop watching. For the first time, he discovered the beauty of God's Word and began to understand what it truly means to follow Jesus.

That discovery led to a complete transformation. When Eric returned home, he made a firm decision—no more alcohol, no more gambling, no more living for himself. He found peace, purpose, and a personal relationship with God. In 2021, he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, choosing to walk in newness of life.

Today, Eric shares his faith wherever he goes—even onboard ships. What once was his workplace became his mission field. Through the Amazing Facts Philippines ministry and the TOP3 program, he continues to grow in faith and share the truth that set him free.

Watch Eric's full story **Freedom In Isolation** on the *Changed Lives* playlist by Amazing Facts Philippines on their Facebook & YouTube Channels and be inspired by how God transforms even the most broken hearts into powerful testimonies of grace. Subscribe & follow **Amazing Facts Philippines** for more life-changing stories and truth-filled messages. |

MGA LAKANG (STEPS TO CHRIST- CEBUANO)

A newly translated Cebuano edition of Steps to Christ by Ellen G. White is now being offered at a special price in the Amazing Facts Philippines online store. The book, titled **Mga Lakang | Paglakaw Nga Mas Duol Kang Jesus**, is designed to help readers build a lasting friendship with Jesus in just thirteen concise chapters. The full-color magazine-quality print edition retails for ₱84.95, and bulk pricing is available for outreach and sharing efforts.

In this edition, readers will explore key themes such as God's great love for humanity, repentance and faith, growing to be like Christ, the privilege of prayer, and overcoming doubt through a personal relationship with Jesus.

Available now from the Amazing Facts Philippines online store, this resource is ideal for personal study, evangelistic giveaways, or church-based outreach in Cebuano-speaking communities.

Outreach leaders and church members are encouraged to order copies in bulk (with tiered pricing available down to ₱38 per book for large orders) and make use of this accessible, impactful book in local missions.

This new translation reflects Amazing Facts Philippines' ongoing commitment to equipping believers for ministry and reaching diverse linguistic communities with the gospel message.

For more information, visit the online store at store.amazingfacts.ph or contact Amazing Facts Philippines directly. |

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The collage displays 18 book covers from the 'Healing Wonders of Charcoal' series, arranged in a grid-like fashion. The books are:

- Healing Wonders of CHARCOAL** (Top Row, 1st from left): Features a close-up of charcoal briquettes.
- LAST DAY EVENTS** (Top Row, 2nd from left): Features a dramatic scene of a city on fire.
- HOLY BIBLE** (Top Row, 3rd from left): Features a close-up of a person's face.
- ONE GOD... OR THREE?** (Top Row, 4th from left): Features a circular design with a cross.
- Everything You Need to Know About the Sabbath** (Top Row, 5th from left): Features a close-up of a person's face.
- MESSAGES to Young People** (Middle Row, 1st from left): Features a group of young people.
- The Compleat Courtship** (Middle Row, 2nd from left): Features a close-up of a rose.
- HEALING Wonders of HERBS** (Middle Row, 3rd from left): Features a close-up of various herbs.
- #PROMISES-of-HOPE** (Middle Row, 4th from left): Features a blue background with white text and a cross.
- YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER** (Middle Row, 5th from left): Features a red background with a white cross.
- Amazing HEALING PLANTS** (Middle Row, 6th from left): Features a close-up of various plants.
- Healthy Foods Healthy Live** (Middle Row, 7th from left): Features a close-up of various fruits and vegetables.
- Highly Effective Marriage** (Bottom Row, 1st from left): Features a close-up of a couple's hands.
- I Love You** (Bottom Row, 2nd from left): Features a close-up of a couple's hands.
- Child Guidance** (Bottom Row, 3rd from left): Features a close-up of a child's face.
- Smart Cooking** (Bottom Row, 4th from left): Features a close-up of a plate of food.
- The Natural Remedies Encyclopedia** (Bottom Row, 5th from left): Features a close-up of various herbs.
- Healthy Juices** (Bottom Row, 6th from left): Features a close-up of various glasses of juice.