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What did Jesus leave behind when He took human nature for our salvation? In Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 190, Ellen White wrote, "Christ laid aside His royal robe, His kingly crown, and His high command, and stepped down, down, down, to the lowest depths of humiliation."

Christ went beyond comfort to take us out of darkness into His marvelous light. And every Christian is called to do the same: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

Yes! Self-denial is what it takes to step out of the usual 8-to-5 routine. Indeed, it is difficult to get out of common activities and the ease of life, but is it worth it? Jesus pushed through His sacrifice because He saw the prize: His beloved- that's you and me- reconciled with Him.

Think about the lives that would be saved if you allow God to use you today. Read on and see the miracles that happen when someone chooses Jesus over comfort. |



Resting the Restless

Many times my life felt unbearably heavy and restless. My days revolved around work, yet no matter how hard I tried, it seemed that I was only running in circles. Almost all my income went to paying debts, and still, it was never enough. Deep inside, I felt stuck and clueless about how my life would turn out. Since my youth, I had turned to vices for comfort. I explored different religions, observing and hoping to find clarity but it always seemed just out of reach. Even as I prayed to God, I longed for something more certain, something worth hoping for. Then one day, everything began to change.

I received a simple flyer invitation to attend a Revelation of Bible Prophecy Seminar. As I attended nightly, I began to discover truths from the Word of God that I had never fully understood before. I realized that many of the beliefs I once held onto were actually mixed with error. But now, through the Bible, God was revealing something clearer. One truth, in particular, struck my heart profoundly was that the true day of worship is the Sabbath, Saturday, not Sunday. This realization moved me deeply. To me, it was a personal call from God to rest in Him. From that moment on, I became eager to attend every session. Even when the seminar had to be transferred to another location, it did not stop me.

Through the Scriptures, I began to see that God had a beautiful plan for my life all along. His Word was not just a book—it was filled with wisdom, promises, guidance, and hope. I saw the hope of an abundant life in Christ.

I started allowing God to take control of my life. Soon, I experienced His providence in a very personal way. I was able to find a job, and my employer turned out to be kind and supportive. Little by little, the desires that once controlled me began to fade, and in their place grew a longing to live according to God's will.

Then came the moment of decision. I chose to follow the Lord through baptism. Deep within, I knew that He was calling me—not just to believe, but to serve Him. Though I knew that some people, even my relatives might criticize my decision, nothing could stop me. I told them, "While there is still time, I will follow the Lord and listen to His call." Baptism was not the end—it was the beginning of a new life.

Today, I continue to hold on to the truths I have learned, striving each day to grow closer to God. These truths are now the foundation of how I live. And I feel a deep burden to share them with others, so that they too may come to know the hope and purpose found in Jesus Christ—before it is too late.

From a life of restlessness, burden, and emptiness, He redeemed me and brought me into truth, peace, and purpose. And now I know —this is the life I was meant to live. Praise God! |



Randz Nono, forty-six years old, was baptized on December 6, 2025 Wellness Center, Bgy. Sapa, Miag-ao, Iloilo after the Revelations of Bible Prophecy seminar conducted in November 7 to December 6, 2025 by AF evangelist Darlyn Cabarubias.

A Soul at Peace



There were times when my nights were filled with fear instead of rest because people would regularly come to our house, knocking, asking for payment I could not give. Debt weighed heavily on my life, and no matter how hard I tried, it felt like I was sinking deeper each day. The burden became so overwhelming that, at my lowest point, I even found myself thinking about ending my life just to escape it all. To cope, I drank alcohol and lived carelessly, feeding a lifestyle that left me empty and without direction. Then one simple invitation changed everything.

A friend named Liza told me about a Prophecy Seminar and encouraged me to attend. I did not expect much at first—but from the very first night, I knew something was different. For the first time, I saw people open the Bible and study it directly. It was not just someone telling us what to believe; we were being shown the truth straight from God's Word. Unlike what I had experienced before, where only the priest would read and interpret, this time I could see and understand it for myself.

Night after night, I kept coming back—not out of obligation, but out of hunger. One topic struck me deeply: the prophecy about the Antichrist and the number 666. It stirred something in me —a desire to know if these things were really true. So I searched, studied, and examined it for myself. And when I saw that it was indeed supported by the Bible, my heart could not ignore it. Truth had found me, and it demanded a response. I also learned about true baptism—that it is not done by sprinkling or pouring, but by full immersion. This was not just a new teaching to me; it was a call to surrender my life fully to God.

As truth began to take root in my heart, change followed. One of the first decisions I made was to walk away from influences that pulled me down—people who gossiped, tempted me to sin, and led me away from what was right. Instead, I chose to surround myself with those who encouraged me to grow, like my friend Liza, who first led me to the seminar.

The more I learned, the clearer everything became. Despite questions, doubts, and even criticism from others, I chose to follow Jesus through baptism and become part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I stood firm—not because it was easy, but because I now understood the truth. I made a commitment to live in a way that honors Him—to obey His Word and to walk as a true Christian, even in my financial obligations. The old life I once clung to—drinking alcohol, eating unclean foods, and other harmful habits—no longer has a place in my life. God has given me the strength to leave them behind. I thank God for using people like Liza and the ministry behind the seminar to bring light into my darkness. Through them, I discovered not just answers—but a new life, a new purpose, a soul at peace and a Savior who never gave up on me. |



Josie Solera, forty-nine years old, was baptized on October 11, 2025 in Poblacion Ibabaw, Loay, Bohol after the Revelations of Bible Prophecy seminar conducted in September 12 to October 11, 2025 by AF evangelist Shailah Susada.



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Like many young people, I pursued an education and finished my studies with the hope of building a stable future. After graduating from college, I took the board exam and worked as a nurse in a private clinic. It felt good to realize that I had a profession. I had stability. But later on, deep inside, I felt stagnant. I realized that simply working and earning money could not satisfy the deeper purpose God had placed within me. I knew I could do more than just my job.

Then, a friend of mine introduce me to LIGHT ministry where I joined for the training not expecting that this would be the start of my missionary journey. In LIGHT, it was there that God started teaching me lessons I never expected. He taught me self-denial and humility. I had to leave behind the world of fashion, vanity, and the mindset of always wanting to get what I desired.

The process was not always easy, but it was necessary. God was reshaping my character so that I could become a vessel for His work.

Mission in action..

Later, the Lord brought me to PAMAS Ministry in Palawan, where I served as a flight nurse. It was a mission field unlike anything I had ever imagined. I will never forget one particular day —July 1, 2019. The helicopter pilot, Daniel, called me and asked if we could retrieve a stroke patient from Matangguli, Bancalaan, a remote island about forty-five minutes away by helicopter. The weather was gloomy, but the patient needed help. We eventually reached Matangguli and picked up the patient. The weather there was windy but manageable. But as we began our journey back, the situation quickly changed. The clouds suddenly burst open with aggressive rain.











The helicopter swayed and bumped violently because of the strong winds and heavy downpour. Inside the small four-seater aircraft, tension filled the air. The patient's wife was extremely worried—not only about her husband's condition but also about whether we would make it safely through the storm.

Daniel carefully studied the GPS, searching for a safer route. Ahead of us was what looked like a thick curtain of rain stretching across the sky. Flying through it could have been extremely dangerous. Yet we also faced another problem—we could not remain in the air indefinitely because fuel was limited. In that moment, silently, I asked God to guide us. We asked the Lord to show us an opening like a path through the storm.

Parting the sea of clouds...

Just seconds later, right before our eyes, there appeared a clear opening in the middle of the heavy rain. It reminded me of the story of Moses and the Red Sea. In the same way that God parted the waters for His people, He seemed to part the clouds for us that day. Through that opening, we safely passed and eventually landed in Brooke's Point. After we landed, I spoke with the patient's wife about stroke prevention—its causes and the foods to avoid. I also encouraged her to pray and trust in God. I wanted to make sure that she encountered not just medical help, but the love of the Lord.

Just willing to be used...

Another unforgettable experience happened during my time in PAMAS, when God placed me in a role I never expected—teaching in the mountains. In fact, I did not even know how to teach. Yet God often calls us into places where our abilities alone are not enough, so that we can depend fully on Him.

Once a week, I traveled to a mountain community to teach people how to read and write. These people were often deceived by the people from the town, taking advantage of their inability to read documents or calculate numbers. My youngest student was eight years old. My oldest was around sixty. Despite the challenges, their eagerness to learn was deeply inspiring. This ministry continued for nearly a year. When my service term ended and I returned to my hometown, I wondered, "Had our efforts for the students made a difference?" A few months later, I received a text message

that brought tears to my eyes. The sender was one of my mountain students—who previously could not read or write. Now he was sending me a message using what he had learned. At that moment, I realized that every sacrifice, every long journey, and every moment of patience had been worth it. Today, there is already a mountain school in their community. Seeing how God continues the work long after we leave is one of the most beautiful rewards of mission life.





The real battle...

Of course, the path has not always been easy. Externally, there were many challenges. I often experienced uncomfortable flights and rides. Ironically, I easily get motion sickness, yet my ministry required frequent helicopter trips to retrieve patients. I was also frequently exposed to the intense heat of the sun while traveling to remote areas. But through it all, the Holy Spirit strengthened me.

But the greater battle, however, was often internal. One of my biggest struggles was my own attitude. I used to be quite "maarte" and was not accustomed to a life of sacrifice and simplicity. Mission life demanded self-denial, patience, and a willingness to serve even in uncomfortable situations. But God, in His mercy, placed me in circumstances that gently yet firmly transformed my character. Through these experiences, He helped me overcome those weaknesses and taught me what it truly means to love and serve others.

Step out...

Looking back, one of the greatest lessons I have learned is this: If you truly want to know the Lord more deeply and become an effective worker for Him, you must step out of your comfort zone and allow Him to direct your path.

Today, I serve as the Outreach Coordinator and Health Instructor of Amazing Facts Philippines, where I continue learning new skills and discovering new ways to share God's truth.



My vision is simple but profound: to become more effective, and fully convicted in sharing the gospel of Christ so that people may be prepared for His soon return. What keeps me going each day is my love for my Father in heaven, my Savior Jesus Christ, and my Guide—the Holy Spirit.

And when I look back on my journey, I know there is only One to whom I owe everything. No one else but God. To those who continue to serve the Lord despite countless challenges, my encouragement is this: keep doing the work of God. Even when the path seems uncertain, remember that we never walk alone. Though we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, we need not fear any evil, because God is with us. If we abide in Him until the end, the greatest reward awaiting us is not recognition, success, or comfort. The greatest reward is Jesus Christ Himself. How wonderful! |

HOPE REACHES TALIM ISLAND:
Two Church-Planting Mission

Amazing Facts Philippines, in collaboration with the Central Luzon Conference, is launching a church-planting mission in the unentered territories of Talim Island, located in the middle of Laguna Lake.

As part of this evangelistic initiative for 2026, two teams of Bible workers will be assigned to reach the northern and southern parts of the island through community outreach, Bible studies, visitation, and evangelistic meetings.

Assigned to Subay in the northern part are Avon and Arlene, while Vangie and Mariel will serve in Rayap in the southern part of Talim Island. These Bible workers will dedicate one year of missionary service to establish a stronger Adventist presence in the area and help nurture future congregations.

The mission project will also include four waves of evangelism throughout the year, aiming to share God's truth with children, families, and communities across the island. Despite the challenges of reaching remote areas, the teams are committed to answering God's call to bring hope and salvation to places that have not yet been fully reached by the gospel.

Amazing Facts Philippines and the Central Luzon Conference are inviting everyone to pray for this evangelism cause—for the Bible workers, the people of Talim Island, and for the Holy Spirit to prepare hearts to receive God's Word.

By God's grace, this church-planting effort will become a foundation for growing and established congregations that will continue the mission work throughout Talim Island, reflecting the mission of Amazing Facts Philippines to disciple and establish strong communities of faith that will continue proclaiming the everlasting gospel and preparing people for Christ's soon return. |











AMAZING FACTS PH REACHES JAPAN







The gospel knows no boundaries. As Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of all nations, God continues to open doors for His truth to reach hearts beyond the Philippines, opening opportunities that led Amazing Facts Philippines to minister to the people in Japan.

Reaching the Filipinos in Hiroshima

What began as a simple act of Christian kindness has become a beautiful testimony of how Amazing Facts Bible resources are helping reach Filipinos even beyond the borders of the Philippines.

In Hiroshima, Japan, Filipino church member Pearl, together with Leisa, a PAFCOE graduate, regularly extended practical help to the Filipino trainee visa holders by assisting them in buying groceries and other necessities, as they lived far from the nearest market. As their friendship grew, the trainees became curious about why Pearl and Leisa consistently declined certain foods and gifts that were offered to them in appreciation. This opened the door for meaningful conversations about biblical health principles, which naturally led to discussions from God's Word. What began as casual conversations soon became informal Bible studies. As the trainees' interest in Scripture deepened, they asked if they could attend church simply to observe. Week after week, they faithfully joined the Sabbath worship services, eventually becoming active participants in church activities.

Seeing their growing spiritual interest, Leisa offered formal Bible studies using the Amazing Facts Storacles Bible Study Guides. A Bible teacher from the church later joined the ministry, continuing the studies with additional Amazing Facts materials that helped the trainees understand the fundamental teachings of the Bible. Through the power of God's Word and the faithful efforts of His workers, the Holy Spirit touched their hearts. One by one, these Filipino trainees made the life-changing decision to surrender their lives to Jesus through baptism at the Hiroshima Saniku Gakuin Log Chapel.

The church is now training these newly baptized believers how to conduct Bible studies using the Amazing Facts Ph materials so they can continue sharing God's truth wherever they go after completing their contracts in Japan. Inspired by the fruit of this ministry, the local church has also opened the door for the team to reach more Filipinos living in nearby communities, prayerfully expanding the work of evangelism one soul at a time.

















Reaching the Churches in Kanto Region

Amazing Facts Philippines successfully conducted a three-part Conducting Bible Study Online Training for the Federation of International Seventh-day Adventist Churches in Kanto (FISDACK), a fellowship composed of seven international SDA churches in Japan. Held on three Sabbath afternoons from March 14 to April 4, the Zoom-based training equipped church members with practical skills for personal evangelism and effective Bible study ministry.

Facilitated by Kevin Pingol, Director of Amazing Facts Philippines, the training covered essential topics including engaging interests and Bible study basics, conducting winsome Bible studies and gaining Bible students, as well as conducting surveys and understanding the true measure of success in evangelism. Each session was designed to give participants practical, biblical, and Christ-centered approaches to reaching souls through personal ministry.

The response was encouraging, with 103 participants successfully completing the training and receiving certificates. Their commitment reflects a growing desire among FISDACK members to become active soul winners and faithful Bible workers within their respective churches and communities in Japan.

The training received overwhelmingly positive feedback, with participants sharing that it gave them a clearer understanding of the biblical foundation of evangelism and a more effective way of leading souls to Christ. Rolo Etcobanez, an elder of Urawa SDA Church, shared, "*For me personally, it helped me look at soul winning from another perspective, especially in guiding a person in making decisions. As a volunteer Bible worker, it's like a special fuel to boost the engine.*" He also emphasized that the training empowers church members to actively participate in evangelism rather than relying solely on Bible workers and elders. His testimony reflected the experience of many attendees, who left inspired and better equipped to share God's message with confidence, wisdom, and Christlike love.

This initiative reflects Amazing Facts Philippines' continuing commitment to equipping believers beyond the nation's borders, empowering every church member to become an active soul winner. Through online platforms, geographical distance becomes no barrier to preparing workers for God's harvest. By God's grace, these trained members will become multiplying disciples, helping fulfill Christ's commission to proclaim the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. |





A TIMELESS GUIDE TO HEALTHY LIVING: TEN TALENTS VEGETARIAN COOKBOOK

For families, health enthusiasts, and individuals seeking healthier meal options, Amazing Facts Philippines Online Store is now offering the beloved Ten Talents Vegetarian Cookbook, a trusted resource for wholesome, plant-based living and practical health education.

Widely recognized as one of the most respected vegetarian cookbooks of its kind, Ten Talents combines nutrition, health principles, and delicious recipes in one comprehensive volume. The cookbook emphasizes God's original diet found in Genesis 1:29 and promotes a natural, plant-based lifestyle designed to support better health and wellness.

More than just a cookbook, Ten Talents serves as a complete health manual filled with over 1,000 vegetarian and vegan recipes, covering breads, soups, grains, salads, beverages, desserts, meatless dishes, and much more.

Beautifully illustrated with over 1,300 full-color photos, the book offers practical guidance for beginners and experienced cooks alike.

First published in 1968, the cookbook has remained a favorite among health-conscious families for generations and continues to inspire people toward healthier eating habits. Its recipes emphasize whole foods that are lower in fat and sodium, rich in fiber, and designed to encourage a balanced lifestyle.

Amazing Facts Philippines hopes this resource will encourage more homes to embrace healthier cooking and discover that nutritious meals can also be simple, enjoyable, and delicious.

Those interested in purchasing the cookbook may visit the official online store: Ten Talents Vegetarian Cookbook – Amazing Facts Philippines Store . |



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