BERTO’S 2 P’S  
(PREPARATION AND PERSEVERANCE)  

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Berto, my student went to school this morning. He is a son of a sidewalk vendor and a brother for seven. His old uniform and ragged pants doesn’t stop him from pursuing his dream. He once said that he wanted to become a pilot.

Poverty is one of the problems that some or many of school children are facing nowadays. Imagine a child going to school with nothing in his pocket and an empty stomach. A worry for his siblings left at home not being able to eat because they have nothing to fed. When every time the teacher asked everyone to bring out a sheet of paper, he should always have the courage to ask for his classmates to give him one.

It is a good thing that our government is somehow providing them the things that they somehow lack. Feeding programs for one, helps a lot not only to those who are suffering from malnutrition and those who have nothing to eat during lunch. Government and private sectors also provides school supplies to students in need or in barrio schools at the start of the school year. Scholarships were also given to poor but mentally able students.

Having said that, it is still not enough. But what can we do? Poverty is inevitable. Some are really bound to be poor. But what matters most is that we have to do something to prevent ourselves from continuously sinking from the quicksand of poverty.

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