EDUCATION BEATS POVERTY

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One of the most dealt problems in the world is poverty. Apparently, despite of the rapid rate of technology among nations, a problem still remains unresolved – POVERTY. A poison that is continuously threatening countries, whether developed or developing countries. Being freed from such bond is like untying a knot that has been neatly linked over and over again.

According to the Global Monitoring Report conducted in 2015 by World Bank, approximately 9.6% of the world’s population is living in extreme poverty. Only proving that poverty is still all over the world. In the Philippines, an estimated 10.5 million families consider themselves poor, the results of the latest Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey showed. According to the results of the First Quarter 2016 SWS survey first published in BusinessWorld on May 27, 46% of respondents rated themselves as poor. Undeniably, the need to end poverty is obligatory right now.

Attempts have been made to eradicate such problem and changes are continuously seen to lessen the cases around the world. Poverty can indeed be overpowered. There is one potency that can be hoped to destroy such and that is education. Although poverty places several constraints in the field of knowledge, it is our duty to assure that each child, regardless of socioeconomic status, gets proper education.

As educators, we cannot disagree that poverty is indeed a hindrance. It’s hard to argue that poverty does not affect education. It’s hard to argue that children who come from homes of wanting – wanting for food, for time, or for resources – don’t enter the school door with hesitations. And it’s hard to argue that children living in poverty and attending schools that are underfunded, under resourced, and understaffed are not literally equipped for standardization advised by the Department of Education. But no
matter how difficult, how unsure we are, it is a must to provide students with the befitting education. An education that will be their stepping stone in achieving their dreams. An education that will equip them with the necessary skills needed. An education that will prepare them to be globally competitive. An education, all it takes is an education to be victorious against poverty.

Nelson Mandela 2003, a political leader and a philanthropist, once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” It opens up doors that lead to many different opportunities. It teaches us to distinguish between the right and wrong, it helps us see the right perspectives in life. Moreover, it provides us with the appropriate abilities and skills that can be used to progress in life. Although poverty is one of the major problems that loom in our society, education gives us the chance to live the life we aspire, not just the life we are born into.

Therefore, if we aim to eradicate poverty, we must continue striving for the betterment of education. With this, little by little, we may be able to defeat poverty. It may be a slow process but once we reached the finale, the end product will be so much worthwhile.
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