ON MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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There is a today a breakdown of values among our young. This collapse is due in part to parenting and our environment nowadays. About 50% of my students live with just one parent or no parent at all, because nowadays some parents need to work locally or international. They need to work to provide for the basic needs of their children. They give the material things that they thought it is necessary for the children to have, but they forget the most important thing that they need to provide is love and guidance. Responsible parenting – a process involving years of nurturing, caring, loving and growing with our children until they become fully prepared to face life challenges on their own.

Some of the students live only with grandfather or grandmother, auntie, uncle or guardian. One of my students lives with his uncle which has no relation in blood. When I heard it, I find it difficult to understand the situation, it’s kinda feeling of unpleasant emotion. The child has no father (unknown in the Birth Certificate). It is only the mother needs to work, to provide the basic needs and education of her daughter. The mother worked live – in, in a far place, so the child left to someone who is not related to them, living only the thrust of a stranger.

Eight percent of my student lived with their grandparents, simply because the parents were addicted to drugs and end up in jail.

Many of our students have come to believe that money is the only things that matter. In the absence of their parents, others turn to use electrical vape. It amazed me that they have the
Capability to buy electrical - vape. Sixty percent of my students know how to use it. They have the money to buy it. The same fifty percent are able to watch sex and violence in their own gadgets. I could not imagine at their age, 11, 12, and 13 in their teens are open in that kind of malicious scene. There is also one thing that caught my attention, twenty five percent of them have a condom in their pocket, wondering why at their young age, keeping a condom. It is very unusual. Some are also engaged in gambling, putting a wager in a computer game. Why is so? Lack of parental guidance.

This absentee parent deprives our students of the traditional role models. That’s why we kept on saying, “Ibang-iba na ang kabataan ngayon”. On making a difference you need to dig deeper just to know why this student is just like that. And, we as teachers play an important role in their well-being. We need to understand the root of delinquent students. We need to go down in their level. Let them talk, listen, one of the biggest things you can make is listening to someone. You can help a lot, most for those people who has the suicidal instinct. They need someone to talk to, someone who can listen even in the smallest ideas they have. Then you will know and understand why this student is like that. We, teachers, can make a difference. However, it involves more than just being a teacher. A teacher should become a part of their growing years, in building their values, hopes, dreams and moral values. No matter what route they decide to follow, continue to offer our selfless time. Encourage them to change for the better, even God made us differently. God never made worthless people. God made you in His own image. Students are very special.

You will be going to ask, what parents/ guardian taught their children if they are not around. One of the most important for parenting is spending precious time, quality time with our children. Pressures of work oftentimes prevent us from spending that. Lacking time or absence of some important events in their life explains why there are cases of juvenile delinquency. Parents, we must know how to save precious time, quality time for our children.
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School: Orani National High School – Main
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Female 21
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