SERVE WITH EASE

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One of the things we do as teachers is to conduct community service. When I checked the meaning of community service, it means voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area. Thus, I realized that we do not have to go places just to do this. In fact, simply imparting our knowledge and time to our pupils can already be deemed as community service.

Nevertheless, if we will analyze that very short and simple definition, it has the term “voluntary”, hence, teaching them is truly our job that we really have to do it. It is not community service then. As a result, it made me think again and search for another meaning.

According to English Law definition, this kind of service refers to unpaid work, intended to be of social use, that an offender is required to do instead of going to prison. You might be laughing right now. I am talking about community service in our world as a teacher, so how come I am talking about offenders here who might be imprisoned if they won’t do community service?

Teachers do not have to be offenders just to do community service. In fact, we do that in our own simple ways: conduct remedial and summer classes, provide financial support, lend an ear, make action research, design innovations, and the likes. We do those mentioned “unpaid”. As long as we give a hand, we do community service.
Thus, it is very evident that this nation won’t really survive without our service. I just hope knowing that could already suffice our needs. Henceforth, just serve with ease and everything will become a lot easier.

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