TEACHERS LIKE NO OTHERS

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I started my teaching career in June 2016. From then on, I have experienced a lot of struggles. I have explored the four corners of my profession. I have also witnessed how some of my colleagues surpassed their unpleasant experiences.

I was aware at the very beginning since I was still a student of Bachelor of Secondary Education that it is not that easy to become a teacher. But to my mind, I need to prepare myself for anything that will test my will to teach.

One day, when I tried to look for an inspirational YouTube videos for motivational purposes, I saw an i-Witness episode about the teachers of Malining Elementary School. A documentary that deepened my thoughts on what commitment is all about.

The stories of Teacher Grace, Jerico and Claudine perfectly illuminate the vision of the Department of Education. Twenty-hour of walk with ten rivers to be crossed in the mountain ranges of Siera Madre is an incredible act of faithfulness in service. Body pain, thirst, mud, leaches, darkness and strong river currents made their travel on foot a tough one. Even the crew of Kara David is about to give up, saying that this is one of the most difficult travels they have done throughout their i-Witness journey.

Teacher Claudine said, that while their knees are shaking, they need to continue to reach their destination. There is no supply of electricity and mobile phone signal in the school. Loneliness is another burden. Prayer is their means to connect with their loved ones.
While we are facing our own battle, the stories of Malining Elementary School teachers are good source of inspiration. I am not sure if money can commensurate their efforts. What I am sure of is that, they are indeed the epitome of Teaching with Passion.

Armed with courage, resourcefulness, enthusiasm, initiative, discipline, patience and humility, we must be true to our word when we say that we are teachers. Still teachers, even beyond the call of duty.

I assumed that we should take an oath only once. I forgot that to become a teacher, with the desire to become a better being every day, we must always renew our oath. Something that will give us a new beginning to recover. A renewed pledge in which our purpose is set to be redirected again.

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