I considered myself as a documentary enthusiast. Real-life people with their stories worth sharing to my students and colleagues.

One episode of i-Witness, hosted by Kara David, captured my heart and soul as a teacher.

It is a well-recognized fact that teaching profession is a noble career. Nobility because it is a unique calling. We need to invest much of our time and effort. More so, we should have what it takes to do this job, more than willing and matured enough to stand against the trials of being a public servant.

All of us, teachers, have our own sacrifices. Every single ounce of care is not wasted. But for us to grow, we must face and overcome these challenges with positive attitude.

The i-Witness episode featured the story of Teacher Annie, one of the two teachers assigned to teach for the Mangyan Tribe in Oriental Mindoro. More than one hour of walking with sixteen rivers to cross, a weekly challenge she endures for so long. There is no supply of electricity in the school and community. They also need to fetch their water from the river.

Teacher Annie devotes her life in teaching. Literally, it is teaching after teaching. She allots her free time to teach the adult members of the community. An exceptional version of “Education for All”.
For Teacher Annie, education has no race and color. She loves her students for what and who they are. When she got an offer to transfer to school in urban area, nearer to her house, she decided to decline and choose to stay in her current station.

Yes, Kara David is absolutely correct when she said that, “There is nothing impossible if you have a mission”.

Sometimes, we need to step out to our comfort zone to see the value of what we have right now and to see what we can accomplish beyond our convenience.

After I watched the whole episode, I came to realize that great sacrifices will make great teachers.

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