THE CHALLENGES FACED BY ALS TEACHERS

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The life of an ALS teacher is filled with worthwhile challenges. This means that the efforts they exert are rewarding since the ALS teachers are doing something heroic.

Preparing for the special curriculum is quite challenging and at the same time exciting. This is one challenge that an ALS teacher faces. The ALS teacher has to prepare special lessons that are applicable to the ALS learners.

Setting a classroom in the community needs more efforts. To communicate with the barangay authorities and to request an appropriate venue for learning are included in the responsibilities of the ALS Mobile teacher.

Teaching diverse learners requires more patience. This means that the ALS teacher is dealing with different kinds of learners from different walks of life and that he or she should be cautious in communicating with them in the way that they would feel accepted and convenient.

It is through ALS that the teacher is helping the Out-of-School Youth (OSY) and adult learners shape their dreams. With the guidance of the ALS teacher, the said students are now opening their eyes for a better and brighter future.

Travelling in remote places is part of the ALS teacher’s task. Though it is sometimes risky to travel just to offer quality education to learners, the ALS teacher does the job and selflessly educates the ALS students.
The job of the ALS teacher demands more energy and persistence. Teaching students with different age levels is difficult. This surely requires more energy to deal with daily classroom management. It also needs persistence to fulfil the job.

Meeting the needs of the ALS students is very important. The kind of education that ALS offers is sensitive to the specific needs of the students. It requires profound thinking and meticulous preparation in meeting the particular needs of learners.

Being in the group of ALS teachers educating Out-of-School Youth (OSY) and adult learners is indeed challenging but it is absolutely satisfying!

The challenges being encountered in the realization of the job as ALS teacher are fulfilling in a way that you change the life of every learner for the better.

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