

“Walang Impossible sa Taong May Pangarap” (Nothing is Impossible for Someone Who has a Dream)

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I have nine siblings and because of poverty, it was necessary to help my parents so that we could survive on daily necessities. Life is not easy in Carigara (in the province of Leyte) because there are always strong typhoons every year. Farming and fishing are the main occupations of most.

This is the reason why my parents ventured to Manila out of a desire to uplift and fulfill the dreams of my siblings. We ended up in the neighboring province of Cavite. Life has not been easy. Because I was older, I was embarrassed to go back to formal high school.

I had a friend back then who introduced me to SVD ALS, a learning center supervised by Arnold Janssen. I didn't hesitate to get into, the reason I really wanted to finish my studies.



It is also not easy to study ALS. It takes diligence and perseverance to understand the modules given to us. Sometimes I want to give up. There are times when every step toward the center seems overwhelming. But I believe that all dreams can come true if they are accompanied by self-confidence, diligence and God's guidance. The dream will remain only a dream if it is not stepped on.



I passed the Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test in 2012. I felt like I was in a cloud then especially when I was given a scholarship grant by Arnold Janssen to continue in college. Because of this I was able to complete the BEED (BACHELOR IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION) course ... after a few years of effort I achieved the dream. In the end, ALS also helped me find a job because I was a TEACHER at SVD-ALS for almost a year ... Although I resigned to pursue the new life that I led but, in the end, still supported they make my decision for my own good and that of the family I have formed. Right now, even though I'm far away from the world I used to live in, I'll take it that once in my life I have ALS that has changed it. Change began with a dream; dream being stepped on. Trust in yourself, in the good of others and in God and it will come.

