

## STRONG IN STRUCTURE

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A teacher...an educator... a professor... a mother. They come by many names, many faces, many places but all are dedicated, and passionate for one thing -to be the guide of the children, to be the vessel that enables learners to learn, to teach.

“A house divided by itself cannot stand” as said by the former United States President, Abraham Lincoln.

Teachers are like a house or a building. Its walls give strength through its mixed cement of foundation and experience. Its roof gives shelter and protection to learners, its kitchen cooking with knowledge and information to feed to learners. A teacher is indeed like a house that is strong in structure.

Through sweat and challenging work, an educator studies for four (4) years to earn degree, two (2) or more years for work experience before they can finally be able to teach independently. Of course, this is the normal ratio. Some may achieve it in less time, others may be more.

This pandemic showcases the resiliency of teachers. Despite the new and odd ways of instructions, they have been able to reach learners and teach. A teacher facing the computer doing online class, is a bit peculiar from the accustomed way, specially to season teachers who are doing double tasks in learning to be able to adapt to this situation. A teacher who are 24/7 on-call to respond to the needs and questions of both learners and parents.

Even after all these situations, they continue to bring education at its finest to their beloved learners. As a parent, taking care of a child is a challenge and can become stressful. Imagine what a teacher must deal with while taking care with multiple children. Solid respect!

Teachers in rural areas need to wake up earlier than the call time to travel to their schools-crossing rivers and floods, trekking mountains, and jungles just to arrive before the learners. They go through all these hardships just to ensure the education of the kids populating these enclosed areas not too far from the big cities in the country will continue.

Some instructors are kind. Some are strict. Others to which you can open. Some can make you cry. Some will help you, while some will point your flaws. However, all of them have one thing in common - they do this to prepare you for the world. They do this to show you that the world can be harsh, and it can be cruel. They want only the best for you once you leave their wings.

We can all agree that in this time, we have seen them. That despite challenges, changes, they are adaptive, dedicated, passionate, solid and strong teachers.

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