

CALL TO SERVE

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I did not want or dream of being a teacher. As a matter of fact, although I finished my bachelor's degree in secondary education, my goal was to finish the degree and have a stable job besides teaching. I had numerous, shall I say, "odd jobs" to be able to provide for my family, while at the same time dodging the career that was more appropriate to me, which is "teaching." Now, why did I choose this course in college? Simply put, I thought that was the easiest course to take. I couldn't see myself as an educator because of my fear of standing and talking in front of students and my lack of belief that I could share my knowledge with them.

They say that teaching is not a choice but a calling. I did not believe that until one time, when I was sitting on our sofa and trying to appreciate my current job as an encoder in an oil company, and then suddenly, a friend of mine texted me that I should try to take the Licensure Examination for Teachers and be a teacher. My answer is "no way." I enjoy working in front of a computer, although the truth is, I was really not enjoying it much. It feels like I am being selfish by not going out of my shell and teaching and sharing my knowledge with the students. Then one time, one of my co-workers told me that there's a massive hiring boom for encoders bound for the Middle East. I told myself, "I don't think I can survive working abroad and away from my family." My wife and I talked about it; we talked about earning more abroad and being able to save more money.

We reached an agreement that if I am unable to pass the LET, I will work abroad. Then came the LET; I took it and waited for 3 months for the result while still working as an encoder. In the first week of December, the results were out, and I passed the LET. My current concern is that if I pass the exam, I will leave my current job and apply to any

school to teach. I tried my luck as a Provincial School Board teacher. I was one of the applicants to receive a call from the Governor's Office, which means I got the job. I have faced my fears and gone out there to teach. It was truly hard at first, but I must admit, I enjoyed it a lot. It gave me a purpose in life, and I really don't consider it a job or a career. It truly is a calling. Six years and counting later, I still cherish each school day, and I am and will always be a teacher. Teaching is more than a profession; it is a vocation, a calling from God for those who are willing to serve and dedicate their lives for humanity. This is my call. My call to serve

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