

“NO HINDRANCES IN QUALITY EDUCATION”

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A quote from Michael Morpugo tackles the significance of teachers in creating change not just inside the four corners of the classroom, but also beyond that. This phrase depicts a good impression of how teachers play a vital role in making them the inspiration for their students. They provide us with pictures of what a real-life superhero would look like. They will sacrifice their time for the sake of giving tomorrow’s class a handful of new lessons. They would spend hours of time making a lesson plan just to execute it for an hour. And then there are those teachers who teach even when hindrances are present as they fulfill their passion in teaching. These people will do everything with their power and knowledge just to bring quality education, especially to indigenous children who are less fortunate to afford education as they live on mountains and accessible education is limited. Teacher’s education, also known as teacher training, is the collective term for the policies, practices, and resources created to give aspiring teachers the information, mindset, and abilities needed to carry out their duties in the classroom, school, and community at large. This prepares them for what they may need to give quality education to future generations.

Before, people weren’t able to afford quality education for themselves; but now in modern’s time, education is free and accessible for all, wherein many individuals can attain knowledge that they can use for their dreams and career. However, there are still people who are unable to access basic education, especially those who belong to the Indigenous Tribe. Numerous reasons behind this is due to the presence of factors, such as community location, hence, they are unable to attend school located in the city. Second factor is that they are facing severe poverty; they are forced to work even at a young age

as a means to provide food on their tables. Third factor, they experience scarce in technological resources that can help them access basic education. These arising problems of the Indigenous tribes results in a lack of literacy skills, which results to discrimination and abuse from other people. Also, lack of education can lead to more out-of-school children, creating incidents such as child labor, peer pressure, and teenage pregnancy. Hence, this highlights the importance of education among less fortunate children in order to direct and guide them to the right path. And this initiative will be possible through the presence of dedicated teachers.

In one of the exclusive interviews in I-Witness of GMA Public Affairs, they featured one of the great heroes in the field of education. They showed how Teacher Venus prepares in the morning as a non-indigenous teacher. She shared how she always wakes up at 6:30 in the morning to take a trip to the classroom located in the mountains. With her motorcycle, she would drive from her house up to the mountains, and when the road got too muddy, she would walk by herself just to get to her students, who were unable to go to school in the city not just because of poverty but also because they had special needs. This admirable act done by Teacher Venus is nothing to be considered as easy. Despite teaching from far places, encountering muddy trails, and a lack of teaching materials, she still chose to provide students the quality education they need. Teacher Venus is one of those who gives inspiration to her students, as every child deserves to acquire quality education despite one's status in life. Teacher Venus sees the importance of education and how it provides students with a small boost for the future, especially for children who require special education. Thus, her exhausting everyday journeys to reach the mountain village of the children are all considered worth the work.

It is evident in the eyes of indigenous teachers and non-indigenous teachers that they will unconditionally sacrifice everything they have just to give quality education to Indigenous children, even though they have to go up in the mountain or cross a running water in the river. They are also willing to teach the indigenous children under the shade

of a tree or in other places in their community so they could just learn something for the day. Some often bring books from town up to the mountains just to aid their lack of materials in learning and to use it to better teach the Indigenous children. With the help of our modern hero teachers, who helped and taught them, they are now able to learn many things. Many students from the Indigenous Group are now striving for a much better life for themselves and their families using the educational knowledge they gained through learning. They have acquired a much more prosperous life that will allow them to have adequate knowledge they can utilize in landing better jobs.

With this shared experience from Teacher Venus, teachers are indeed considered as modern heroes as they brought us the knowledge we have today and they serve as our guides in the field of education. Their undying sacrifices every day have molded our minds for the future. Teachers bravely overcome those hindrances every time just to deliver a quality education, especially for those who are less fortunate children of Indigenous Tribes. Teachers are truly the ones to make a difference, they fight for improvement, they overcome struggles, and they do not let anything get in the way of educating the minds of Filipino children. Even with their own money teachers are willing to help children, especially in their education. Since education is one of the most fundamental aspects of prosperity; an educated community can create a better society. With it everyone, including the Indigenous People, will be able to thrive. And through the efforts and sacrifices of the teacher in standing for education rights, we can make a strong foundation for a better society because no hindrances will prevail when it comes to quality education.

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