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Editor's Encounter with Muganda

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After six years, the former World Youth Director, Elder Baraka Muganda visited MVC again with an evangelistic team: college students and Professor Joan Francis, the Chair of History and Political Studies Department of Washington Adventist University. He serves the university as the Vice-President.

Q: We've heard that you've conducted the evangelistic series last week in Davao City. What inspired you to visit and travel for five hours, just to stay for a while?

A: Yes, we have been in Davao, doing evangelism, I brought a team of 7 students who have come here, with one professor, to do evangelism, and we headed to this convention, and I said, Hey! Let's go and see the fire in this Division, which is burning among people. So that the students can catch a little fire too, and we'll go back to the university with fire. That's why we came here.

Q: As the former World Youth Director, what advice can you give the young people to get involved in personal ministries, witnessing for the furtherance of His cause?

A: Well, you know, I love young people. Even now, I call myself a veteran in youth ministry. I yearn to challenge the young people in this Division: You must be committed to your church; be committed to the Bible; know Jesus Christ; focus all your attention into the Word of God. Then, when you have the Word of God within your life, you are ready to go out and serve other people.


So here, I emphasize two things: No God

-- then don't serve other people; meaning, get involved in the mission of the church. Once you are involved in the mission of the church, then, you are going to grow stronger and stronger, and stronger. When you are not involved in the mission of the church, you become weaker, and eventually you would die. So, go on, take every subject that you are learning from this convention, go back home with fire to finish the work.

Q: Would you mind sharing about your crusade?

A: Our school's motto is "Gateway to Service", we challenge the students to go and serve the world. We don't want it to just give them academic knowledge, but to prepare them to be servants locally and globally. That's why we came to Davao to do evangelism. It's not that you have to be a Theology major. There are even some people who are taking Sociology, Business; we challenge every young person to participate in the mission of the church. So, that's what we came to Davao to do, and God really blessed us very much. We saw God's Holy Spirit leading -- these students baptized 141 people. And some said, I've never preached, but here they are, God is still using them.

Q: What's your perspective in this event that's going on? We are expecting 144,000 coming from SSD and from other countries.

A: Yes, that's a good number! ...This is what I like, when I see the church training people. Even Mrs. White says, we have a number of young people, but you see, an army cannot serve without any training. So to me, I congratulate the Division, and all the entities that have put this thing together, because, after we train young people, we send them out; we are going to see a huge change in this Division. 


From Womb to Tomb

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Christian life is no Christian life at all if it doesn't involve family. Love isn't just about love towards the opposite gender, it's about the love for everyone—families and friends, alike. This congress is about revival and the Christian life.

According to parenting workshop coordinator, Mrs. Shirley Aguinaldo, education is the best tool in preparing our young people for parenting. This workshop prepares families for God's kingdom. Although the workshop was more focused on discussions and lectures, not a detail will be missed because the listeners jotted down notes. The enlightening workshop was indeed a blessing!

The parenting workshop held at the cafeteria was perfect not just for parents, but aspiring parents as well. The lecturers talked about techniques and strategies in handling children and teenagers. Most especially, understanding what they struggle about. A discussion about handling tantrums and hormonal changes among young people was included.

Ellen White once said, "Parenting is the profession of all professions." It needs training and consistency. It has no end. It is from womb to tomb. From the crib to the grave. 

DID YOU KNOW?

As of Tuesday, May 20, registered attendees of this year's congress amount to almost 10,000.



Dr. Jonathan Catolico, SSD Communication Director shares his insights with the RR editor in chief.



Pastor Pervaiz Bahadur sharing updates from the Pakistan Union Section.

Christ's Four Methods: the Mecca of Pakistan Union Sabbath School

By: Shane Carl Montefalcon

As Pastor Pervaiz Bahadur, Pakistan Union Sabbath School and Personal Ministry Director reported and shared about the Pakistan Union Sabbath School yesterday afternoon during the reporting session, the listening delegates looked eager and enthusiastic to know about them. Pastor Bahadur shared some of Pakistan Union's pride like the Pakistan Seminary and College where students learn through their newly-improved facilities and social connectivity through music and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.

But what caught the attention of every delegate was that Pakistan Union uses Christ's Four Methods which are: (1) Fellowship, (2) Community Outreach, (3) Bible Study and (4) Worldwide Mission Emphasis. They have made these as the center, the focus and the purpose of their union, especially on the Sabbath School department. Because of this, they have held Sabbath School seminars, where when every session ends they gather up together and come as one in prayer, joining the united prayer act of Seventh-day Adventists around the globe. They also visit the sick and minister to the poor, going on outreach endeavors and spreading God's grace and gospel throughout Pakistan. They even distribute free literatures like our prophet, Ellen White's *Desire of Ages*, *Steps to Christ*, *The Great Controversy* and others to non-Seventh-day Adventists and even to non-Christians.

The Pakistan Union is really eager and willing, doing their best to expand and to reach out to their fellow Pakistan who needs The Truth. But they have problems, too, like vehicle transportations, security threats, utilities and equipment and most of all their country's cultural beliefs and practices that defies their cause – to mention a few. Though it is hard, they are trying their best to minister to their fellow Muslim Pakistan. But they are never giving up. Let us include Pakistan Union, and all other Unions, Missions and Conferences in our prayer, that their hard work will be aided by God's merciful and almighty hands.

SSD-wide Sabbath School Congress: A Prelude to Christ's Soon Coming

Karacharis Bai L. Adil and Lailanie Fronda

While happily chatting with his fellow ministers, we approached Elder Jonathan C. Catolico, the SSD Communications Director for an interview. He didn't hesitate, and cordially gave time for not just an interview, but an inspiring sharing.

Q: How do you manage being the Communication Director of SSD?

A: *The work as a Communication Director for the 14-country territory of SSD is quite a challenge, but God enables us to overcome these challenges. The biggest is how to negotiate media in enhancing and revitalizing the proclamation of the everlasting gospel. These media includes: TV, Radio, Internet, mobile phones, etc.*

Q: Can you give us a short summary of your inspirational talk last night (May 19); what was it about?

A: *I spoke on the IDs (identifications) of a revived Christian life. The message was divided into each of the letters in the word HUMBLE. H-humility, U-unity, M-mission, B-boldness, L-love, and E-eternal life. If each member of the church lives up to these, he or she can be assured of a life in Jesus that brings about overwhelming joy in service while waiting for Jesus' soon return.*

Q: What is your perspective for this congress?

A: *I would wish this congress becomes a prelude of the biggest gathering of saints at Jesus' coming. It would seal our resolve to finish God's work by Involving each member into bringing people—family members, church members, and community members—to the feet of Jesus.*

Q: Being a minister, what advice could you give to enhance the revival among the delegates?

A: *The delegates would need to look at this congress as a turning point in their life, away from how they viewed it in past congresses. Let them grasp the role as being purveyors of spiritual revival in their home, church, and community. And the ministers model this role in their sphere of influence.*

Leader's Perspective

"As we understand that the initiative of the World Church is: "Mission for big Cities". The present day condition is a great challenge to us as we live among the Post Modern Society. Revival and transformation is to be the life of the church."

EGW Quote on Revival & Reformation

"The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means, they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest agonizing faithful men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power."

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