

Student Testimonies

Hello, there! My name is Jessa Mae E. Vallespin. I am one of the students of the Institute of Biblical Ministries in the Philippines. And here, is my testimony:



I am 21 years old now. I grew up as a Roman Catholic. I never cared about religion. I was only Catholic because my family was. I have four siblings and we were raised by a solo parent, my mother. My father died when I was ten years old. And we only met once; tragically, just a week before he died.

I've always believed in God. But I didn't know who he was. I didn't know how to pray, because in our home we were not used to. Until last

2016, I became a scholar in Cepalco - a company that supplies lights and electricity in Cagayan de Oro City. There, I met Mrs. Eden Jacinto, the social worker. She was the very first woman I had known to have such a genuine faith. She has shown that in the way she cares about the scholars. And then I met the Stedman family, specially Pastor Greg who taught us bible lessons in Cepalco.

I was an ambitious and zealous student of the world. I was an honor student since grade one until grade 12. All I had in mind was to study hard and become rich. I was spiritually dead. Until, one day, there was an I.T technician in Cepalco who shared his testimony. I saw something in him that I wanted to have. He has a relationship with God that I never had, no matter how much I tried to do good. Later that day, I downloaded a 3-hour movie about the Gospel of John. I wanted to know more about Jesus. I never stopped crying even until the end of the movie. At the last part of the movie, there was invitation to receive the Lord Jesus Christ in my heart and just there and then, with nobody around me but God, I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. And I would never forget that day. That was April 29, 2017.

Then I started going to church, got baptized, and knew more sisters and brothers in Christ. My life was totally different. I witnessed to my family, my friends, and my classmates every chance I get. My old ambition was slowly fading away. Becoming rich was not my goal anymore. But I also had those times when I almost backslid. I was the only one saved in my family. My family persecuted me spiritually. I had the influence of worldly friends. I had also those times when a teacher or two would go to me and discourage me of my faith. And the council of the world had a hold of me. For a couple of months, I stopped going to church. And there was always an emptiness.

Until somebody invited me to go back to church. And I took the chance. Later then, I bowed my knee to the altar of my heart and repented. I ask God to help me to never let me leave again. I don't trust me. But I trust Him.

When I decided to go to Bible School, it was a real struggle. I was a scholar and almost everybody in Cepalco that knew me expected me to take up Engineering. Even the guards. But the hardest part was my family. It almost seemed impossible for me to be allowed to go. Then, I told God that if it His will, He would provide a way for me. And He really did, in His amazing

ways. So, here I am now. I am learning about the Bible more than I could have if I went to a university than in this institute. I have loved the ministry. I have learned alot that I would never learn if I stayed the way I was. And my family got saved. To God be the glory!

My late grandmother was the only one who patiently taught me about the things of the Lord.



I'm saved since I was a little. I believed the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST that He died for me, He was buried and the third day, he rose again. The memory verses that I used to write before were stuck on the walls and even the very front door of my grandma's house. I always read the KJV Bible with her until I started rebelling against the Lord for the influence of the world were much stronger than my dying grandma. My life became empty and yet heavy. The guilt always bothers me and the Holy Spirit hammered my heart so hard. I asked the Lord to keep me out of that wicked life. It

took a long time before I finally get right with the Lord.

From the day I turned my back from the world, the Lord God blessed me with such peace in my heart and contentment. He molded me in a Bible believing church and studied in a sound doctrine Bible school. The Lord Jesus Christ is always faithful in my life. All the ministries I'm involved right now are the fruit of obeying him and most of all putting Him on the pedestal of my life and being the first love of my heart. Pleasing my LORD everyday of my life is the reason why I'm breathing. My life is Him and nothing more precious in me than my LORD and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. "Be Thou My Vision" became my favorite sons since that day I turned my back from the world