

Kennel's Journey Of His Grace

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"Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD"
ISAIAH 37: 14-15

Dearest Partners,

Grace to you from our loving Father! I am grateful to the Lord for your willingness to know me more. Most of the content here, I wrote on my first month of staff work. This is the story of how I said "yes" to God's call. I included a few photos of my journey at IVCFP as a student and graduate. May you be blessed by my testimony and give praise to the Lord. :)



This was my first camp with IVCF during the Weekend Retreat in 2010 and meet my SG.

I met several people while serving as a volunteer. I learned a lot from my interactions with them and I thank God for the privilege that I was able to share my faith with them. But I came to the point of being tired. I didn't have a stable job or a means to support my family. I started to think of my future. I had the desire to give financially to the ministry but I could not. That was in 2016. I spent a lot of time with God, praying and fasting, wanting to know His will in my life. I specifically prayed to be hired as a teacher by the Department of Education. In fact, I applied five times! I waited and waited for God to answer my prayer. But I got dismayed because He did not answer the way I wanted. Selfishly, I argued and wrestled with God.

Then came Kuya Rafael Magdaong's (Regional Director) invitation for me to join the staff team. He was then about to go back to the Bicol Regional Unit. I became worried for my family and for my own, too, knowing the financial instability of staff work. God spoke to me in His word, through people and signs. In my personal devotions and group Bible study these were the verses that struck me most: Acts 1:8, which was my 2011 Kawayan Camp theme verse, "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth;"; 1 John 5:14b, "if we ASK according to His WILL he hears us". The limitation of our prayers is the will of God. His will for me was not to be in DepEd because God did not open that door for me. The moment I received God's answer, my heart was troubled.



A quality milk tea time with the "once" students of Bukidnon State University when I was still their GT and now they are Registered Educators. (Picture was taken after they took the Licensure Examination for Teacher)

It was three years ago when I first heard from our former staff worker Ate Celgen Aurestila and our present Regional Director Ate Jonahliza Sinday that they were praying and considering me to be a staff worker for Inter-University Christian Fellowship Philippines. Since then, I have been refusing the invitation because I couldn't see myself as a staff worker. I am not the type who is used to plan for my future. As I grew in my relationship with God, I was learning to leave everything in His hands and just go "where the wind blows." I was serving as a missionary by teaching in the Alternative Learning System. My desire had always been to reach out to people for Christ, especially students. I continued serving God through IVCFP and became part of the Grads Team in our campus, BSU (Bukidnon State University), and was secretary of the Regional Advisory Council in the region.

Photo was taken during student days and Organization Day of BSU



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I continued to wrestle with Him. I had fears but He showed me Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go". In my worries, He comforted me in Luke 18:29-30 and Matthew 6:43. I asked for favor to serve Him through a teaching job but He said in Number 32:23 "If you do not do this, you will surely sin against the Lord and your sin will surely find you out". I was stunned and I said to myself "Okay, Lord".

Another day passed and I asked again if He wanted me to be a staff worker. While I was walking, a man walked in front of me with the word "STAFF" on the back of his shirt. I laughed. I got into a motorcycle and passed by the sign that says "Do not delay". I laughed with tears in my eyes.

I finally said "YES" and knew I was called to be a staff worker. I asked God to forgive me for my unbelieving and rebellious heart. I answered the call and accepted the challenge. I started to sail. God is my captain, the Holy Spirit is my compass, Jesus is my ever present friend, teacher and mentor and I am on the boat of Interservice Christian Fellowship Philippines. Honestly, I'm still figuring things out. I am part of the vision of IVCFP: "Creating a Christ-centered community of Filipino students and graduates who are engaged in building God's Kingdom to everyone in the campus and beyond."

My service for God was never easy or perfect. I made bad choices that led to discouragement and frustrations. But through it all, I found and experienced the amazing grace of God. Being in Christ, I have experienced plenty of beautiful and not so good things as well, but in the end, God still works it for our good and joy remains. My life after graduation was very different from my life as a student. I was confronted with the realities of life and I realized it was more difficult without God.



I grow deeper in my relationship with Jesus through my faithful ate's and kuya's in IVCF



My experience in teaching Out-of-School-Youth through Alternative Learning System grew my love for student ministry



Regina and I were batch mates in joining IVCF and we also became volunteers at Mt. Moriah Children's Ministry



Meet my beautiful Pamilya :) the 4th one from the left is my mother and the rest are my sisters and my first nephew. My father died when I was 9 years old.

Since then, I had compassion for people without Christ and sensed the call for mission but it took quite some time to say yes to be a staff worker.

My mission is to disciple students and graduates, equipping them to serve God in the campuses, churches, and community in every aspect of their lives. I have an amazing team serving with me but our resources are limited. Sailing with limited support can be exhausting but God is our provider. God works in different ways and he often uses people to fulfil His promises.

Please pray for me and for God’s ministry through IVCFP. I am appealing to you not just for myself but for the region of Northern Mindanao as well. Please pray that I will prioritize intimate personal time with God. Also, pray for wisdom on how to implement strategies in reaching out and re-connecting with the students and graduates for Christ. Lastly, help me pray as I raise my support. May this school year be a year that many students will be reached out in the campuses. If you have questions or clarifications, you can contact me through phone or email. I would love to hear your response from my prayer letter. Thank you very much!

In prayer,
Kennel Jane Pangaral



1. What is your Full name?

Kennel Jane Alcover Pangaral

2. What course did you take in college?

Bachelor in Secondary Education major in Biological Sciences

3. You were born in?

Malaybalay City, Bukidnon on June 19, 1990

4. How did you come to know the Gospel?

I first heard about it when I was 9 at the Daily Vacation Bible School but I fully understood it during 1st year College when I joined the evangelistic Bible Study of Psalm, a campus ministry of my student teacher in high school :)

5. Who invited you to IVCFP?

Ate Rose Bendula (now Geytenbeek), we were on the same major class. I fell in love with the fellowship including the food :) My brother just died when I joined the fellowship so God’s word comforted me a lot during that time.

Want to engage in the student ministry?

1. Be my ministry partner by:
 - a. **Praying regularly** for me and the ministry He has entrusted through IVCF in Northern Mindanao.
 - b. **Giving** towards my staff support /salary through Philipppian Connection or Dollar-A-Day.
2. **Give** financially to the Northern Mindanao Regional Unit for its operational fund.

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Thank you!

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