



READ, DREAM, AND BELIEVE

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When the school principal and I discussed organizing a summer activity for the pupils of Sagpangan Elementary School, we considered holding a Vacation Bible School and a summer reading camp simultaneously. Without help, we wouldn't pull this off, since I'm the only one here at the base, and most of the teachers at the school will be on vacation. Remember that we also have a literacy program nearby to help the school. I thought of recruiting them to the team we are making for the summer activity that we will be doing for the pupils. To make a long story short, the simple spark of ideas the principal and I exchanged is now ablaze, thanks to the willing volunteers from our literacy program, headed by Ms. Novee Joy Rase.

We aim to make the kids' summer experience memorable, impactful, and educational. We named our activity "*Summer Learning Camp 2026*," with the theme "*Magbasa, Mangarap, at Magtiwala*" (Read, Dream, and Believe in English). I came up with that theme to emphasize that, while reading, it enables them to dream of something good for their future and to believe that God will help them achieve it.

Those 3-day camps were full of educational activities. For the morning activities, we let them watch short movies designed to help them develop good morals. Right after, they would have activities like having them talk in front of everyone about what they want to be in the future, doing artworks, learning Bible stories, and many more. Our volunteers have

prepared lunch for the kids while AWA Philippines prepared the snacks. Afternoon activities are mostly outside the classrooms. We have different activities, with staff assigned to each. They come to the different stations by unit, since we group them as we do in Pathfinder camps. They have unit leaders, guidons, and scribes. Activities at the different stations involve their reading and comprehension skills. After that, we have major activities every afternoon before we close the day. We let them practice some of the Pathfinder skills in camp cookery, and we have also built an obstacle course for them. They were rewarded with a ribbon to attach to their flags after every activity they completed.

The teachers were very happy with this initiative that we did together with my fellow missionaries from the other organization. Also, the parents were glad to have their kids enjoy the summer break with us, even for just 3 days; they had a memorable experience they will keep with them for the rest of their lives. We are also drafting a memorandum of agreement with the elementary school and the other supporting ministries to make this initiative more sustainable.

Our literacy program is still ongoing and still needs a couple of essential items to enhance people's learning experience. We need a total of \$200 to purchase 2 large whiteboards, whiteboard markers, printer ink, notebooks, papers, pencils, ballpoint pens, coloring materials, and snacks for classes. May God bless you always as you help these learners achieve their life goals by supporting the program.



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