

Ordinary student's Metamorphosis

From student Ellarie, Puerto Galera, Philippines

"Education is the only treasure that cannot be stolen". It was the favorite line of my father that he kept saying to us before he passed away. As I grow up, more and more dreams are formed in my mind. At first, I never thought that I could have them because it is really challenging to live without parents. But Almighty God gave me many opportunities, and I never missed one of them. Way back when I was Third year High School student, our Math teacher, Mrs. Gloria Magboo announced that I was chosen to be one of the scholars of AFRO-ASIA EDUCARE. I accepted it even my aunt Rhea and uncle Walter financially support my education, I told them and agreed that it is still a big help for me.

AFRO-ASIA EDUCARE is a Danish NGO and is strictly non-profit and non-political. The main purpose of the NGO is primarily to support schools and students in Africa and Asia (Philippines). Computers, internet equipment, school desks, school chairs, English books, etc. This scholarship is also the way where I met the Danish couple that also supported me and my sister throughout these past five years. They are Ma'am Ulla and Sir Jari Josvig, two of the sponsors of the Afro-Asia Educare. They are very wonderful couple, treated us like their own children.

I can humbly say that I really changed a lot, but for better. I am now the better version of myself, more confident, more knowledgeable, and more blessed. I fully changed from my physical image to my intellectual knowledge. But I always keep my attitude to be humble and kind, because I cannot have my achievements without the people who really supported and believed me. I am Ellarie C. Sandoval. I am now at my fifth year College, a Filipino student of Batangas State University taking Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) Program, Major in Renewable Energy Resources Design. I chose BSEE program because I want to help on creating more innovations in the field of providing electricity and implementing the renewable energy resources instead of fossil fuels that harm our environment and human health. I am hoping to graduate this year. It is the start to make all my dreams come true. I also dream not only for myself but also for my family and for the children who are determined to finish their study like me. I will be forever grateful to my supportive and real friends, my aunt Rhea, uncle Walter, Ma'am Ulla, Sir Jari and also to the DOST-SEI and AFRO-ASIA EDUCARE scholarships. Thank you and God bless your Organization.

Pictures below are some of my life story at school.



Ellarie at fourth year High School. It was from the video clip where they thank AFRO-ASIA EDUCARE.



Ellarie at fifth year College. Photo taken during the Power Plant tours.



Some of the activities taken from On-the-Job Training at Shanghai Electric Power Corporation, Mariveles, Bataan.



Photos taken from some of the activates at the university under the Electrical Engineering Department.