Involvement in community extension services programs deepens our faith in our Creator, affirms our co-existence with others, and commits us to our sole purpose in life. Seeing others experience hunger, cold, darkness, isolation and infirmity makes us more resolute to our pursuit for justice; seeing people suffer from coercion, oppression, hurt and prejudice compels us to be more radical in our quest for social transformation.

Community service is not a matter of dole-outs – it’s not only giving a few coins or some bills that exemplify charity. It is not the used clothes, the canned goods, and the packed goodies that define generosity. It is not the annual visits, the donations, and the “free” things that determine compassion. It is the PARTAKING of one’s share so that others may also have their share. It is the NUMBER OF LIVES that we have touched that makes our life meaningful. It is the PURITY OF INTENTION that we manifest as we immerse with the homeless, the neglected, and the abandoned.

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