



WAZZUP with 180 Degrees...?!?

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180 Meets Pacquiao (...Not Really!) By Eman Ortaleza, 180 Degree-er



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Ten days with 180 in Southern Philippines – General Santos City (the home of Manny Pacquiao) had me on my toes once again! The Youth were full of energy

and passion (as always) and I still can't believe 180 Degrees is in its 7th batch! Go, 180 Degrees!

I have been in Doha, Qatar for the past 2.5 years and this trip with the team helped me get updated with the "who & what" of 180 Degrees since I left. To be back doing the stuff I love to do – Youth, Music and "Missions" reminded me of why I went to Doha in the first place.

The Team, aside from singing in several churches in the city, led Music, Drama, English Class, and Dance workshops in a small Muslim community of 100 families. The Tausugs and Samals, our Muslim "cousins," received us with their tribal dances, songs and beautiful smiles. Although humidity and scorching heat was ever present, amazingly, everyone's energy was high 'til the end of the day!

Every night we had team debriefings, and those nights were the only chance for us leaders (the Dream Team as *Tita*

Taking 180 Degrees a Notch Higher

By Aimee Zagala, 180 Marketing Asst.

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After the stories and challenge, *Tita* Ramona presented the Next Step plan: **Mobilize the graduates to take an active part in reaching the Least Reached Nations.**

In line with this, Doha, Qatar will be adopted. This means 180 Degree-ers who want to be *Tentmakers* (using their jobs to intentionally share the Gospel with the least reached people groups living there) can get jobs there and join Eman. Also, the present 180 Degree-ers will actively pray and encourage the work in Qatar.

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[Aunt] Ramona called us) to hear their thoughts. It was fun to hear how the day went and how their perception of "normal" changed. Some felt more fortunate because of the extreme poverty in the community. Some felt privileged to serve the needy youth and children there. Some were sad because they were not allowed to share the love of Isa (Jesus in Arabic) through words!

I was amazed at how an exposure trip can turn a young person's perspective 180 degrees! The Youth were uneasy because everything was new to them. And personally, I think uneasiness is good because that's the time your brain tells you to do something with what you feel. I'm discerning they have an increasing passion to share Isa's love. This is a good start, for they will definitely face a lot more opportunities as they continue their 2-year journey with the ministry.

180 Degrees Music Team is about challenging the youth of today to be involved in the "Missions" task – molding their ordinary lives into something valuable to the Lord and His redemption business. This task is too daunting for them to face alone and they can only do so much.

Prayers are needed for 180 Degrees Leaders as they continue to challenge and mentor these young people towards God's call in their lives.

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It was, indeed, a fun night of good food, meeting people, learning their stories but most of all, it was encouraging to see these young professionals heed

God's call for them to minister through 180 once again. I was really excited to hear Carlo (Batch 5) say, "I will be a missionary nurse!" with all confidence; Juliet (Batch 4&5) say, "I am praying to go to Qatar;" and Carol (Batch 5&6) say, "I still have the heart for Japan," but I'm more excited to see how God will hold them to their words.

These plans can really be considered "Big Leaps" for 180, but we believe that God will be with us every step of the way. **Therefore, we urge you, our dear friends, to continue to include us in your prayers, especially this graduate group who are willing to take the "Next Step" God is preparing for them.**

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