

For the past several weeks, the world has come almost to a halt due the global pandemic called corona virus. The world has quarantined itself and we have become prisoners in our own homes, as if we are under house arrest. Life has simply taken a pause from all activities. But has it? Not really! We have formed a new form of a life style.

I am a school teacher and I have found a new way of communicating with my students. These days, teachers and students alike, are communicating through the use of modern tech, such as Google classroom, Zoom, video calls, instant messages, emails, and other similar engines of communication. Even teaching has taken a new toll.

A few years back, my students and I read an article titled “Will Technology Take Over Our Lives One Day?” The debate was definitely unilateral. Not difficult to guess! The answer was, “NOT POSSIBLE!” Now, the answer has changed. YES, THEY have taken over our lives!

HOW MUCH I MISS MY STUDENTS! How much I miss the daily communication through the old fashioned human contact. How much I miss the smiles, the warm or even the cold greetings, the patting on the shoulders for a work well done, the words of encouragement, the hugs, even the frowning faces.

I have been thinking, what will I do on the first day of school when all this chaos is over? I will hug everyone whom I come across. I will smile more often, get angry less often, help around more often, extend a hand more often, complain less often, and mostly appreciate all the people around me more often. And above all, I will PRAY more often and be thankful to GOD more often.

World, stay safe!