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INTERVIEW

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Q. Place of birth?



Manila, Philippines



Q. You chose NB or did it choose you?

I feel like New Brunswick chose me. My plan was to go home after my graduation here in New Brunswick. But that plan obviously changed as I feel like this is the place where I need to be.

Q. Your passion?

Helping my community, and helping newcomers feel welcomed.

I was a newcomer who struggled a lot when I first moved here.

I am thankful for all the people who helped me in this process, and one thing I know I could do as a token of my appreciation is to help others who are experiencing what I have experienced before.

Q. Of our four seasons you prefer?

Autumn.

I love the ambiance of leaves slowly falling from the trees. It is calming.

Q. Best life advice you ever received?

Be the change you want to see.

Q. Most enjoyable voyage?

I once went to Singapore and Malaysia to attend a conference.

I enjoyed it because of the many manifestations of cultures that I saw in those countries.

Q. Destination yet to be discovered?

I would like to explore Western Canada.

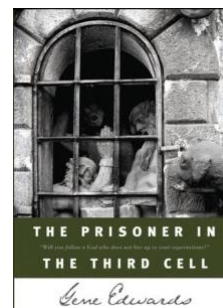
I enjoy traveling and I know the other provinces have beautiful places I can visit, too.

Q. Preferred leisure activity?



Reading Books

Q. Last book read?



Q. You have the opportunity to dine with anyone from human history, you choose?

Martin Luther King, Jr

I would love to hear, firsthand, his passion.



Also, I would hope to learn from this meeting and catch his zeal to do what is right.

Q. Favorite authors?

John C. Maxwell,



is an American author, speaker, and pastor who has written many books, primarily focusing on

leadership
Also:

- **Andy Stanley,**
- **Gene Edwards**

Q. Favorite quote?

You cannot be the same, think the same, and act the same if you hope to be successful in the world that does not remain the same.

– John Maxwell

Q. A book you recommend?

MALCOLM GLADWELL



TALKING TO STRANGERS

I have observed how social media has made us more engaged in the internet but less connected relationally.

People might have thousands of friends or followers on social media, but many feel alone.

Sometimes we just need to know how to connect to them in a personal way.

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Q. You are most proud of?

My Filipino heritage.

Q. You win the lottery grand prize. What would you do with your new found fortune?

Donate to charities, travel, and start a new business.

Q. Your advice to the newcomer to your Region (New Brunswick / Canada)?

You are not alone.

When you get homesick, do not detach yourselves from others, but find a way to connect to a community.

Belonging is a basic human need.

I know you can find friends and new families you can belong to.



Q. One word describes you?

Hardworker

Q. Who was your hero in your youth? Today?

My grandmother has always been my hero.

That has not changed.

Q. From your own newcomer experience specifically, what are some of the challenges you have faced, your recommendations to the newcomer and how best to undertake a successful path of integration in his/ her new community?

As a newcomer, I experienced a lot of homesickness.

I felt I was alone.

It took a while before someone invited me over to their home for a dinner or lunch.

I would say that if someone experiences this too, be friendly. Start a conversation. Find a community.

It is alright to feel sad, but do not stay there.

I found that being friendly makes the people around me become friendly, too.



Q. Share something people may not know about you!

**I have authored several books!
I love writing.**

DID YOU KNOW?



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