

“ Peace of Mind”

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Have you ever heard about the brutal killing of lives happened recently at Maguindanao and also known as the "Maguindanao Massacre"? Are you aware of the kidnappings and killings of Christian people at Basilan? Maybe, yes. Recalling the gushing of blood and the agonizing cries of the family of the poor victims of war would awaken us again. Even I myself have taste the bitterness brought by war in my hometown-Isabela city. I have felt the discouragement of each child when they are force not to attend their classes on school. I have seen the anger and the sadness in the eyes of the family of the victims. I have felt the hopelessness of the soldiers fighting against war. I have heard the deafening sound of bombs and guns which harshly took away lives. I have witnessed the people running to and from looking for safety. I have felt the fear when I sense that the war is still going on. I have seen this! and so not only me but every people of Basilan continue to quest for peace. It has always been our dream. Painful but true. This is how our place experience man by injustices and we are deprived by the so-called peace. This is what we are today but the question often asks what would it be for tomorrow?

As the part of the society, we must involve ourselves in the actions taken by the government regarding peace and order. Let us always remind ourselves that it is not only the government who is responsible in resolving this global issue but it is everyone's task and responsibility because we are the one who is greatly affected. We should start promoting peace in our own little way. I suggest, all we have to do is to make sure that before promoting peace in our community we must see to it that we have peace of mind. In that way, you can already contribute something for your country.

Imagining a peaceful world would always put a smile on someone's face, but it is more wonderful to make this imagination into reality. It is never too late for us to move as long as we remain fair.