

To: SIR MICHAEL CHOI
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VILLAGE88 TEAM and CO-TRAINEES

Greetings!

Hope this message finds you all well. I, EVANGEL B. DAPING, is a native Cordilleran from La Trinidad, Benguet, the Strawberry Capital of the Philippines. My hobbies are playing instruments like guitar, keyboard, and drums; watching documentaries/news/website tutorials; listening to music; playing video games; and drawing/arts. My goal right now is to be a better web developer/programmer and be able to apply it with confidence.

During my undergraduate years as an Information Technology student (batch 2012-2016) at Baguio College of Technology (BCT), I learned basic JAVA and C# coding and Web Development using Front-End Technologies like CSS, HTML and Javascript; and Back-End programming languages like PHP and MySQL, and Xampp for Database. The coding skills that I obtained from my Alma Mater were all good experiences for a fresher. However, I still lack many aspects in terms of coding experience and skills that can help me be confident and competent to work in the world of web development. Being an IT graduate is very challenging as technologies continue to evolve, such that one's knowledge and skills of the course must be inclined and fully equipped for whatever changes that may occur in the future of IT and IT-related services. Nonetheless, we all are still lifelong learners who are prone to commit mistakes and failures, but that doesn't stop us from reaching our goals.

After graduation, I applied for IT-related jobs but failed to meet the qualifications. Thus, for the time being, I was able to work in non-IT-related part time jobs and even tried to apply for agriculture work abroad. In 2019, I continued to pursue training opportunities for web development and was able to

enroll in 6-months online Java Web Development bootcamp offered by Lithan Academy in November 2019, where I successfully completed all the requirements (assignments and capstone project) and was able to pass the interview from them last July 2020. Due to the pandemic situation, I am still waiting for their notice regarding the updates for the bootcamp.

Moreover, I was able to enroll in free courses offered by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)- Caraga for a short period of time under Coursera.org, in which I was able to complete some selected courses like Web Development. I also watched Free Code Camp tutorials on YouTube and after which I compiled my code learnings and created my resume portfolio. Up to these days, I continue to look for entry-level web development jobs while trying to keep myself busy acquiring skills related to my course. Sharing this link <https://portfolios-5e143.web.app/> containing my simple resume portfolio for your perusal.

With the passion to be a competent web developer/programmer someday, I am still on the pursuit of my interest to reach this goal regardless of what challenges may come. Though it may seem that I have been left behind, I still cling to what the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV): “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven”.

Lastly, with the help of Facebook, I was able to come across the page Village88, where training for coding is for free on their website, such that trainees may also eventually be hired afterwards. Gladly, I was selected to be a part of their training program and will look forward to learning more about Web Development. To end with, my goals for this opportunity are: a) to fill the missing gaps with every knowledge that Village88 will impart to me and, b) to be able to apply all these knowledge and experience gained with confidence.

That's all. Thank you.

Kindest Regards,

EVANGEL B. DAPING
Trainee



"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them." – Desmond Tutu

Among the four siblings, I am the second and the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Belmore S. Daping. My family is not well-off but I thank the Lord for sustaining our daily needs all throughout these years, and more than enough. My father has long been serving in the mining company for over 30 years as a warehouseman while my mom is a very diligent housewife who juggles day and night to keep the family intact. Both of them worked very patiently and righteously despite their failing health status, and I admire them for their work ethic. If there's one thing that I am grateful for, it's that I am blessed with parents who fear the Lord and siblings who keep life sweet, and warm. And if there's something that is worth fighting for, it's to protect what's important to me, my family.



Field Trip with BCT classmates (me, 5th person from left) and Instructors. Photo was taken last 2016 at Enchanted Kingdom Santa Rosa, Laguna before our graduation ceremony.

One of the joys to have in this world are having friends whom you can share your hopes, fears, and dreams in life. College days, just like any other stages in life, have its own trouble to carry, but having people to lean on can make the journey bearable and worthwhile. Maybe one of the bittersweetness of life it's that, people come and people go, albeit, every person we meet has their own divine purpose in our lives. Good friends are there to care, but real friendship are life's rarest gems that only few can have.