

## OPEN A SCHOOL IN ONE WEEK—NO PROBLEM!

Yes, it's true! Philippine travelled for seven months, overcame incredible obstacles, arrived in a new country with a new language, and did the unimaginable. Our "*nun on fire*" CHOSE to keep pressing forward and despite all odds against her, set up a school in just one week after arriving in the frontier village of St. Charles. Her zeal and love for Jesus' heart gave her the courage and confidence to offer education and the sacraments to this fledgling community.

### 1. Optional frontloading activity:

Have students stand in the middle of the room. Move to the left or right side depending on their preferences. Ask: Which do they prefer? Where would Philippine stand if she was asked?

LEFT SIDE

RIGHT SIDE

Perfection or nothing at all

OR

Imperfect but gets the job started

### 2. Hang 5 large sheets of butcher paper on the walls with the following titles:

Student Supplies

Teacher/Instructional Supplies

Organizational Tools

Human Resources

Other

**3. Divide the class into five groups.** Explain they will be brainstorming what materials and resources are needed to begin a new school in a first world country. Using a timer, have each group generate ideas and write them on the topic board. When time is called the group will move to the adjacent topic butcher paper. Students may elaborate but not duplicate ideas that have already been written on the sheet by a previous group. Continue until each group has visited all 5 topic sheets.

**4. Compare the needs of a modern school to Philippine's school.** Were her challenges more or less difficult, or just different because of the timeframe?