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BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

For we walk by faith, not by sight. —2 Corinthians 5:7 ESV

Faith is very important to David Quilatan, a theology major at Andrews University.



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David Quilatan

“Faith is what helps me see the world,” he says. “It makes me look at people and situations differently. ... Building faith opens eyes and opens doors, as well.”

He served as the youth leader at the Hinsdale Fil-Am Church for nearly three years and went on his first mission trip in 2007. It had been a year since Hurricane Katrina, and David and several church members traveled to New Orleans to rebuild

two houses in the city.

“I had an amazing time and saw personally the joy and tears that came from it,” he recalls. “I got to actively participate in helping someone have a better life. After that, I told my pastor that I wanted to give my life to Christ.”

Following high school, David studied history and English at a community college, despite strong feelings to become a pastor. Several personal situations and conversations with family quickly led David to consider theology at Andrews.

“I felt God saying, ‘Get up, I’m calling you. Just go,’” he recalls. “He wanted me to take the step forward, so I did.”

Last spring, David became a student at the university. He quickly realized the many opportunities to become involved in ministries around campus. He enjoyed learning about God in his classes and having conversations with classmates and friends. At Andrews, he learned that “being a Christian is to be a Christian when no one’s looking and when everyone’s looking,” he says, and that, sometimes, not even theology majors have all the answers.

Besides his studies, David expresses his faith on campus through music. Since picking up a guitar just two years ago, he has performed in praise teams for numerous chapels and dorm worships. David also plays for different church services and claims that music is one of the biggest mediums to connect with Christians and the world.

When he completes his studies, David plans to become a pastor and stay involved in music ministries.

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