I miss living in paradise. Fresh air, clear sky, beautiful landscapes and relaxing sound. In the Philippines, my home country, the tropical vibe is everywhere. It's the most beautiful paradise tor me, but now it's rapidly getting destroyed. I experienced a lot of typhoon, lots of flooding and properties getting destroyed. I didn't notice the rapid changes of climate. I didn't realize earlier that the paradise I loved was suffering from our mistakes.

These past few years, the Philippines have suffered from a lot of strong, terrifying typhoons. In 2013, one of the strongest typhoons, Yolanda, hit the Philippines and destroyed millions of properties and places which cost about 14 billion dollars. I remembered the time when we needed to evacuate because there was a threat of flooding. We evacuated our home immediately, leaving everything behind and hoping that nothing got lost. We didn't have a choice because the flood might hit any at time. We only had our prayers and faith that everyone would be safe. We quickly moved to a friend's place that was on higher ground. When the eye of the typhoon was hitting our place, it was night time, I could hear the very loud blow of the wind like there's a tornado that's going to destroy the building. It was very terrifying. There was no electricity anywhere and only the little light of the candles was keeping us able to see in the dark. It was the most terrifying horror of my life. A few days later, the flood was still there, we didn't know if our house and everything in it was still fine. We we're just hoping that there was some of our property left. We we're waiting for the food supply to get brought to our friend's place. It was very hard for everyone to lose a property and maybe even a love one.

The researchers of University of Wageninger, Montpellier and Exeter found out that the rich countries that have contributed most to climate change will see less temperature fluctuation, whereas in poor countries the fluctuation will become stronger. This research proves that every country is also involved in climate change that is happening everywhere. As the years pass by, the normal typhoon strength is becoming stronger and stronger. This year, another strong typhoon, Mangkhut, hit the Philippines and other parts of Asia. I felt sad when I heard that news because I know that people will suffer again from a terrifying nightmare caused by climate change. The climate change in the Asia has gotten so bad that everything is affected. The temperature is going so high up to 40 degrees and sometimes around 50 degrees that it is affecting many farmers. It's also causing yearly flood that destroy properties and crops.

The harmful effect of climate change is being felt all over the world. Even here in Regna, my relatives have told me that the changes of climate here became worse than what is normal climate here before. I'm afraid that one day, this place is going to end up with even worse climate change. I want to support the idea of making this city's source of energy completely renewable because it is a small step that could lead to a bigger benefit. I want to make this step successful because it will encourage other cities to do the same until it spreads city by city, province by province, country by country, everywhere. It will be a huge benefit to us and to the world we're living. As a teenager, I really want to see this done because I'm hoping that someday it will be a very helpful step to protect our planet and prevent this world from getting destroyed. It's my wish to bring a similar action to my country to reduce climate change before it's not too late. I also want to encourage other people, especially the teenagers, like me to support this step because I believe that our generation is the hope of a better world. I hope that the paradise that I know will not fade because we did something good and we stopped doing something that is bad for us and this planet. I hope that all of us can live in a paradise before people forget what it's like. And I see this motion for a 100% renewable Regna by 2050 as a great step in the right direction.

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