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During my first year at Holy Light, I started to recognize my weakness – the pride inside my heart. I was really ashamed of who I was. God wanted me to change. He refocused my vision. The best lesson of all is the lesson of being humble before Him.

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