

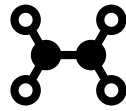


SIX VIRTUAL CAREERS SUCCESS STORIES

Jomar Hilario



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MAY ALA-AN THE BOSS OF HER TIME

2017 was New Year indeed for me. I got hired by my 2nd client on the last day, December 31, 2016. Then I got my 3rd client on February 8, 2017.

These were the fruits of my hard work from the past year 2016.

I am from Sta. Rosa, Laguna. I am 26 years old and the youngest in the family. I like to travel and is an active member of our parish's Lectors & Commentators ministry.

In my full-time work, I was part of a management team and rendered different working schedules every week with one day a rest day.

I got the opportunity to watch Jomar's interview "Turn from Jobless to Earning Dollars: Interview with Andrea Viernes". Andrea Viernes was my college classmate. When I saw Andrea's Facebook post about how life is, having a virtual career, I felt an urge within me to have a virtual career as well.

"I am the boss of my own time".

I was inspired to work from home. I have many activities and I felt that my restaurant work hinders me from doing these activities. My big 'why', why I wanted to have a virtual career, is that I have my own personal time to manage.

First, I purchased Virtual Careers book. Then I purchased the VA2013 downloadable seminar premium last September 10, 2016.

I applied what I learned from these and created my 10 tutorials. These tutorials can be found on my website.

How did I manage to do my tutorials?

First, I created a timeline.

Second, I have high regard of my time and never wasted time.

“I had time management. I always make sure that every rest day and during my free time, I do my tutorial. I invested sweat and blood in making the website and these tutorials.

“Do not be ‘chismosa’.”

Instead of browsing the personal lives of other people, or watch teleserye, much better if you make tutorials instead. And this will be part of your personal growth. “

I also acknowledged that a support group is important. I informed my family about my plans of having a virtual career and my activities, so they’ll be aware of what I am doing.

Some of the fuel that pushed me to pursue virtual career are the success stories I read about virtual careers. Stories showing that one can succeed with a virtual career, that it can be done. It was important to me to discern the will of God. For me, “Always offer your goals to God so that it is aligned to God’s plans for you. “

I passed my blog to Jomar last December 14, 2016. I was hired first before I was able to show my blog. I got my first virtual career as a Telemarketer last December 11, 2016, which was aligned to my timeline. I believe that having a timeline gave me focus.

I received feedback on my blog last January 24.

My second virtual career work was as a Social Media Manager. I got hired last day of 2016, December 31. I had a great start in 2017. And I had my 3rd virtual career last February 8, 2017.

I received recommendations from my clients. They were happy with my work. They said that I was very good with Twitter graphics and doing websites.

When asked what advice I would give to people who got rejected or having doubts about having a virtual career, I said,

“If you got rejected, move on. Think of your “big why” why you want to have a Virtual Career.

Along the way, somebody will gonna say yes to your dreams. Do what is right and let God do the impossible. “

MARVEN BORE AN OFW IN CHINA

I have been working abroad for 9 years. I am 36 years old, married and has 3 kids. I am an Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) in Shanghai, China as a lab technician. I am also a catechist in St. Ignatius Cathedral.

I really wanted to go home and be with my family. My kids are growing up and I felt that they are drifting away from me.

I came to know about work from home when I was looking for jobs online. I also got the chance to know virtual careers from one newsletter I read from Bro. Bo Sanchez.

It ignited something inside me, so I watched on YouTube the Jomar Hilario's Interview of Rachel Buiza. The webinar was entitled, "Discover How You Can Get A Homebased Career While Working Full Time".

This experience jumpstarted my virtual career journey. After watching that interview, I started joining the webinars every Monday. I availed the Virtual Careers e-book and VA2013 downloadable course last September 2016.

I also applied what I learned from the courses and made my tutorials.

And like many others who wanted to succeed in their virtual career, I overcame a lot of challenges. I really wanted to succeed so I developed strategies to overcome those challenges,

"I overcome the challenge in doing my tutorial by allotting 2 hours every day of my time in doing my assignments. (Note: "Tutorials" mean creating a virtual professional portfolio website. You would need to read the book Virtual Careers (<http://virtualcareersbook.com/buy>) to know more.

I will close my Facebook, my WeChat, everything. Then I'll begin to choose an app from the list in the VA2013 downloadable course.

I'll study the app that I'll be teaching in my tutorial. I'll search for it on YouTube.

If there's a PDF manual available, I'll download it to my phone. I will read it in my free time or when I travel.

I will use PowerPoint or Keynote to make the tutorials.

I have completed my assignments after I commit to stop watching movies and focus on doing my assignments first. “

For me, the most important tip I can give is that always remind yourself of your big why. And my big why is to go home to be with my family by working as a virtual professional.

Note: It seems Marven's story is not complete ,yes?

This is by purpose: I interview people who are in the journey to be a virtual professional, not just those who are already in the profession. This gives hope to you, reader - that not everybody is a runaway success.

We are all in a journey.

Nauna lang sila.

TINA RAMAS

AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

“The hardest time for me came and I couldn't take it anymore when once there was an earthquake and I was at the office. I was uncomfortable and I wanted to go home at that time. My husband is also away at that time. He's a member of the Philippine National Police and was in Marawi that time for an assignment. And my children are at home with their Yaya only.

I also realized that it's difficult to adjust the time between work and home. That is my "deepest why" why I decided to switch to a virtual career. I want to be a hands-on mom and at the same time work.

It was Jomar Hilario's live event called “How To Work At Home As A Virtual Assistant” that gave me an open mind. And that there's hope over the horizon.

But before I concentrated on virtual careers, I was a school cashier in a non-sectarian institution who is popular for its maritime education program.

I am an introvert mom who dreamed a dream that came true. And that's working at home where I can manage what's going on in my house and create things with a machine and myself.

I am a full-time virtual professional and full-time mom enjoying freedom at work.

I came closer to nature and closer to the idea of traveling because I have been enjoying freedom while working.

I can work anywhere as long as there is a good Wi-Fi connection.

I am blessed with great clients I got from Upwork. I am now on my 11th gig and my client is from the UK who's an "Amazon Best Selling Author" and a graphic designer.

LHEI LIWANAG NEVER SAY DIE

“Never Say Die”, this is my favorite basketball team’s cry. This spirit and confidence are one of the fires that kept me going in my life.

I am from Cavite and a graduate of BSBA with Major in Management at AMA Computer College. I am 35 years old and married with 2 kids.

My parents broke up when I was 3 years old. My dad actually works overseas and it was painful for me when they separated. I hoped that my parents will reconcile back and be together like in the movies.

Now I realized that the family that I have is a blessing.

“I now realized I am blessed. Why? Because not everyone will have moms and dads like I do. There are many people who love me and give me advice.”

I have been a technical and customer support for 7 years. As a tech support, I experienced day shift, night shift, team building activities, typhoon, an earthquake.

My experience with the corporate world is that stats or statistics are more important to companies and that the employee needs to choose whether going to the office on Christmas or New Year’s Day.

It is not allowed to take vacations on both days. :(

My grandparents are all 80 years old and above and I visit them frequently.

And I found it very unfortunate that working in an industry like BPO or ITO will not allow me to travel or visit my grandparents frequently. Because if I do that, I need to take a leave and that will affect the company’s statistics.

On top of that, my deepest why is my son, Aden.

My son has a benign convulsion. It is a condition wherein if he has a very high fever his body suddenly becomes rigid and shakes rapidly and uncontrollably, his eyes looking upward. I have seen this heartbreaking condition of my son many times.

“To all mothers out there, you know how a mother feels the pain and being helpless when that happens to your child. You cannot do anything but watch your child and pray that the convulsion stops and rush him to the hospital.”

When I was working in the BPO industry I am not allowed to be always absent. When my child is sick, I would be absent from work, stay at home and be with my son. I experienced being asked in my office if I can do anything to address or fix my frequent absences.

“We tried. We let our son undergo an EEG test. We were hoping that there are medications for his condition.

Thank God, the results are all normal. But is it still a challenge for us to monitor him and make sure that he won't get convulsions again.

Freelancing was introduced to me by a friend who is a freelancer since 2008. I wanted it. I wanted it for my son. I wanted to work at home and have a virtual career even before when we still have only 1 child.

“I heard about Jomar Hilario and subscribed to him last 2014 after I gave birth to my son.

To be honest, we cannot afford Jomar's training and seminars. I really wanted to attend those.

For the meantime, I always listen to the free webinar / online video replays. Even if I have work, I find time to listen to Jomar's webinars.”

I got gigs, data entry jobs, but it didn't last for a month. I also got hired as an online teacher. But my financial needs were not met by my previous online jobs.

I needed to go back to BPO, like, for my kids' health. Fortunately, my husband got a job with health benefits that covered her and her children and I no longer needs to work back in the BPO industry.

Last 2016, my friend helped me get a writing gig. And by November 2016, I got a tech support gig with Upwork.

“I was also glad that Jomar released the book, Virtual Careers. I got the first edition. I have his dedication and signature on it.

Virtual Career is necessary for moms. Why? Because it offers flexibility and convenience. If anything happens, God forbids, knock on wood, I am just in the other room. And I can hug and kiss my kids anytime. I can also develop a strong and loving relationship with them.

I can bring my work anywhere as long as there's an Internet connection.

Currently, I am preparing for my client. I believe there is a perfect time for everything.”

ANNA TERMULO

PRESSURED TO WORK ABROAD

“You already have a day job, why do you still have a part-time job?”. I am always asked this question. And my answer always is “Freedom”.

Age, degree even working experience doesn't matter in a virtual career. What matters most is your big “why”, why you want to work from home.

I started early in my virtual career journey when I was 21 years old. And this doesn't happen a lot. I am a graduate of Mass Communication, major in Advertising. I worked full-time as an Advertising Account Executive in an Advertising Agency. At night, I worked part-time as a virtual assistant.

My virtual career journey started last October 2015. There when I felt pressured to work abroad to meet the financial needs of my family. But I didn't pursue it because I knew I am not prepared for it and it's not what I wanted.

I looked for extra income, a part-time career to achieve time freedom. I have been living independently, away from my family for almost 6 years, 4 years living in a dorm during my college years and 2 years when I was working on my full-time job.

I felt deprived of home and family because I have been away and there are family events that I missed. Because I am away, there were lapses in our relationships as a family and even with my friends. Those lapses happened because I had limited time. And I don't want this to happen to my future family. I wanted time freedom.

I also wanted to achieve financial freedom. My family has been in a financial crisis to the extent that I thought I would not finish college. And I don't want this to happen again in the future especially to my future family and children. I knew that with a wealthy and millionaire mindset, I can love even more.

I love to travel and I believed that having time and financial freedom will lead me to passion freedom. I wanted to do my passion in life and not only work.

I believed that by having a virtual career, I could have time freedom, financial freedom, and passion freedom.

I downloaded seminars and tutorials from Jomar's Virtual Career website. I studied them and joined webinars. I did my own research and found out that I could become a virtual assistant and work at home using my skills and my experiences on her day job.

I also liked the idea that I can earn dollars at home or anywhere I wanted, without working abroad. I can work anywhere I want and do other things that I love.

I completed making the assignments from November 2015 to December 2015. Then January 2016, I had my first online work, one month after finishing my virtual assistant assignments (Note: Assignments = Tutorials = Creating an Online Portfolio)

"I had my first gig last January 2016 with only little effort on it because I followed the tips shared by Jomar. In the span of 3 months, I got my first gig.

My first gig is a Media Production Assistant. What I do is I publish articles and I transcribe videos. In my recent gig, I do video editing. I do all this for one client.

I am so thankful because I have successfully completed my assignments and my first gig is also a success. All these happened in spite of so many challenges and a lot of excuses.

Having a virtual career and being a virtual assistant is a big turning point in my life. Because little by little, I can see freedom by having this career. "

PHEBE MAYNEZ

DATE WITH FREEDOM

“To be a Virtual Professional is a journey and creating your resume is one step of this journey”.

I am a full-time mom and part-time virtual professional. Before I became a virtual professional, I was a university teacher.

Year 2014 when I started working online as part-time and as an HR assistant also as part-time. The rate is low that's why I researched more about online careers.

While doing my research, I stumbled upon the Virtual Careers website and started listening to the online webinars. I then purchased the 'VA2013 downloadable' seminar. This seminar has assignments, but I was not able to do them. That same year, I also purchased the VA202 program. There are also assignments in this class, and I was also not able to do them.

Year 2015, I got married and was already resigned from my teaching job. I downloaded the seminar "Date With Freedom". This became the turning point of my life and I told myself that this is the career that I wanted. This time I took the program seriously.

I wrote the 100 reasons and was also able to create the 10 tutorials upon completion of the Date With Freedom program.

I gave birth and became busy with the baby that's why I look for a virtual career only in 2016. I am now working with a client as an Ontraport Specialist.

An interesting experience I shared is when my current client gave me an increase. How? I was working as part-time with her current client and she's also looking for other potential clients. When the current client knew about this, he told me not to look for other work and just focus on the current client. My client gave my demands, which are flexible hours and a higher rate that I wanted.

My first online job is with a Canadian client, but it didn't last because the client has not defined his business goals yet. We don't know the direction of his business, not yet organized. Our relationship didn't work.

I got another client, the same year, 2016, as an Ontraport Specialist. This is what I do now. To those who are asking what Ontraport is, it is a CRM tool. I am still working with this client.

ANNALEE QUINTO

I ONLY SKYPE WITH MY SON

I am Annalee Quinto. I am a certified public accountant from Pasig City. I worked as an accountant for 10 years. I am the eldest among 5 siblings. I am married for 6 years now. We have a son who is 5 years old.

I worked as an OFW in Dubai for almost 9 years.

And my big why, is my son. Every day, I woke up early so I can have a Skype conversation with my son. There, I watched him play with his toys or read books to him. It was very difficult for me as a mom to be away from my child. I cannot hug him or kiss him. I couldn't play with him because I was away from him. It was very difficult for me.

I researched for other opportunities that I can pursue so I can go back home and spend my time with my son.

I am a member of Bro. Bo Sanchez's Truly Rich Club and have subscribed to his emails. In one of his emails, he mentioned one of Jomar's courses about working from home.

Since then, I subscribed to Jomar Hilario's emails. I attended the Monday webinar and I learned about jobs that I can do while working from home.

One of the courses that I took is "Date with Freedom" seminar. I took it last 2015.

After a year of learning how to become a virtual professional, I've decided to resign from my corporate job. We had a farewell dinner with my colleagues in Dubai last January 2016.

Last February 2016, I attended Jomar's "Instant Virtual Skills" program. I needed to get more skills so I can have a client and I can start working. Every month, we had live meet-ups in this program. In one live meet-up, Jomar discussed topics such as:

- online marketing
- working from home
- other instant skills that we can get

Luckily, in October 2016, I got my first online job in Upwork. After various training and learning different kinds of software, tools, and apps, and applying again and again in Upwork, I finally got a job.

In February 2017, after 4 months, I have 4 on-going clients. 2 from Upwork, 1 local client, 1 from outside Upwork which is a referral.

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