

Canossian Myanmar Mission News Update 25 (June - Dec 2020)

**Dear Sisters, Friends & Mission partners,
Greetings from Myanmar!**

Here we are to thank God with you for all His blessings in 2020. Our heartfelt thanks also to all of you for the loving, generous support you have given us throughout this challenging COVID-19 Pandemic Year. We really missed all of you, but we have been praying for you everyday, that God may continue to bless you and keep you in good health.

**As we welcome the New Year 2021, we wish you
and your families and communities
A HAPPY GRACE-FILLED & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!**



NEWS FROM CANOSSIAN FORMATION HOUSE MYANMAR



OUR SEARCHERS:

Being a formation house, presently we are journeying with four young ladies who are discerning their calling in life. They come from different parts of Myanmar-

the Dioceses of Patheingyi and Myittha.

They are from the right: Nant Julijetcob, Nant Bernadette, Teresa Nan Moon and Monica. They learn to work as a family, since they come from different cultural backgrounds. It is an enriching experience for them to communicate and co-operate with one another in daily life.



The Searchers join the FED online sessions in English and Bible story given by Christina, FED leader. They also join online English Phonic lessons with the children from Canossa Home and the girls from Gate of Hope given by Ms Veronica Lee from Singapore. They also participate in the sessions on Church History together with the two Postulants. On 30 November, Sisters, Postulants and Searchers went to Thanlyin to celebrate "Sweet December" together with the Sisters, FED leaders and children from Canossa Home. On the 1 December, Sr. Heza taught the Postulants and Searchers how to make Pandan Cake and Milk Bread which she had learnt from Sr. Joana.



Sr. Antonia Mya Mya Lone joyfully renewed her vows on 25 November, during the Mass celebrated by our parish priest Fr. Marcian Thet Kyaw and Fr. Gregory Htun Lwin at 10 am. After the Mass, lunch was served.



FROM OUR NOVICES MAGDALENA & ANITA IN THE PHILIPPINES.....

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
His love endures forever." Ps: 136*



Anita writes: Time changes, things change, life experiences change, one thing that will never change, is the love and faithfulness of God throughout our novitiate years here.

The breakout of the Covid 19 pandemic has deeply affected the whole humanity, yet we experience the love of the Lord through His protection upon us. Due to the consequences of the pandemic, we are in the period of adjusting to the new normal. Our face-to-face modular classes had turned into online classes. It is also a blessing from the Lord that we were able to make it through the social media platform. We did not miss our annual retreat since we were connected through Zoom. We even had our Apostolic Exposure in the communities here. Magdalena went to Tondo Apostolic community and Anita went to San Pablo Educative community. We experienced the love of God in the Sisters and each one in the community. We were also challenged to adapt to community life and the new way of ministering to people in the school.

The greatest blessing we experience in this pandemic is the inauguration of the 12 hours Eucharistic Adoration to pray in solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters in this time of uncertainties.

Since the pandemic, our Novitiate has ceased oratorio, visit to the orthopedic hospital, family rosary ministries. Street dwellers cannot gather at the convent for their monthly feeding time, so we are now cooking and distributing food packs to the street dwellers and victims of the calamities every Thursday.

With deep trust in God, we are convinced that in this new normal, God has given us opportunity for conversion of heart and for our personal growth.

From our two Postulants Susanna & Flora in Myanmar...

Flora Nant Khin Mar Win writes: Life is a journey filled with learning experiences, special moments, joys and challenges. Due to the Covid19 Pandemic, I really appreciate this chance to have more time for prayers, reading the Bible and spiritual books and planning activities like art and craft for future livelihood project.

Since all outside courses are not available, Deacon Celestine from Epiphany Church came over to give Bible and sacraments sessions. Fr Marcian, our Parish Priest gave Church History classes. We are given this challenging time, to deepen our relationship with Our Lord Jesus and Blessed Virgin Mary and in community we get to know one another better.



Canossa Home News

HOME SCHOOL: practicing Social Distancing in KG classroom



Pair work below Covid 19 banner given by KMSS as a daily reminder to take precaution.



Sewing classes once a week for the teenagers conducted by Teacher Roslyn

We started tutoring a few Preschool children whose parents requested for two weeks in July but had to stop after 2 weeks when the numbers of Covid 19 cases surged



Since all mission trips had to be cancelled due to the Pandemic, our volunteers reached out to us through creative Online lessons via ZOOM.

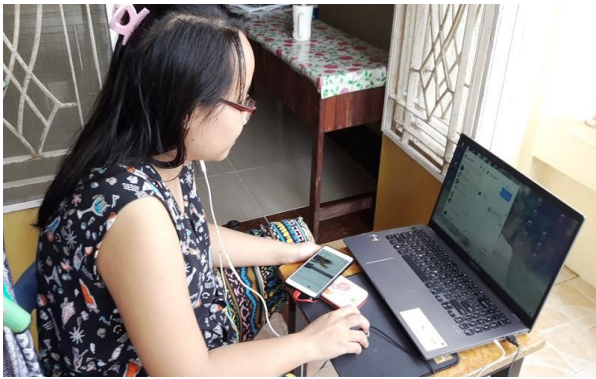


Children and Educators get a coupon of \$2/- monthly to buy snacks from our Home school canteen. Each coupon is made up of 10 & 20 cents pcs. Each item costs 20 cents. Sr. Joana and Rosemary run this canteen. Their bread buns and pastry are popular with all of them.



M3 Volunteers led by Theresa Goh, Gilbert & Magele conducted Bible & Catechism lessons. Florence, Christine & Ann gave sessions on the effects of climate change & Pope Francis' teaching on Care of our Common Home.

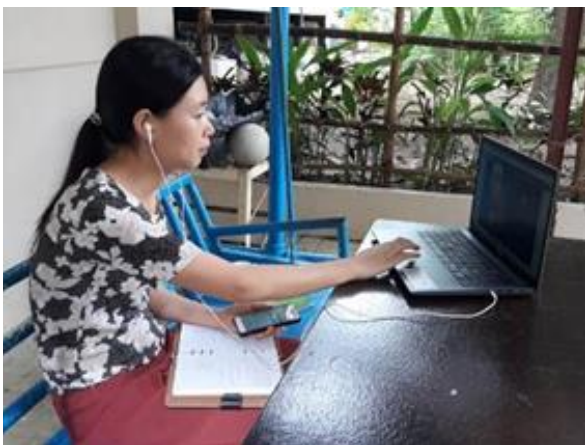
Online classes for Educators & Children



Hazel & Martha are teaching 13 Batch Educators Faith Education by speaking and texting using the Messenger Programme since the girls do not have Wifi connection in their villages.



Christina is seen here teaching value education and English to 13 Batch Educators and searchers at CFHM



Papango Volunteers Wilson & Jill conducted English lessons for FED Leaders in Canossa Home & Genevieve from SG.



Weekly lessons were conducted on ZOOM by the SG VOICE Volunteers: Teachers Veronica & Emily on Phonics & Poems on Thursdays, Anthony on Conversational English on Saturdays. VOICE Team organized a ZOOM Christmas Party together with Sisters, Educators & children in Myanmar on 26 Dec, when the students proudly presented their skits, poems & songs. Florence & her friends conducted monthly Rosary sessions on ZOOM to pray for Myanmar mission.



Situational English Lessons were acted out in pairs by the students.



Doctor & patient at the Clinic



OUR CHILDREN SHARE THEIR JOYS

- * In mid-November we had our first semester exams and those of us who did well were happy to receive their prizes.
- * December was a month for enrichment lessons and preparation for Christmas.
- * Our teachers taught us how to use the computer and we completed 2 programmes: WORD document and Powerpoint after learning how to type.
- * We also learnt how to draft a paper pattern and sewed our own blouse after sewing clothes for our siblings.
- * On 19 December we had our Advent retreat.



- * On Christmas Eve, we had a Hot Pot dinner together with Sisters, Postulants and Searchers from the Canossian Formation House community to celebrate Christmas.



Computer lessons for the teenagers



Sewing clothes for our siblings



We baked and iced this cake for Susana's birthday. What an achievement!



A Homepage board for us to share news and build our mental wellness by posting both our positive and negative feelings

Our Heartfelt THANKS to all our Sisters, Teachers both in Myanmar and in Singapore who taught us so much during this Pandemic year!

CARING & SHARING

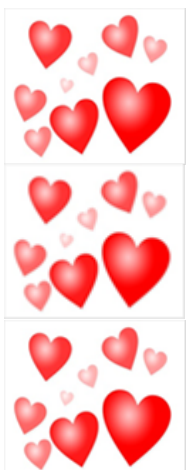
Since we are unable to hold a Christmas party this year for the poor children in our neighbourhood, we decided to prepare 50 gift bags for the Headman of our Quarter to help us distribute to them. We designed a Christmas message on a white envelope and in it we put some stationery, a red T-shirt, 2 exercise books, stickers, a goody bag and 2 packets of instant noodles.



We are very grateful to all our generous benefactors and volunteers who helped to pack and send these goodies for us to share. We hope the children who receive them will gradually come to understand the meaning of Christmas and experience God's Love!



Recycling newspapers as gift bags for Christmas gifts for children in our neighbourhood.



Thank you Sr. Janet and teachers of the VOICE Team, Michael Koh & friends who helped to pack and sponsor the shipping of all these goodies for us to share.

Thank you Willing Hearts' Tony Tay & friends of "One Mission" for sending us 30 sacks of rice, as well as all our generous benefactors.

News from Gate of Hope Canossa Vocational Centre

Our heartfelt thanks for the gift of the Solidarity fund raised by M3 Ms Theresa Goh and her friends. With the outbreak of the Covid 19 virus in March many of our girls were asked to return to their villages because the hotels were badly affected. A few managed to stay on in the smaller hostels but were also asked to go back until business picks up. Thus this surprise gift from M3 friends was deeply appreciated by both the girls and their families.



These girls went back to their villages in the Shan State since March and are still waiting to be called back to work in their hotels. They were happy to receive their gift of cash.



These 2 happy and fortunate girls have found jobs as receptionists in private companies lately.



← These ladies are from Loikaw, Kayah State, and Phekon, Shan State.

These ladies who were working at Hotel Ostello Bello and Song of Travel at Nyaung Shwe. →



Our heartfelt thanks to M3 friends for blessing us with the Solidarity Fund

Your contribution is greatly appreciated by our girls and their families during this Pandemic. May God bless you and all your dear ones abundantly!



Sr. Angela visiting our girls working in Baoba Bed Hostel in Yangon and handing them the gift from the Solidarity Fund.

Gate of Hope Outreach to the Neighbourhood

Rose, Lucia, Mary Si & Veronica write: We taught the children from our neighbourhood English and Value Education. But we had to stop for a while because of Covid-19 restrictions. However we continue to give them food and snacks when they are hungry.



For the children at Brother Felice Boarding House we teach English to the older girls and help the younger ones to improve their Myanmar, Maths and English.





**We pray daily for all our benefactors,
volunteers, supporters & friends, asking
God to keep you and your families
safe and healthy.**

**We hope we will be able to meet face to
face again
in the not too distant future!**

31 Dec. We joyfully celebrated Sr. Marion's Birthday

Myanmar Mission Team

**Sr. Angela, Sr. Joana, Sr. Heza, FED Leaders, Educators & Children (Canossa Home Myanmar)
Sr. Marion, Sr. Antonia, Sr. Maria, Postulants Flora & Susanna (Canossian Formation House Myanmar)
Novices Magdalena & Anita (Philippines)
Rose, Lucia, Mary Si, Veronica & Trainees (Gate of Hope Myanmar)**

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