

## Canossian Myanmar Mission News Update 14 (January – July 2015)

### **Basic Course for the 7<sup>th</sup> Batch of FED**

**15-20 Feb. 2015:** Ms. *Selvathi* gave a course on discipline to the 7<sup>th</sup> Batch of 20 educators after having used the method during their practicum.

**21 Feb.:** *Lesley Goonting* & her husband *Dil* shared a catechism lesson on Friendship & Forgiveness during their visit.

**3 March:** *Lilian Ng* & *Micah Team* taught Zumba Dance & How to kill bed-bugs.

**9-13 March – June Lee** taught how to choreograph dances as well as Music & Movement for Pre-schoolers.

**10-18 April – Papango Team** taught art & craft and how to play new songs on the ukulele.

### **May 2015: Intermediate Course for 14 Educators from the 6<sup>th</sup> batch.**

They were enriched by volunteers from Singapore who gave the following courses:

**4-6 May: Sunshine Programme** by *Prasana Nair* & *Elizabeth Goh* of M3

**11-14 May: Simple Accounting** using excel Programme by *Lim Phui Huong*

**15-20 May: Canossian Spirituality & ministries, the Joy of the Gospel** by *Sr. Janet Wang*

**20-24 May: "The Three Fruits" group:** *Kevin Wong* and his 9 NUS undergraduate friends taught the educators & children Practical Science, English & Drama.

**25 May: Graduation** of Intermediate Group of 14 Educators.

**June 2015: Advanced Course for the 5<sup>th</sup> batch of Educators** after 2 years of service & some FED leaders

**8-13 June: Stefanie & her daughter Shezanne Lee** conducted a course on the Social-Emotional Needs of Children.

**14-20 June: Selvathi** conducted a Course on Leadership Skills.

**27 June: Graduation** of the 5 Educators who attended the Course during the outing at the Egyptian Ambassador's House.

Dear Friends,

Much has happened during the first half of this year. Here we are to share with you some of the highlights and pictures from our mission in Myanmar.

### **GRADUATION FED 7<sup>th</sup> BATCH (30 April 2015)**



After their return from an enriching practicum experience in the boarding houses, the 7<sup>th</sup> batch of Educators continued with their formation at Canossa Home, Thanlyin from Feb. till their graduation on 30 April 2015. The children came back from their holidays to join in the song and dance items, including playing the ukulele. Their learning experiences were further enhanced by the presence and contributions of volunteers from Singapore.

From these generous volunteers, they have learnt a variety of skills including discipline, art and craft, music and movement. skills such as listening and communication. They also had Lay Canossian Animation from *Louise & Mary Mercy* before being sent off to the respective boarding houses to take care of children in different parts of Myanmar.



**FED 8<sup>TH</sup> BATCH:** 24 trainees from the dioceses of Lashio, Taunggyi, Patheingyi, Loikaw, Phekon, Hakka, Banmaw & Myittha, started their training course at Canossa Home, Thanlyin on 18 July 2015. Many are from remote villages.



## MISSION HIGH-LIGHTS

**14 Feb:** There was such great joy, when **Archbishop Charles Bo of Yangon, was made the first Cardinal from Myanmar** by Pope Francis in Rome.



**5 April:** The Sisters in Singapore had the joy of celebrating the **1st Profession of Sr. Maria Ja Awn as a Canossian Sister** on Easter Sunday in our Provincial House chapel in Singapore. Sr. Maria's aunt and sister-in-law came from Myanmar for this happy occasion, together with all the Canossian Sisters, some Lay Canossians and friends.



**27-29 April: Symposium on Consecrated Life** was held at Anesakan, attended by 307 religious Sisters, Brothers & Priests. 5 Bishops and Cardinal Charles Bo were present. Sr. Marion represented the Canossian Sisters in Myanmar.

**2-3 May: Lay Canossian Animation** to the 7<sup>th</sup> batch of FED was conducted by Louise Lee & Mary Marcy Teo from Singapore. Sr Jacqueline Chin conducted sessions for the Lay Canossians of Myanmar: Theresa, Catherine, Julia & Clement who also renewed their promises.

**4-6 May: Lay Canossian Retreat** was held at Bro. Felice Orphanage in Ngaung Shwe, near Inle Lake. It was conducted by Sr. Marion, assisted by Louise Lee. It was attended by LCs Clement, Theresa Hlaing and Bridget and Postulants Benedine, Susanna & Magdalena. Bridget renewed her promise at the Mass celebrated by Fr. Puspo, SJ. The other LCs were unable to attend due to work commitments.

## Bytes from Canossian Formation House - Yangon

**BYTE 1: Moving house:** On 1 Jan. Srs. Marion, Jacq, Angela & Joana and the 3 searchers Magdalena, Susanna & Benedine, had a simple house blessing at the new apartment in Kandawgyi Tower, attended by the Provincial Council, Srs Theresa Seow, Geraldine Tan & Dorothy Lim as well as Sr. Magdalene Ee from Singapore. On 13 Jan. they celebrated the last Mass at the rented house in U Kyaw Hla, packed up all their things and moved into the apartment at Kandawgyi Tower on 28 Jan.



**BYTE 2: Vocation Exhibition at St. Joseph's Seminary:** On 7 Feb. Canossian Sisters put up their posters and were present at the vocation Mass celebrated by Bishop John Hsane Hgyi, Bishop of Patheingyi.

**BYTE 3:** On 11 Feb. Sisters, Postulants and FED leaders made a **pilgrimage to Ngaulebin** together with Sr. Calista who was visiting Myanmar.

**BYTE 4: A fund-raising dinner** in aid of the Formation House building Project was held on 13 Feb. at the home of one of the friends.

**BYTE 5:** On 21 Feb. searchers Magdalena, Susanna, Benedine & Anita re-started **Bible sharing sessions** with FED for the year 2015

**BYTE 6: Entry of the Postulants: Magdalena, Susanna &**

**Benedine** on 19

March at

Kandawgyi

Tower. Fr. Vinny,

SJ celebrated

Mass for the

little community.

WELCOME to

our Canossian

Family Benedine,

Magdalena &

Susanna!



**BYTE 7:**

**Renewal**

**of**

**Promises**

**by Lay**

**Canossians**



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**FED Trainees conducted a children's camp in March 2015 for the village children in Pathein**



**Sr. Janet & Sr. Maria Ja Awn with the group of 14 Educators of the Intermediate Course**



**11-17 April: Papango Mission Team** of 13 members led by Wilson Wong conducted 2 summer camps: in Donokhu village for about 200 children & in Dorukhu for 150



children. They conducted storey telling, dental hygiene, art & craft, music & dance, sports & games. The children & youth enjoyed the puppet show, tournament, and final night concert in Dorukhu. Our Educators who are taking care of the children in the 2 boarding houses will carry on with the activities they have learnt. Dr Lawrence & medical team conducted pop-in clinics and saw a total of 247 patients in the 2 villages. Fr Philip Aung Nge from the village of Dorukhu is looking into the follow-up of 40 serious cases.



**25-29 April: Pathein Youth Camp:** A total of 730 youth attended this camp based on the theme of "Youth Spirituality". It was conducted by Jonathan Peeris, Juliana Chapman, Deborah Lee, Daryl Tan from St. Vincent De Paul Church Singapore and Sammie from Melbourne. The youths were helped to develop leadership qualities. They learned about community and how to work together. The team presented talks on how to be responsible citizens as well as good children of God. Sr.



Jacqueline Chin and Postulant Benedine coordinated the Youth Camp held at Mayanchaung Village, Pathein.



**Visitors & Volunteers:** Lesley Goonting, Elizabeth & Prasana (M3), Kevin & "Three Fruits", Stefanie & Sheyanne



## TWO NEW PROJECTS

We are in the process of building our own Canossian Formation House and 2 small Kindergartens in Myanmar. It is a way for reaching out to the families and laying a good foundation for the little ones before starting school. Our Postulants and some of our Educators are being trained as Preschool teachers so that they can set up little kindergartens in the villages. Esther came to Singapore for training by Ms Thila who went to Canossa Home in July to give further training.

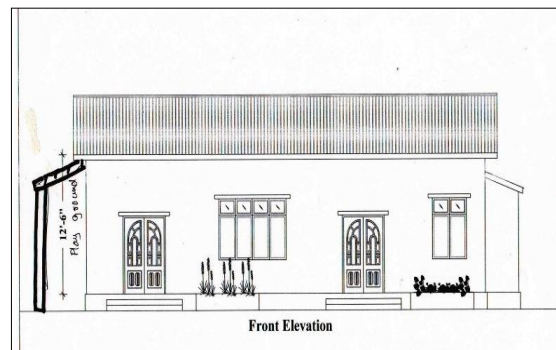
### Project 1: Canossian Formation House:

A 4-storey building on a plot of land about 50'x50' for the formation of Postulants, Searchers and Youth with a small Kg for poor children in the neighbourhood in the city of Yangon. The existing building is dilapidated and needs to be demolished. With the opening up of Myanmar, many youth have come down to Yangon. We are reaching out to them to form them and help them discern their life options and career paths, grounded in human, moral & spiritual values.



### Project 2: Canossa Kg:

A small single-storey annex building (44'x26') with 2 classrooms on a small plot of land just inside the gate of Canossa Home for the children of the surrounding villages.



### Holy Trinity Church Kg

Principal Mrs. Shirley Tan & staff organized a jumble sale on 19 July & other activities to raise funds for Canossa Kg.

**OUR HEARTFEL THANKS**  
**to all our dear friends & donors for your continuous and generous support.**  
**May God bless you!**



### Myanmar Mission Team,

Sr. Angela, Sr. Joana, FED Leaders, Educators & Children (Canossa Home Myanmar)  
Sr. Marion, Sr. Jacqueline, Postulants & Searchers (Myanmar Canossian Formation House)  
Sr. Janet & Volunteers (Singapore)

**DONATIONS:** Cheque to: **Canossian Daughters of Charity - Bldg Fund**  
Write behind the cheque: **Myanmar Formation House**  
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