

Canossian Myanmar Mission News Update 27 (July- December 2021)

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

**Thank you for helping us to “Keep Hope Alive”
during this challenging time in Myanmar.**

After sending our children back to their village homes we started with the training of 20 Educators of the 13th Batch. Instead of preparing them to take care of children in Boarding Houses (since most Boarding houses are closed) we saw the urgent need to help them with a mission to teach and guide the children in villages who are left without schooling.



Group discussions and teamwork became the norm of each day’s training and it was also a pleasure for the trainers to see their “eager beavers” at work. They learnt to teach the main subjects of Myanmar, English, Mathematics and Faith Education in a fun way. On Saturdays they learn to sew and bake.

Due to the ongoing surge of Covid 19 we were not able to have any outdoor activities but through our volunteers from the Micah group we had Zoom Zumba and we organised our own roof-top party one full moon night and enjoyed ourselves with food, fun and star gazing.



Having some fun time together in Canossa Home

Roselyn teaching the educators to draft a paper pattern before sewing.



Visit by Singapore Ambassador, Ms Vanessa Chan on 6 November.



Towards the end of October we were able to move out of the House and our first learning journey was a visit to St. Mary's Cathedral, Shwe Dagon Pagoda and our Canossian Formation House.



Bishop Noel came to Canossa Home to sign and give FED certificates to our 13th batch educators. They presented the skit to the Bishop. He was delighted and invited the educators to the Archbishop's House to present the skit to the Cardinal.



The educators presented the Nativity scene and a skit: "The Arsonist" written by Wilson Wong in the Archbishop's House.

Sisters and the educators took a Group photo with Bishop John.

GRADUATION OF 13TH BATCH OF EDUCATORS

Presentation of certificates to the graduates by Bishop Noel Saw, Chairman of the Episcopal Commission for Education.



Sending off ceremony by our Parish Priest, Fr. Muthu. May our Graduates bring the Light of Christ to all they will be encountering.



Our Graduation dinner party cum Christmas celebration before they leave for their homes.



Going back to teach with our lovely Educator's kit.



CANOSSA HOME – SHARING & CARING – WITH HEARTFELT THANKS TO DONORS

Sharing our rice with educators & children in the Ayerwaddy villages. **THANK YOU TONY & FRIENDS!**



Bringing gifts we received to our children in the villages for Christmas.



Educators are happy to bring Christmas cheer to an elderly blind lady in Yangon.



NEWS FROM CANOSSIAN FORMATION HOUSE MYANMAR

Sr Heza Zar Zar renewed her vows on
14 August



Sr Antonia Mya Mya Lone renewed her
vows on 21 November



1st Profession of Sr. Magdalena
and Sr. Anita on 2 October.
CONGRATULATIONS!



Zoom lessons on the Canossian
Charism by Sr. Gemma for Junior
Sisters from Hongkong and Malaysia.



Postulant Susana entered the
Novitiate on 8 December.
CONGRATULATIONS!



Sr Maria together with her
weekend online class children
from the neighborhood.



Sr Antonia and Sr Heza
volunteered to help in Epiphany
Parish Food Center for the poor
on Wednesdays.



We unloaded the boxes from the
containers sent to us by Project
Micah in 2 big trucks and were able
to repack and distribute the
donated items to our beloved poor
in different parts of Myanmar.



NEWS FROM GATE OF HOPE

At Gate of Hope we kept **HOPE ALIVE** by giving rice bags to 160 families every month and teaching 30 children and teenagers from Mondays to Fridays. Our trainers continue to improve their teaching by learning to give ZOOM lessons on Housekeeping and Supervision skills. By early October they were able to teach four of our girls from the 4th Batch.

Distributing rice bags



Packed fried noodles for the children



Students from the 4th Batch continuing with their training



Group teaching for different age groups of children from the neighbourhood



Teaching writing skills to the teenagers



Speech and drama for the KG children



Keeping Hope Alive during COVID times

Our educator Sophia teaching sewing to the girls in her village during her home leave.



Our village nurse Louisa taking the blood pressure of the patients in the villages.



Our teenager Amy teaching and sharing faith education with the children back in her village.



Veronica & Aimei left for Dubai to work in restaurants in order to help their families.



Roselyn completed an advance course in dressmaking and design.



Sharing rice, milo biscuits, noodles & face masks we received with our little friends from the nearby Buddhist monastery.



13th batch educators organized a Christmas party for the kg children from the nearby villages.



This Village Kindergarten is near completion with heartfelt thanks to friends and donors.



CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

With the children in the village



With the educators in Canossa Home



With the children & teenagers at Gate of Hope



ZOOM LESSONS continued in the 2nd half of 2021 conducted by Singapore volunteers:
 Florence & M3 friends in English & VOICE team volunteer Veronica in Maths



“IGNITUS Social Mission With Love” online Conference – 4 September

Anthony Lim & Sr. Angela were among the panel of speakers at the breakout tract on Overseas Missions:
One Body in Christ. Lilian Ng & Paul Christiano from Project Micah were also on the panel.



If you have any questions for our speakers, please use Slido by scanning the QR code or you can go to: slido.com/ignitus



VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS SUPPORT FROM SINGAPORE

VOICE Team volunteers & friends continue to help to pack boxes of goodies: face masks, sanitizers, foodstuffs, medicines, stationery, children's books and clothes donated by Canossian Village staff, Project Micah and friends for shipping to Myanmar.



PROJECT MICAH TEAM headed by Lilian Ng managed to get sponsorship from DB Schenker Singapore to send 2 containers of donated items to Myanmar. The response to the appeal to friends was overwhelming! All the items received were distributed to boarding houses & villages in different parts of Myanmar. **Our heartfelt Thanks to Lilian & Project Micah Team, Sponsor DB Schenker Singapore, Willing Hearts and all who worked so hard to make it possible.**



Sorting the many donated items



Packing into container



Trucks arrived with the boxes



Receiving, repacking & distributing the donated items



CATHOLIC 200SG SOCIAL MISSION TALK – 9 Dec. at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

Our **VOICE Team** took part in Catholic200SG Festival to celebrate 200 years of the Catholic Faith in Singapore. Sr. Angela who was able to join us via ZOOM, Sr. Janet, Anthony and Emily shared their experience on “Keeping Hope Alive” in Myanmar during this challenging pandemic time. Sr. Marion, Juliet and Gabriel also shared how they helped in the mission. Around 30 participants showed their interest and a good number offered to help in packing and even join in future mission trips.



KEEPING HOPE ALIVE THROUGH PRAYER

JOIN US OVER ZOOM to pray the Rosary for peace to be restored in Myanmar

with our M3 friends on First Fridays and VOICE Team friends on the 13th of each month together with our Sisters, educators & children in Myanmar.

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!

Myanmar Mission Team

Sr. Angela, Sr. Joana, Sr. Magdalena, Sr. Anita & FED Leaders, Educators & Children (Canossa Home Myanmar)

Sr. Antonia, Sr. Maria, Sr. Heza & Novice Susanna (Canossian Formation House Myanmar)

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