

Canossian Myanmar Mission News Update 15 (August - December 2015)

Dear Friends,
The Jubilee Year of Mercy has started on 8 Dec. 2015.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let us thank God for the blessings he has showered on us in 2015. Here we are to share with you some of the highlights and pictures from our mission in Myanmar during the last 5 months.

Basic Course for the 8th Batch of FED

6-11 August 2015: Ms. Selvathi gave a course on discipline.

18 August: The Papango team conducted affirmation sessions, as well as sewing, drama & singing lessons.

17-24 Oct: The Canossa Home Maintenance Team taught English as well as gave training sessions on house-keeping, painting and gardening.

18-24 Nov: Sr. Cecily Pavri shared on St. Magdalene as Educator & the missionary spirit.

14-18 Dec: The M3 Magdalene Group taught the Educators art & craft, computer Maths & English in Bro. Felice Orphanage in Nyaung Shwe.

Visitors to Canossa Home

6 Dec: APVN group from Singapore visited Canossa Home to familiarize themselves with the Formation of Educators Programme and explored future projects.

16 Dec: Sr. Josephine Sim from Rome and Eunice Chan from Singapore.

20-23 Dec: Sr. Theresa Seow and Sr. Louisa Lim brought gifts from Mrs Eugenie Tan.



Bytes from Canossa Home

Formation of Of Educators: The 8TH BATCH of 24 trainees completed enthusiastically the first semester of their training course. On 11 Dec. they had their sending-off Mass and 8 of them together with 5 Staff of Canossa Home proceeded to Nyaung Shwe to take part in the course given by the Magdalene group of M3 volunteers led by Elizabeth Goh. After the course they left for a short break before being sent to their respective Boarding Houses for their 6 week Practicum. They will return to Canossa Home on 3 Feb. 2016.



Christmas Cheer to Canossa Home Children & Educators

by Joseph Tham & Team. Jack entertaining the group with songs.



THE CANOSSIAN FAMILY REJOICES

8 Dec: The Canossian Family had the joy of celebrating the **1st Profession of Sr. Antonia Mya Mya Lone as a Canossian Sister** on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in our Provincial House chapel in Singapore. Sr. Antonia's aunt and cousin were present for this happy occasion, together with all the Canossian Sisters, some Lay Canossians and friends.

Sr. Antonia returned to Myanmar on 16 Dec. and went on home leave on 23 Dec. to spend Christmas with her family. She has been posted to Canossa Home community.



Bytes from Canossian Formation House - Yangon

BYTE 1: Sr Cecily visited the Sisters & Postulants at Kandawgyi Towers and gave some formation sessions to the Postulants on 16-17 Nov.

BYTE 2: GOOD NEWS: The building of the Canossian Formation House has finally started in Yangon after a long and agonizing wait for the building permit.



BYTE 3: Moving house again: On 22 Dec. Sr. Marion, Sr. Jacq, and Postulants Magdalena, Benedine and aspirant Anita shifted out of Kandawgyi Tower as the contract had expired and moved a second time to a temporary lodging at Thit Min Residence in Thingangyun. They spent Christmas in the new lodging and had two PIME priests for Christmas lunch.



Sr Theresa, Sr Louisa and Sr Josephine Sim paid them a visit on 23 Dec before returning to Singapore.



BYTE 4: CHRISTMAS CHEER TEAM led by Joseph Tham arrived in Yangon

on 20 Nov. They joined Sr. Jacq, Sr. Marion. Postulants Magdalena & Benedine and searcher Anita to do some quick shopping for snacks, & gifts for the children and travelled to Pathein to give Christmas Cheer to 2043 poor children in 8 boarding houses. In addition, they distributed bags of rice to poor families in 6 villages in the Ayeyarwady Delta area, moving around by boat.



Volunteers Joseph, Anne, Jack, Cecilia, Patrick, Sandra, Irene & Ana played games with the children, gave them a good meal and distributed gifts to the children and poor families, bringing joy and cheer to people living in isolated villages.



A Collage of Smiles & Activities ☺



Sr. Antonia Mya Mya Lone with her aunt, cousin & Sisters.

Sr. Theresa visits the Sisters & postulants in Myanmar



Canossa Home children thank CAMTEC for their Christmas Educational gifts & colouring books from Dr. Sylvia Goh



Volunteers with the girls in St. Mary's Home in Pathein.

Sr. Cecily having a sing-a-long session with the Educators



Visitors from Singapore: Francis & friend + supporters from AP Ventures + Frederick Ong

Papango Mission Team: 13-18 August

5 members led by Wilson Wong returned to Canossa Home, Thanlyin where they conducted sessions, sewing craft, music and singing for the educators. Dr Lawrence Ng & John Ong Rui Long gave medical talks.

While Colin stayed on in Canossa Home Thanlyin, Wilson, Jill, Lawrence & Rui made a short trip to Loikaw with Sr. Angela to meet up with the Bishop Steven, Parish priests, Dr. Yan, the Medical Superintendent of Loikaw Hospital and the Regional Minister for Social Affairs, Mr Koe Reh so as to assure that there is adequate follow-up on the serious cases that need medical treatment. Dr. Lawrence & Rui ran follow-up consultations with some patients and the team managed to conduct reading & singing for the boarding house children in Doruku and Donoku villages.



M3 Magdalene's Missionaries Group in Naung Shwe: 14-20 Dec 2015

10 M3 volunteers of Magdalene's Missionaries Group led by Elizabeth Goh were up in Naung Shwe to conduct a course for 18 educators. They were welcomed by the 33 children & teenagers of Bro. Felice's Orphanage with a flute & drum performance. They conducted the following courses: English, Maths, Microsoft Excel, Art n Craft (made embellished cards, notebooks and clay saucers to hold jewellery). These items can be sold as part of their livelihood project. They also paid a visit to St Martin Girls' n Boys' Homes housing 10 girls and 17 boys respectively. They were happy to find much improvement in the Homes, with the help of donations from the Social Mission Team of St. Ignatius Church & the WASH Project of CHARIS.



MAINTENANCE TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS: 18-24 Oct. 2015

The team arrived in Yangon on 18 Oct. After lunch, 8 members of the Canossa Home Team led by Anthony Lim proceeded to Thanlyin while 6 members of St. Bruno's Team led by Dominic Lim headed by road to the south.

The Canossa Home Team

took turns to lead the morning prayer and reflection. After that, they broke into 4 pairs to conduct the following sessions for the 4 rotating groups of educators:



(1) English and Science by Anthony & Carol:

Carol gave an interactive session on nutrition and simple lessons on the life cycle of the butterfly & the frog, on evolution of the animal kingdom & basic astronomy. Anthony delivered interesting English lessons on grooming and hospitality.



(2) Gardening by Michael & Su Jing: The girls were taught how to do landscaping, pruning and how to remove caterpillars & spider mites

with a natural method. They learned about different seeds and planted different kinds of vegetables.



(3) Maintenance by Gabriel & Gerard, who showed the girls how to remove the algae, scrape, clean and paint the walls and main gate.

(4) Housekeeping by Juliet & Candice:

The girls engaged in simple & practical hands-on activities using proper methods to clean various parts of the home. Safety practices were also addressed e.g. keeping the floor dry to prevent slips and falls. The purpose is to ensure that the learning is experiential, so that the girls will be able to use the skills they learnt even when they are sent to the boarding houses. The girls were taught some basic personal hygiene habits that they can adopt in their daily life.



St. Bruno Home Team returned from Pathein on 23 Oct. & the 2 teams were re-united. They had a mission sharing & evaluation with Sr. Angela and a Lantern Procession & Rosary to thank God for all his blessings on the Mission Team, the Sisters, educators and children of Canossa Home. There were many happy moments as when Michael gave the children an ice-cream treat and when the educators & children celebrated the birthdays of Gabriel & Anthony.



St. Bruno's Boys Home Team

6 Team members: Dominic, Don Kingsley, Joseph, Alan, Angie & Elaine went by road to Pathein on 17 Oct. On Sunday morning some attended Mass at the Cathedral and met Bro. Vincent and the boys at St. Bruno's Home. From 19 to 22 Oct. they did maintenance work at the Home with the help of some boys when they returned from school.



The group completed the following:
 +Painting of the boys' toilets and bathing/washing area,
 +Scraping and removing paints on glass panes,
 +Putting up book shelves for a classroom.
 Some bigger boys gave a helping hand after school.
 Besides maintenance work, Angie taught the boys Simple English for everyday communication.



The Team also made a courtesy call to the Sisters and children of St. Mary's Convent where Educators Rose and Sophia were staying. Team members mingled with the children there and did what they most loved: to be loved more by the children. On 23 Oct. they left for Yangon and spent the day with the rest of the Team working at Canossa Home.



Volunteers' Pre-trip formation



PROJECTS +BENEFACTORS + MISSION PARTNERS

Project 1: Canossian Formation House

The foundation of the Canossian Formation House in Yangon has been completed. We hope that the building will be ready by the end of this year. It will have a small Kindergarten and be a place of formation for youth discerning their life options and career paths, grounded in human, moral & spiritual values.



Project 2: Canossa Kindergarten

The building of a small single-storey kindergarten with 2 classrooms has started on a small plot of land just inside the gate of Canossa Home. Architect Mr Herbert Han offers his services pro bono.

Esther, one of our Educators was sent to Singapore for attachment to Tambalog pre-school where she was given some training and practice by the principal Ms Thila.



Project 3: Canossian Vocational Centre, to be located in the Shan State, is in the planning stage involving multiple mission partners

M3 & Maintenance Team Volunteers participated in CHARIS HFF 2015.

M3 Christ@Work sales at CJC



Rosalind, Karen & Grace with volunteers raising funds with the "Musings" Colouring Book Project



Canossian Lay Missionaries ran canteen & sales in SVDP & IHM Churches



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, Sr. Antonia, FED Leaders, Educators & Children (Canossa Home Myanmar)

Sr. Marion, Sr. Jacqueline, Postulants & Searchers (Myanmar Canossian Formation House)

Sr. Janet & Volunteers (Singapore)

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