

Canossian Myanmar Mission News Update 21 (July – Dec. 2018)

Dear Friends & Mission partners,

Greetings from Myanmar! Here we are to share with you our Myanmar Mission News for a very eventful 2nd half of 2018. Here are the main highlights.

- The 11th batch of Educators had a very enriching learning 1st semester till their sending-off to their respective boarding houses for their 6 weeks Practicum after a short Christmas break.
- Canossa Preschool enrolment went up to 40 children with the start of a play group.
- 2 Canossian Postulants and 2 La Salle Postulants started their Novitiate in our Canossian Formation House.
- Graduation of the second batch of 17 trainees at Gate of Hope Vocational Centre.
- Volunteers & visitors came from far & near.



19 Dec. 2018: Pre-school children celebrated the Birth of Jesus.



Sr. Josephine Sim showing the little ones of the Pre-school that she came from Rome, Italy to visit them.



Mrs Margaret Wolf & her husband Thomas from England, Mrs. Anne Lim & her husband Dr. Lim Cheok Peng arrived in time from Singapore for Mass at St. Augustine Church before going to visit Canossa Home.



Canossian Lay Missionary Group came from Singapore to visit Canossian Formation House & Canossa Home, bringing with them many bags of useful gifts like solar lamps, slippers, bandages & clothes for the mission.

Volunteers & Visitors from Singapore:

31 Aug - 3 Sept: Selvathi conducted sessions on Discipline with dignity.

4-9 Sept: Wilson & Jill of the Papango Team came to guide the educators in drama and sewing

13-14 Oct: SIT students Heidi, Leana, Sai, Amani and Faizar came to teach team building skills.

15-20 Oct: Sr Janet shared on Canossian Charism, qualities of a Canossian Educator and learning from our Canossian Saints, Magdalene and Bakhita

6- 11 Nov: Theresa Goh and 11 of her M3 members namely, Katherine and Andrew, Magele, Christie, Chue Tun, Su Yee, Patricia, Margaret, Serene and Prasanna taught the significance of the Hindu Deepavali Festival and spent a day at Canossa Home interacting with the educators and children.

19-23 Nov: Our SAC Ex-pupils Lena, Monique, Cheryl, Jenny and Carol visited Canossa Home and taught some Traditional Asian Games to children & educators & a session on Quality service to trainees at "Gate of Hope".

7 Nov: Gabriel & Julie & friends of ACTS visited Canossa Pre-school.

29-30 Nov: 4 teachers from Canossa Catholic Primary School – Agnes, Ethel, Wei Wei and Wyane taught our Educators and Novices how to solve problems using the Design Thinking Model.

1 Dec: Fr Mark SJ visited Canossa Home with Thomas & Margaret Wolf, Dr. & Mrs Lim..., Frank & Sabena from UK & Singapore.

5-10 Dec: Sr. Josephine Sim shared with the Educators her Vocation Story and taught them an Italian hymn to our Foundress.

14 Dec: Fr. Muthu celebrated the Eucharist for the sending-off Mass and our Canossian Lay Missionaries were present to witness the sending-off.

15 Dec: Canossa Home hosted a Christmas Party for 100 children of our neighbourhood.

News from Canossa Home

27 July: 11th Batch of 21 Educators started their Basic Course.



14 Dec: Sending-off Mass of Educators for their practicum in the village Boarding Houses.



6 Nov: Theresa Goh & M3 friends celebrated Deepavali with children & educators



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14 Sept: Our 2 Canossian postulants Magdalena and Anita and 2 La Salle postulants from Thailand: Elizabeth and Clare, entered the Novitiate in the presence of the two leaders, Sr Christina Yeo and Mary Ann Sunantha.



14 Sept: The Open House of Canossian Formation House Myanmar (CFHM) began with the Eucharistic celebration by 3 priests followed by lunch for the invited guests.



17 – 23 Sept: Sr Louisa gave psycho-spiritual sessions to the novices together with some other activities that helped them to deepen their relationship with God.



1-12 Oct: Sr Janet shared with the novices on two topics: Missionarity Today and Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC).



6 Oct: Sr Janet also shared at our weekly community meet.



16-22 Oct: Sr Shanti shared with the novices on the Biblical foundation of the vows.

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31 Oct- 8 Nov: Sr Christina Yeo paid a visit to CFHM and conducted psycho-spiritual lessons to the novices. She also talked about the Canossian Charism, Mission and Spirit. The community had a simple birthday celebration for Sr Christina before she left.



25 Nov: Packing 1,750 goody bags for 7 Ayarwaddy villages.



30 Nov : The Christmas Cheer Group of volunteers led by Joseph Tham & Patrick Yap came to Yangon. We helped to co-ordinate their activities here. They came to bring Christmas fun and joy to the 7 villages in the Ayawaddy Division, together with Fr Sune Sune.



14 Nov: The Epiphany Church organized a trip to St Theresa Church (Phyar Pon) to celebrate a novena Mass in honour of St Theresa of the Child Jesus. Sr Marion and the novices were invited by the Parish priest to join in.



7 Nov: The visit of the M3 volunteers group to our place. They showed much appreciation for the mission here and are our benefactors.



28-29 Nov: Canossa Convent Primary School teachers from Singapore gave sessions on Design Thinking and Problem Solving in Thanlyin for 2 days. The novices attended the sessions from 2-4 pm.



5 Dec: Sr Josephine Sim from Rome and Sr Joanna Tong from Singapore arrived together at CFHM. Sr Josephine stayed at Thanlyin while Sr Joanna stayed at CFHM and gave sessions to the novices.

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11-21 Dec : Sr Joanna shared with the novices on faith education for children. She also spoke about Prayer including meditation exercises.



12 Dec : Sr Angela and 15 Canossian Lay Missionaries from Singapore paid a short visit to CFHM. They are also our benefactors.

6 - 8 Dec: Our novices attended the "Novices Gathering" programme conducted at CRCM. Fr Francis gave the session on "Finding meaning in religious life based on logotherapy". Sr Lucia spoke on "Self-awareness".



17 Dec: About 20 Divine Word Family came to sing Christmas Carols in our House.



21 Dec: Our parishioner Nu Nu Kyi invited us for her Christmas Party at her St Mary Nursery.



22 Dec: Our Epiphany Parish came together as a family to celebrate Christmas. We were invited to participate in it.



23 Dec: The Catechism Children from Epiphany Church went carolling around the neighborhood and made a stop at our place.



24 Dec: Lay Canossian Ana Bao conducting a session for the Novices.



27-30 Dec: The annual Children's Camp conducted by Ana Bao, Sr Antonia and Lee Ngoh was held in Danbi, Pathein at the invitation of Fr Sune Sune.



28 Dec: Daw Khin Mar Htwe, of the construction company paid us a visit with a Christmas hamper.

7-11 Nov: M3 Friends visited Canossian Educators serving in Boarding Houses in Taunggyi, Pekhon & Loikaw, & taught children and youth in some of the Boarding Houses



Canossian Alumnae visiting the educators serving the poor in the villages in Taunggyi, Pekhon & Loikaw.



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION!

4-9 Sept 2018: Papango Team Leaders came to Canossa Home, Thanlyin. Wilson Wong taught drama & songs Jillian taught art & needlework while Dr. Lawrence Ng briefed the educators on nutrition and common diseases.



13-14 Oct 2018: An SIT team: Heidi, Leana, Sai, Amani & Faizar came to Canossa Home to teach Drama and team bonding games to the educators. After that they proceeded to La Salette Village to prepare for the SIT students' volunteer project for 2019.



15-20 Oct 2018: Sr. Janet Wang conducted sessions on the Canossian Saints: St. Bakhita & St. Magdalene of Canossa, the qualities of Canossian Educators, an introduction to Pope Francis' encyclical letter on Care of our Common Home ("Laudato Si'") as well as an input on the danger of Human Trafficking. The Educators presented scenes on Bakhita's life and followed up with teaching the children on aspects of Ecological education.



20-23 Oct: Lay Canossian Retreat in Myanmar

9 Lay Canossians came from different parts of Myanmar to attend the Lay Canossian Retreat at the Don Bosco Spiritual Renewal Centre in Anisakan. It was conducted by Sr. Magdalene Ee together with Lay Canossians Magdalene Tan & Cecilia Villenguez from Singapore.

The Lay Canossians enjoyed the sessions on the Virtues of Christ Crucified, the Greatest Love/ Self Image, Charism/ Gifts & Talents & the History of the Lay Canossian Family, interspersed with prayer, reflections, group sharing & creative activities. They found the retreat very helpful & spiritually enriching.



7 Dec. Gabriel, Julie, John & Gertrude came for a visit to Canossa Preschool. 24 Aug: Patrick taught the educators reading.





22 – 26 Oct: VOICE Team

comprising of Anthony (leader), Gabriel, Gerard, Rodney, Emily, Margaret, Debbie, Tracy, Nelly, Maureen, Juliet, Kala and Veronica taught the educators

- * housekeeping skills,
- * painting and maintenance skills,
- * gardening and growing from seeds,
- * good hygiene,
- * confidence building,
- * spoken English
- * fractions,
- * fire evacuation and First Aid,
- * classical Indian dance.

Nelly & Gerard cooked delicious meals.

Rodney & team built a clothes hanger.



Christmas Cheer 2018 – Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy), Myanmar 30 Nov – 9 Dec 2018

Lay Canossians Anne Siew, Ana Bao & volunteers Joseph Tham, Patrick Yap, Jack Low, Joanna Yu, Tomas Soh, Edwin Ong & Lucy Sz assisted by Canossian Educator Hazel brought Christmas Cheers to 1,750 poor children in 7 villages in the Ayeyarwady region of Myanmar. The group was received by Fr Sune Sune, Fr Alexander (Parish Priest of Myit Kalay) & Deacon Paschal. Each child was given a good meal, a goody bag & a mosquito net per family. Rice bags were distributed to 140 poor families. All were very happy. The volunteers were grateful to God for calling them to serve the poor and to experience His presence.



Children's Camp 2018 – Danbi, Myanmar 27 – 30 Dec 2018

Ana Bao & Lee Ngoh from Singapore with Sr Antonia, Martha & Maricelin conducted this camp for 460 children from 14 different parishes of Patheingyi, assisted by 40 facilitators. The theme was "Trust in the Lord, fear not." The children learnt about healthy and unhealthy fears, relationship between sin and fears through role play, games, drawing, videos and songs. Six priests were present for the sacrament of reconciliation on the second day and they ended on a high note with lots of singing and dancing.



Happenings @ Gate of Hope

15 Sept: 17 trainees went for their internship in hotels in Nyaung Shwe

29 Oct: 3 from the 2nd Batch and 1 from the 1st Batch joined SMVTI for the hospitality course.

1 Nov: 16 joined Gate of Hope for the Bridging Course in English

21 Dec: 14 Graduates of the 2nd Batch started working in the hotels.



SMVTI students Marie, Jacinta, Veronica & Assunta



16 Trainees of the 3rd Batch



17 Dec: Graduation of the 2nd Batch of 17 with Archbishop Emeritus Matthias Shwe as Guest of Honour.



Lucia is a trainer for Gate of Hope and for the Trainees of Pandawo Hospitality Training Centre in Mandalay

SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL & PARISH IN SINGAPORE

29-30 Nov: 4 teachers from Canossa Catholic Primary School – Agnes Lim, Ethel Koh, Tan Wei Wei and Wynne Seah taught our Educators and Novices how to solve problems using the Design Thinking Model.



ADVENT PROJECT: Children's Liturgy Catechists & children of the Church of Divine Mercy led by Michelle Lim & Susan Peh, raised funds by making beautiful cord rosaries, crosses & bracelets for sale, with the support of Fr. Johnson Fernandez, their Parish Priest & parishioners, families & friends.



THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Myanmar Mission Team,

Sr. Angela, Sr. Joana, Sr. Maria Ja Awn, FED Leaders, Educators & Children (Canossa Home Myanmar)
Sr. Marion, Sr. Jacqueline, Sr. Antonia, Sr. Heza, Novices & Searchers (Canossian Formation House Myanmar)
Rose, Lucia, Mary Si & Trainees (Gate of Hope Myanmar)
Sr. Janet & VOICE Volunteers (Singapore)



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