

“Three Fruits” - NUS undergraduates’ mission trip to Canossa Home Myanmar

In May this year, “Three Fruits”, our group of ten undergraduates from the National University of Singapore (NUS) made our second trip up to Canossa Home in Thanlyin, Myanmar to teach English, science and general knowledge to the 20 Educators attending the Intermediate course and 18 children there. For six days, the ten of us taught both the educators and children a variety of topics in science, including magnetism, light, water, graphs and charts, probability and some mathematics. The educators were also introduced to some important aspects of general knowledge, including geography, world history, basic First Aid, child language acquisition and comparative religion.

Throughout the six days, we used English as the only medium of instruction with both the educators and the children in order to expose both groups to a significant amount of native English input. A majority of the lessons also stressed communicative competence and critical thinking skills – both vital and necessary tools in today’s globalized and highly interconnected world – by including many discussion-based activities and opportunities for hands-on group work.

Both we, student-teachers and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. During our stay, we even learned some Burmese in our free time! “Three Fruits” hopes to return to Myanmar next year with even more to share, and more to learn from our wonderful, loving hosts in Thanlyin. “Jei-zu-tin-ba-deh” (Thank you)!

Kevin Wong & the “Three Fruits” Team



“SMILE!” - A group photo of the NUS student-teachers with the children of Canossa Home: 20-26 May 2015



Teaching handicraft to the children



Teaching children



Teaching educators: Intermediate Course.

