

Liebe Freunde und Förderer von NILA,

Nach einer kleinen Pause freuen wir uns, Euch diesmal einen besonderen Newsletter zu senden. Win Win Myo, die wir letztes Jahr als Englischlehrerin für das Haus Myitta Mon gewinnen konnten, wird sich diesmal vorstellen und von ihrem Alltag mit den Kindern berichten. Viel Spaß beim Lesen!

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My name is Win Win Myo, English teacher of Myitta Mon Orphanage (MM). It's been already passed eight months, cause I've started this job since November 2016. Before I joined this job, I worked as a construction engineer. Unfortunately my previous company had a financial problem and they were stopped their construction work. But they didn't fire me even though they had nothing much to do and they also gave salary every months regularly. But I felt compunction, so I quit my job and did nothing for a while.

At that time, I heard the news from my formal school teacher that they are looking for new English teacher for their orphanage. So she asked me to find someone who can fit in their

needed and who can work actively for their kids. When he told me about their orphanage, I felt like I want to try this job. So I asked her what'd be needed to join this job. And then later she prepared an interview with Alexander Herz, of the Nila foundation. We had our interview in Mee Nge's restaurant. After we had a conversation for a few hours and he said he had no objection to hire me but he's not sure how's the committee member would think about my English level. So he told me to attend their next meeting at Myitta Mon.

So I had attended that meeting and I met with some committee members, then I introduced myself and had a little interview with them. After that, they also didn't have much negative thought on my English skills, so they only asked me to take good care of their kids and teach them to become good in English. My duty is to translate between NILA and MM committee member, and to teach the kids for 35 hours in a week. I'm staying in MM orphanage together with the kids and I'm teaching them at night cause they have school in day time. When I first arrive at MM I found that all kids don't have much playing time. In Myanmar, the school starts at 8:00 am and ends at 3:30 pm.

Revovierungsarbeiten im Myitta Mon Waisenhaus. Alle packen fleißig mit an. Ganz links ist Win Win Myo mit der Spachtel am Werk.





Neben dem Alltagsrhythmus in Myitta Mon gibt es auch regelmäßig Zeremonien und kleine Feste, um beispielweise erfolgreiche Prüfungen zu honorieren. Die ethnischen Gruppen zeigen sich dann gerne in ihren traditionellen Kleidern.

They give free time about 15 minutes to go restroom or to go and buy some snacks, after that is only teaching lecture until school is over. As for lunch break, it's from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Even though the school end at 3:30 pm, but according to the distance between school and orphanage, the kids only arrive to MM at 4:00 pm.

Mostly, kids in MM don't have enough leisure time. As soon as they arrive, small kids are playing until dinner break, but for teenager, some are taking bath, some are washing and some are carry out their duty such as helping in kitchen, filling the water and some time cleaning water tank. Just like that, they spend their free time before dinner time. Dinner time in MM is from 5:00 pm to 6:00 Pm. As soon as they finish having dinner they begin their studying until their sleep time is arrive.

As I explain above they only spend their whole day on teaching and studying. Not only in MM but also the same for some outside kids in Myanmar. That is normal in my country, most parent don't pay any attention for their kids' freedom and also don't care that much. Their gold is that their kids must become a top in the class in most of the time.

As for the MM kids, though they don't have to be No.1 in class but they have to pass all of their exam in school. So nevertheless they also spend most of their time by studying except weekend. However the reason is, kids don't have much free time is the same.

In the last meeting of MM, I suggested committee to allow watching movie or TV program to the kids. Last year, committee forbid watching TV, but this year they decide to allow watching on Saturday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. And I also suggested them to put a small library in MM. Most of our kids come from the country side, their knowledge level is really low and they also don't have enough courage to talk in public, in some kind of training courses or with guests who came and donated for them. They are really easy to feel shy and only want to stay behind of someone else. If they go on their life like that they will definitely end up their life with no success. It's been like that last year too, so we all decided to keep a library and make some kind of questioner or negotiation with them as much as possible. That way they might dare to talk their thoughts freely and also improve more knowledge for sure.





Unterricht im Multimediarraum.in Myitta Mon und kreative Arbeit zur Vorbereitung eines Festes. Ganz rechts Win Win Myo mit Jan Pierau während eines Ausflugs in diesem Jahr.

In MM, there's computer class, speaking class and some other lectures class, that is only for grade 10 and grade 11. All kids have to attend all of the class depending on their fix time. That's why I thought that if I teach them by using only lecture course, they'll definitely feel boring for sure. That's why I teach them by using song some teaching lecture short movie and sometime using English listening course on mp3 or mp4. Mostly I use face to face conversation type. At first I fraternize with them to become more friendly with me. That way they'll become more daring to speak in English with me and also with her / his friends.

It's been passed seven months already but I only see a little improvement. Though their pronunciation become much better and their writing scale had been also improved. But their listening skill and speaking skill are still bad. Even though they already know how to speak but they didn't use it in practical. So I make one rule to them that they must talk in English during my class time . If they don't, they'll get punishment like forbid to watch movie on Saturday or something smaller. I'm not definitely decided yet but I hope that their speaking skill will improve along with my plan.

If you have a good suggest or any good idea that I should use on my kids, please write me a mail on yenne0243@gmail.com. Thank you for you always care and donate to our kids. I also would like to say thank to all volunteers who had been here and visited us from far away countries. Thanks for paying attention on my newsletter and if it's hard to note my Myanmar name, you can call me Yvonne. Have a nice day and god bless to you all!

Win Win Myo (Yvonne)

Weitere Neuigkeiten zum Schluss.

NILA Förderer haben wieder einmal tolle Unterstützung geleistet. So wurden Basare und Geburtstage zu Gunsten unserer Projekte gewidmet. Wir bedanken uns u.a. bei Katja Sen, Irmela Henrich und Michael Courbier. Letzte Woche ist Rebecca Gerst zum zweiten Mal als Volontärin nach Myanmar gereist. Mit Ihrer Freundin Emma Thul werden sie ca. 6 Wochen in Shwe Taung Tann sein. Im nächsten Newsletter werden wir u.a. darüber berichten. Bis dahin wünschen wir alles Gute!

Alex Herz



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