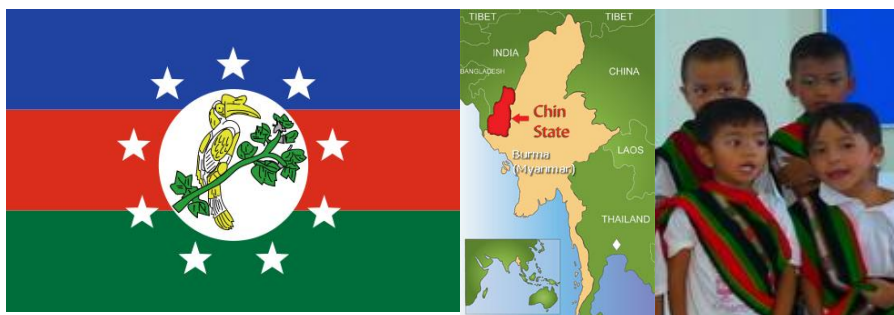


Myanmar Refugees Education Centre (MEC)

No 94, Jalan Batu Unjur 5 Bayu Perdana, Klang Malaysia

OUTREACH PROJECT REPORT 2010



The Great Hornbill is the State bird of Chin in Myanmar

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The **SCHOOL** known as Myanmar Education Centre is run by the Chin Community in Bayu. *The Parents Committee* provide guidance and advice for the school.

President of the Bayu Chin Community	Lucas Thawng
Chairman of the Parents Committee	Lal Hrin Piang
School Headmaster	John Thang Kap
Assistant head Master	John Paul
Teachers	Winnie Frederick Juju
Volunteer teacher	Noor Farisha

PROJECT FOR MEC

This Project is fully supported by the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees** (UNHCR).

Health care

During the year UNHCR visited the School and did the health care check of the children. The children's health care status is closely monitored during the school term.

Audio Visual and Learning Programme

The School is grateful to FiFi who donated the big television and a set of videos on Art Learning Programme and to Margaret Chako who directed the goods to the School.

Training Programme.

The three full time teachers have been attending the training programme run by Harvest Centre.

Senior School results for English, Mathematics and Science

Our three students excelled in the overall subjects.

First position	Albert (251 points)
Second Position	Thang Pi (250 points)
Third Position	Joshua (245 points)

Total number of children attending MEC

January 2010	33 children
December 2010	38 children

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2010

by Sr Connie Hoe, FMDM

January 2010

There was an increase in the number of children attending school; from 27 to 33. Three older boys could not attend the full programme as they had to work part time to support their families. Instead they were able to attend the Bahasa Malaysia and English language classes. At the Parents Committee meeting, the parents expressed their gratitude to the teachers for teaching the Chin and Myanmar language to their children.

February

At the beginning of the month two children left for the States with their parents.

March

The Australian International School in Kuala Lumpur donated five Hundred Malaysian Ringgit (RM 500) for the Myanmar Refugee School outdoor activities. MEC was very fortunate to be selected by the UNHCR. Twenty-five children and five teachers went to the National Zoo for the outdoor activities. They thoroughly enjoyed the day as it was their first visit to the Zoo and it was also their first outing in Malaysia! They were very grateful to the Australian International School and to UNHCR for the wonderful opportunity. During the month, two fire extinguisher cylinders were installed in the School. One in the kitchen and the other in the hall. This ensured some safety precautions for the children. The School bade farewell to Sr. Mercie Lai, an FMDM sister who taught Bahasa Malaysia and Creative Arts for six months. Some parents also attended Sr. Mercie's Bahasa Malaysia class. We are grateful to Sr. Mercie for her great dedication and support.

April

Due to the high cost of living, the School decided to increase the teachers' salary to seven hundred Malaysian Ringgit (RM 700). This was a boost for the teachers to keep up the school standard for the children.

May

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) staff visited the School and was pleased with the management.

June

The school was selected by UNHCR for consideration regarding the subsidy for teacher's salary, known as incentive payment. The School had a little farewell party for the three children who were repatriated to the States with their parents.

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July

Three full time teachers (John Thang, John Paul and Winnie) were approved for the incentive payment by UNHCR. UNHCR registered them for payment through the bank. However, teacher Juju's salary continued to be paid by the School as he did not qualify for the UNHCR subsidy. Brother Joachim, a seminarian paid a short visit to the School and the children were delighted to see him.

August

Three more children left for the States with their parents. New children were admitted to the school to replace the three children. Sr Jane Bertelsen FMDM from England and Sr Isobel Loong FMDM from Penang visited the school.

September

There was great excitement for the younger children who were starting school at the Kindergarten in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. We are very grateful to Father John for making this possible and most of all for his love and care. Each morning the bus would fetch the little ones at 8.30am and bring them back at 11.30am. The children have their lunch in the school followed by a nap. In the afternoon they continue with their play and art work before going home at 4pm. The bigger boys competed in the Faisal Cup 2010 organised by Pusat Kecermelangan Sukan Cochrane. These may become world footballers! The children were sad to bid farewell to their peers as three of them left for the States with their parents.

Another highlight of the month was a visit by Sr Teresa Mitchell FMDM from England. The children did an impromptu entertainment to welcome Sr Teresa. They sang their national songs and did a cultural dance to the delight of Sr Teresa.

October

A special party was organized for the children at the request of Aunty Lily and Uncle Philip of Singapore. The children enjoyed their national cuisine cooked by the community. Each one went home with gifts specially prepared for them. We were delighted to welcome Jackie De Souza, our main benefactor for the School. She has a keen interest and love for the children.

November

The number of children has increased, especially the smaller ones. Invariably, the noise too and we received complaints from the neighbours. This led to a sudden increase of rental from RM700 to RM900. As a result, the Centre will have to be re-located elsewhere.

December

On 12 December, the Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC) from Bukit Tinggi gave a lovely Christmas party to the children and brought much joy to the children.

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Learning Activities at MEC

- Computer skills
- Creative Art Classes
- Singing and dancing

Kindergarten Graduation Day Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Klang.



Proud moment!

Children in their
traditional costume



A Day Out in the National Zoo

It is the first outing for all the children

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Bringing Christmas Joy to the children
at St. Anne's Church, Port Klang

CHRISTMAS 2009



Sharing the joys of Christmas with the children at MEC

CHRISTMAS 2010

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2 Corinthians 9:11