

Burmese Migrant Workers' Education Committee



Chiesi Foundation Final Report Academic Year, 2012 – 2013

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Foreword

Nya Li Ar Hta has had a successful year. The consistency of funding that you have provided has made a huge difference to the well-being of this community.

The relative isolation of the school means that if it were not for Nya Li Ar Hta, these children would have little chance of receiving an education. Not only does school give them skills that they will need for the future, but it also vastly improves the quality of their life in the present. In an area which is still under threat of child-trafficking and child labour, school is the safest place for children to be.

Nya Li Ar Hta provides a great learning environment for children, and one in which they are well cared for and loved. The atmosphere is happy – and the children not only have the opportunity to learn but also to play and have fun in a safe environment.

We would like to thank you sincerely for the support that you have given us over the last year. You have truly made a difference to the lives of the children, the teachers and the community at Nya Li Ar Hta.

Grazie de cuore.



Donor funding summary

2012 – 2013 Academic Year	
Allocation of Funds	Description
Salaries	The Chiesi Foundation helps cover salaries for eight teachers and the cook. Staff have really appreciated the security that having a donor provides and knowing that they will receive their pay at the end of each month. This consistency makes it much easier to retain good teachers and keep them motivated.
School Operations	Rent and teaching materials, such as books and pencils are all covered under school operational costs. The security of having a regular donor and knowing that rent will be paid makes life much easier for the staff and community – it helps ensure that the relationship with the landlord stays positive, and this is important in terms of a sense of safety and well-being.
Food and Nutrition	Nya Li Ah Hta has a lunch program, which provides lunches to all students. Children in the boarding house also receive breakfast and dinner through your donation. Good nutrition is a pre-requisite for good health, good learning and happy children.
Primary Health	Doctors Elisabetta and Jonathan oversee a health programme at the school, and your donation also covers basic hygiene needs. Access to good health care is very limited in some areas of the border, so the school community truly appreciates this aspect of your donation and values the care they receive.
Transportation	Nya Li Ar Hta is relatively remote and travel into Mae Sot can be expensive. Your donation enables teachers to attend meetings and take advantage of professional development opportunities.
Administration Expenses	Finally, we would like to acknowledge your support for BMWEC Administration. The administrative/finance team is responsible for the day-to-day running of the organisation: It manages finances, including the distribution of salaries, rents and so on; distributes resources and provides curriculum guidance and professional support for teachers.

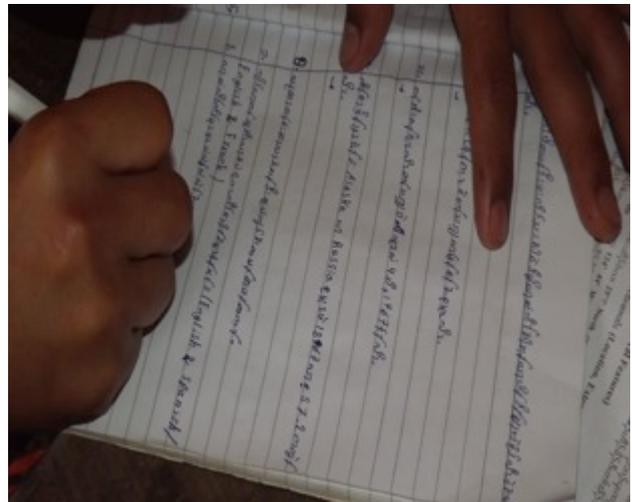
Student Work Samples

To complete this report we would like to show you some small examples of children and their work.

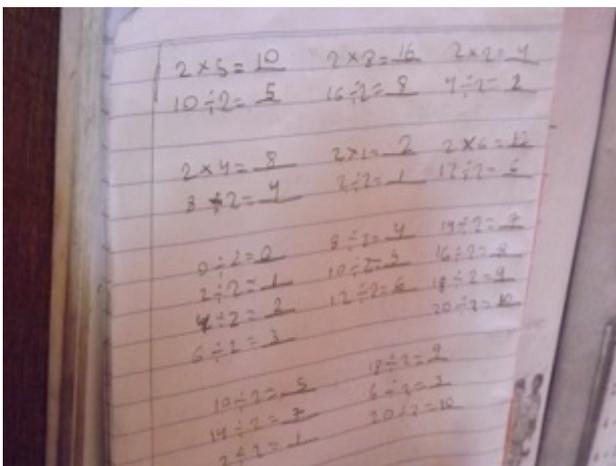
Children and teachers are really proud of how much they have achieved. One of the aspects of education which often surprises visitors is the linguistic diversity along the border, and how this is reflected in education.

Children at Nya Li Ar Hta learn four languages: Karen, Burmese, Thai and English. In itself this is an impressive undertaking – but all the more so when you realise that this means learning four completely different scripts.

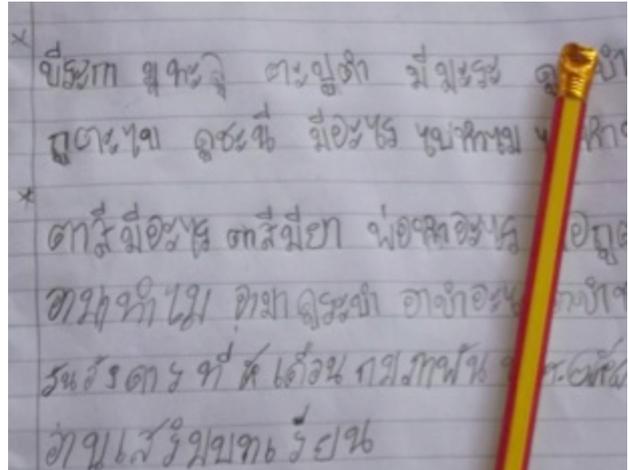
The maintenance of Karen is especially important in a political context in which minority languages often receive little support.



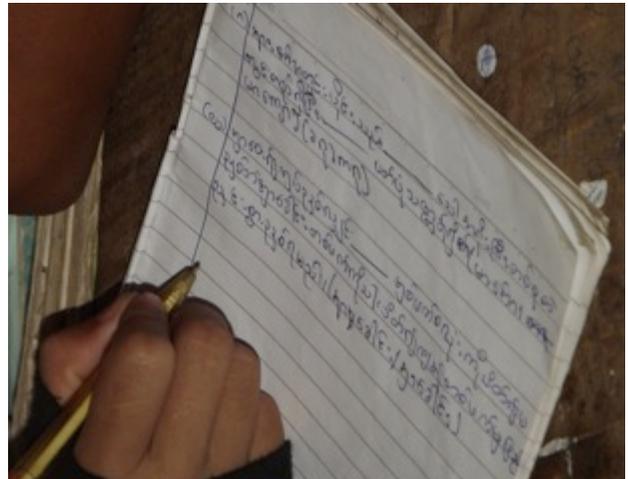
Saw Htoo Kle (13), learning in grade 4. Here, he is working hard at translating from Karen to English. When he grows up he wants to be a famous football player, and in his spare time what he enjoys most is playing soccer with his friends.



Naw Hser Paw (10), studying in grade 2. Her favourite subject is maths, and she loves to solve the number problems. She wants to be a teacher if she has the chance.



Saw Poe Dah (11) is in grade 3. He is so curious to learn the Thai language in his classroom. He wants to be an educated person so that he will be able to work for his community.



Naw Moo Eh (10), studying in grade 2. She is working on an exercise where she has to fill in the blanks (in Burmese). When she gets older her ambition is to return to her native village in Burma. Like Saw Poe Dah, she wants to be an educated person so that she can help her community.