

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN GOLDEN LAND

“What you can't accomplish by labour you must do by prayer”

- St. Mary Euphrosia

I had the opportunity to have an international experience in Myanmar. My three months stay in Myanmar was an enriching and fruitful stay. Though in the beginning it was a bit strange as I was anxious about the different cultures, persons, places and things but as the days passed by I felt my stay there was too short.

For the first two months I was in Mandalay community. There I had the chance to learn and teach English to the students doing their vocational training (like tailoring, beautician, computer and English courses) I used to go for the outreach programme like visiting the Prison, meeting the children on the streets and at the railway platform and being with the Nursery children affected by HIV. While listening to them I discovered that all these children too have many dreams and aspirations in life, they too want to be someone great and to be recognized at all levels. By being with these children I realised the demands of my religious vocation.

The last one month I was in Yangon community with the trafficked girls, single mothers and with their babies. At first sight I had the tendency to judge them but by being with them it gave me a better understanding and a better orientation that they were victims. By visiting the patients in the hospital, I became more thankful to GOD for the every good gift that I received from Him.

On the whole these experiences enabled me to have a deep sense and meaning of my religious vocation and readiness for the missionary call.

The loving, caring and the welcoming attitude of the sisters in the community made me feel at home. I was given freedom just like one of their community members. Time spent together was rich and informative. We were able to share the joys and laughter in the community. I too got the golden chance in the Golden land to meet our beloved Pope Francis during his Papal visit to Myanmar. It was a unique and angelic experience to be among thousands to greet our Holy See.

I was happy to be there and work for these people. Our sisters who are involved in these ministries take real interest in each person just as our foundress St. Mary E. says “one person is more precious than the whole world”. They take care of every minute detail. They are very gentle in dealing with the inmates of the institute. All are committed to their responsibility that can be seen through their approach to the persons in need.

First and foremost I thank God for giving me this opportunity to experience Him in different situations and persons. Secondly I thank Sr. Regina Too Too the Province leader of East Asia, Sr. Veronica Anthony Sector co-ordinator for inviting me and taking care of my every need, Sr. Sabina for trusting me and sending me to this country, Sr. Agnes for being there to listen to me and Sr. Kala for her constant accompaniment.

