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Class One looking up



Kindie cheering

3rd Quarter Report 2016

Greetings from LSSC Changjiao. Peace and Joy is within you.

As usual, this 3rd Quarter report is focused mainly on LSSC's well established and very popular Summer English Reading Programme. In our 2nd Quarter report, we wrote about our special classes for senior high school students who had completed their university entrance exam "Gaokao". Thank God, some of those students also stayed with us at LSSC as a community and helped in cleaning and getting LSSC ready for the summer programme.

Registration of students for the summer programme began right on schedule on 11th July and ended on 14th July. Some local volunteers checked in early to help in the registration process and we were very blessed that Ms Lucy, our very capable former administrator who left LSSC in October 2015 to begin her career in Guangzhou, was able to take leave from her job as a teacher, to come back to work as a full time volunteer.

Unlike previous years where two thirds of the volunteers had served as volunteers in previous summers, this summer 2016, we had just a handful of experienced volunteers while more than three quarters were new. This was because many of former volunteers who are studying at different universities were sent by their universities to do voluntary services in rural areas during the summer. Thank God, somehow things worked out. LSSC was fortunate to have 5 adult volunteers from Malaysia, 10 Lasallian student volunteers from Hongkong, a South African student volunteer, an American-Filipina student volunteer and around 35 local student volunteers and two local teachers. Again, unlike previous years, a number of our local student volunteers had to be absent for the afternoons or for a few days as they were recalled to represent their schools for various events.



This is how to do it.



Installing apks and MP4 on students moblies

This summer was a trial run of an E-Learning methodology at LSSC. Those of you who have been following our mission here at LSSC through our quarterly reports will recall that in our 2nd Quarter report this year we mentioned that we have finally put our Pinphonics Approach of Reading English for students in mainland China into digital format as apks for andriod handphnes and our Conversational English in Song on MP4. Yes, we ran this Summer 2016 English Programme at LSSC without printing a single sheet of paper! Everything lesson taught was loaded into the students handphnes as apks or MP4 which enabled the students to continue learning and practicing at home as if a “tutor” was available whenever a student wanted to learn.

I want to thank Mr Wang Chee Seng of Penang for helping me programme my PinPhonics Reading Method into apks on android and my Conversational English in Songs into MP4. I also want to Mr Chan Tong, his team of teachers and parents of the PTA La Salle College, Kowloon, for collecting used smart phones for us to use as teaching aids for some of our local volunteers and as “home tutors” to the students. We also lent them to less fortunate students who did not have handphnes. I am very pleased with the process of this summer and our catch phrase this summer was:

学习到你理解. You learn to understand. **练习到你会用.** You practise to be able to use.



Thankful Heart



Grateful Heart

Our main philosophical theme this summer was “Thankful Heart – Grateful Heart”. A Thankful Heart 感谢心 does not waste 不要浪费 and takes hold of opportunities 把握机会. A Grateful Heart 感恩心 does not forget 不要忘记 to give 有去有来 and to share what has been received 舍得分享. This was brought up or linked to in one way or another in all our lessons.

On a very personal note, I wrote in my 1st Quarter that I must admit that age is slowly but surely catching up with me and that at the beginning of this year when I went for a full medical checkup at Fatimah Hospital in Ipoh I was told that I had the three highs of ageing ... high blood pressure - high blood sugar – high cholesterol. After taking medication for 2 months, all three “highs” were back to normal and I decided to do away with the medication and went on a strict diet control lifestyle ... and I lost more than 10 kilograms in 5 months. This is not without set-backs and the obvious one is that I was unable to keep up with my daily routine of 4 hours continuous teaching for the 3 weeks this summer. I broke into cold sweat on the 15th day and I handed the programme completely over Lucy. I rested and slept for 3 days before I could resumed teaching and to bid goodbye to the students and volunteers on the last day.



Lucy teaching



assisted by MRose and Cici

It is said, a photograph says more than a thousand words. So I end this 3rd Quarter report with many photographs. I am aware that photographs do not convey the atmosphere and ambience of the events and activities of Summer 2016 at LSSC so I put on record our open invitation to all who have time to spare to visit us and to join us.

Take care and God bless. I thank everyone very much for your interest in and your support for LSSC – in the service of youth and nation through our Lasallian mission in Changjiao.

As always with love in the service of youth and nation through DLS,

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* Our Story in Photographs are attached as Photos 1 and Photos 2