

# The Andrew Clark Trust

## JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

This month the Andrew Clark Trust is a hive of activity both inside and outside of the school.

With so many children travelling from far and wide to come to our lessons, the classrooms have reached their full capacity.

We are currently in the process of building a 6th classroom which is nearly finished and another one will be built in the future to cope with growing demand and the 450 children who now attend the school.



After 3 years of training two young women from Maung Shwe Ley, have finally qualified to become English teachers, and at the beginning of January returned to their village, where they are now teaching in a school which has been set up to teach English.

Two more young women have been training since April, to become English teachers, which will take 4 to 5 years, and then another English school will be set up in Thandwe. Also two or three young people will come from Mrauk U to train as teachers, and a school will be set up there.

There is such a need for English teachers, and we are asked many times, if we can send teachers to other areas, but unfortunately we cannot do this, but we can help in this way.

## MANY HELPING HANDS

Ma Wyne and Zaw came to teach waste management and how they can make handicrafts out of waste products, and the children learnt a lot both in terms of how to dispose of waste, and also to make attractive products from it.

In December we had a group of teachers from Australia come for 3rd time. They came to do teacher training, and brought iPads with apps on them, to enhance their teaching. They also brought projectors,

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and now our teachers have access to so much teaching materials, and this has added so much to what they can offer the students, and are inspiring the children.

**Our grateful thanks to Helen, Carole-Anne, Janelle, Joy, Debra, Helen, Phil and Jules for their time and effort, and for helping to move our teaching up to another level.** It is fantastic to see how much difference they make in the classrooms.



Jackie and James are currently doing teacher training for the next two weeks. They also came as volunteer teachers last year.

We are delighted to share the news of our past students success. We have students teaching English lessons in our school, managing building projects for the Trust and for the first time, one of our students is now studying law, which will take 5 years.

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## PROJECTS

Outside of the school we are joined again by the Aussie building team for the 4th time. They are here to pay and organise for 6 more toilets to be built and also a shack for a homeless woman and her son. They are also looking into a water project which they are raising funds for. This involves finding land to build a water irrigation system. This will be fantastic for the area in times when there is no water.

Progress of the Trust and the school is built on the continued efforts of our volunteers and we are so grateful for the time and hard work they give us. Thanks to Joe, Tim, Jane, Jamie, Luke and Jack who have been here previously and Jennifer and Brant who are involved in the project and also teaching IT.

Young Jack aged 13 yrs and Luke 11 yrs have also taught an English class.





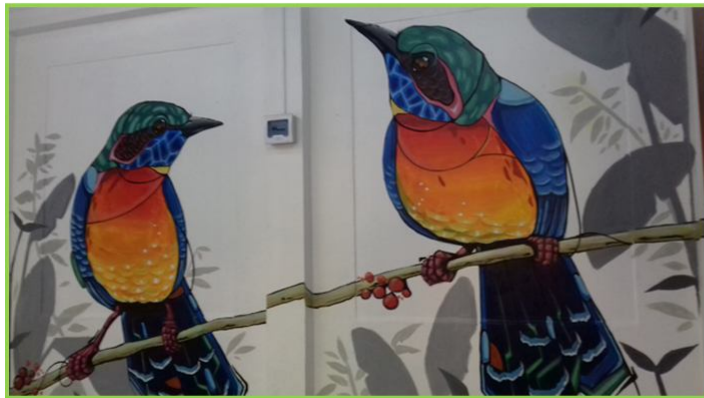
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Hilary and Robin who raised funds for the Aussie team to build a house are also here to see the house for the first time.

Juliet helped with the newsletter, and Richard has made a video of the school and village.

Alex and Yan came and painted two murals in our new classroom.

## OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO ONE AND ALL



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## HEALTHCARE



Patients come on a daily basis asking for help so that they can get medical treatment. Currently we have a brother and sister in hospital, who have had both legs operated on, due to them having Ricket's disease. Also a mother with the same disease, and a 3 year old boy, who is having surgery on his colon. All these patients are in hospitals in Yangon, which is 14 hours by bus from here, as although there is a local hospital, they can only deal with simple operations.

## WELFARE

Although welfare is not an aim of our charity, often we feel there are people who truly need our help. We often help those in the community who desperately need it.

Providing three children whose mother died a year ago with food whilst their father spends all day trying to find work.

The eldest girl wasn't able to come to school a year ago but now she does which makes her very happy because she can now see what her future could be.

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These pictures were taken at the start of the year and now.



**Your support really does make a difference.**

**Without your help, none of this is possible.**

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. PLEASE NOTE THAT 100% OF ALL DONATIONS GO TOWARDS EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE.**

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