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The weather this winter has been extremely cold, and no-one can ever remember it being so cold. If you can imagine how cold it must be with most shacks having open windows and doorways, and the people have very light clothing.

Some children at St. Andrews School in Dorset held a Christmas Bazaar in aid of our children here, and we were able to buy 126 woolly hats for our Beginners classes, which kept their heads nice and warm. Winter usually starts from the third week of November and finishes at the end of February.



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FURTHER EDUCATION

One of our students, Kit Kit, has started to attend Yangon University, to study International Affairs. This means that at the end of 4 years he can work in an Embassy, and eventually, possibly become an Ambassador. A Dutch family together with friends has paid for his first year at university. I told him their names so that he could write to thank them. He then asked me where they were from, and this is what he wrote with no help or guidance on what to say.....

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Dear Mr. Chris, Mrs. Madelien, the family and friends,

Thank you very much for supporting me my university education. That's very kind of you. Even I have a chance to go university, I won't be in this situation without your support.

As you know, Being an undeveloped country, we don't have the education as good as other countries. Although students can learn more, the teachers don't have enough knowledge. They only rely on text books. They can't even speak and spell English probably. But luckily, we got huge opportunities from Vera Thomson English School. This school produces many people who can speak English every year.

Anyway, After I passed the matriculation exam, I've already have an ambition to become one of myanmar ambassadors. Before the exam result came, I searched any knowledges that I can get in village library. And I do know about Netherlands. And I want to learn something from your country? How ~~do~~ is your country prevented from being flooded?

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By the scientists' saying, some parts of Netherlands and Bangladesh will be in under water during 2065 and 2070. And you've already planned projects. You built dams to protect the generations. But we haven't. Nearly one-third of Myanmar will be under water, too. I think our governments should learn from your country.

So, I started my university two days ago. I will study at the department of international relations. It is only one university of international relations in Myanmar. It will take 4 years. I will try my best. I have to be the successful person ~~to~~ for my village, for my school, for mummy Sue and for my family.

I hope you will get my letter. And again, thank you very much. I hope to see you very soon.

Your friend,
Kit Kit

We have high hopes for some of our students who are in their final year at high school. One has an ambition to become a civil engineer, another an English teacher, one wants to study law, another a tour guide etc. All come from very poor backgrounds. Already there are ex-pupils of ours, working in almost every hotel in Ngapali in roles that require interaction with hotel guests in English.

There are certainly more and more opportunities in the country for people to get good jobs, if they can speak, read and write English. Whilst there are many more opportunities, the problem of housing is getting worse, because there is nowhere for the poor to live near places of employment, but far away. We also get some students from far away, who come and stay with friends and relatives, so that they can get free education.

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Once again we cannot thank you enough for all your support without which we could not help with education and healthcare.