

Supporting the Young and the Old - and Those in Between

In this 'Community' update, you will recognize people that we have been supporting last year or for a number of years already. But we also tell you about a ten-year-old girl who has received support from MIA for her education. Her name is **Hnin Nu Way** and she lives in the village of Pyinsar, not far from the Chanmyay Myaing Meditation Centre near Pyin Oo Lwin in Upper Burma. Her parents separated and now she lives with her grandparents. Because the grandparents can no longer pay for her school fees, they wanted to take her out of school. However, Hnin Nu Way loves to go to school – she is actually a very bright and intelligent student. At the final exams she was always among the best of her year, winning one first price and two second prices. We made sure that she can continue to go to school.



Hnin Nu Way with her grandmother and proudly posing with her three prizes



*Left: visiting
Hnin Nu
Way's family*



*Right: Hnin
Nu Way on a
cherry tree
picking cherry
flowers*

U Pi Nan is the grandfather for whom we have been paying the yearly rent for many years already. As always, he keeps his little bamboo home and garden impeccably tidy and clean. This year he surprised us with a creative patch of grass in his garden (see photo)!



Next door lives **Daw Vato**, the cook for the foreign meditators at CMMC, Yangon, whose family we support for the repair of their bamboo house.



Daw Vato and her husband with one of their grandkids

The **Metta Clinic** on the premises of the Chanmyay Myaing Meditation Centre in Yangon is still much needed: every Saturday and Sunday people flock to the clinic to get treatment from the GPs and dentists.



On top of these people and projects, we are supporting other students in Yangon and Upper Burma. Among them are Ma No Mya Moe Tan who is studying geography, Ko Kaung Kaung who is attending primary school, or Ma Aye Aye Kyi who is training as a nurse.

I wish you could be with us and see the happy and grateful faces of the people, when they get the dāna (donation) – YOUR dāna! Working together we can bring about a small but significant change in peoples' lives.

May you and all beings be healthy and strong, happy and peaceful.

With mettā
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