

Dear Friends,

This is my newsletter for February and March, 2012.

Two months have flown by so quickly with a lot of events taken place in the centre and in my life as well.

There was a tropical typhoon called Pakha hit Saigon and the Southern of Vietnam yesterday. It was quite strange as it was the first typhoon in 40 years hit Saigon and the regions. It was literally raining whole day with plenty of wind, several broken trees and banners on the street today. I was riding my motorbike from the centre to my house in the middle of the storm, you could imagine that as you are riding, the wind blew straight to your face and you have the feeling like someone holding you back. I was lucky enough to make it home safely. Silly me!!

I am doing well in University. Even though there are a lot of essays and exams coming up, I still love it. I have passed my previous course with distinction marks; it was quite impressed even to me. I have made a lot of friends in school and the teachers quite like my Aussie accent. It was so funny that when I joined a conference of my school the other day and I got to speak in front of people, there were some students from American participating as well and they all asked me where I have that accent from. Haha 😊

Things happening in the centre quite slowly compare with the other months. We are having a bit of problem with the authority about paper works and stuff as usual. I strongly believe that we will overcome it and can do what we mean to do here. Our classes and super kids have been stopped occasionally but you know, by strong Faith, we will get away from that. We still have classes for people with disability on every Saturday. I have taught them how to play Uno and stuff, besides all the English class run by Sue Gourlay, and IT class by Van. They are all enthusiastic and eager to learn new thing from our volunteers and teachers. You have to be here to witness how hungry they are to learn.

I can feel the love of our God in everything we are doing here from little thing to big things. I cannot tell you by words how people with disability have changed so much since they come, work or study from us. Some of them, when we first meet, hardly open to anyone else because I'm not sure whether they are shy or not, but now, they have self-confident, self-belief and some of them have stepped up to run our classes. How amazing it is.

Easter is coming. I hope that every one of you will be blessed by the Grace of God, health and wisdom will be plentiful. We will have a big celebration in our centre. Can't wait!

And again, I would love to thank all of you who have joined in my journey with God, who support me all the time in any way.

May God bless you!

Love and prayers from your friend in Vietnam,

Mark Pham

