

Naw Paw Wah Doh Nursery Schools Project



Naw Paw Wah in center with American visitor and her nephew.

Naw Paw Wah Doh has dedicated her life to the development of nursery schools in the Shwe Gyin area. Her program is called Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD).

She holds seven different training sessions during the year. One is for leaders of churches and villagers who want a nursery school. The second is one month training for those who want to be nursery school teachers. The third type is for parents so they can be supportive of the ECCD program. The fourth type is for Advocacy training for all villagers. The fifth is Management Committee so they understand their role and work.



The sixth is toy making. And the last is Refresher course for ECCD teachers who have been teaching to help them evaluate their work and improve their schools.

Graduates of her classes have established 75 Early Childhood Care and Development Schools.



Some schools require uniforms such as these blue and white ones. The Primary schools these children will eventually attend require white and green uniforms.



But some schools do not require uniforms because their parents cannot afford them.



The idea behind nursery schools is to give mental stimulation at an early age. Many educators feel a child's attitude towards education and learning is well established before Primary School so it is very important young children receive the proper training.



It is important to learn rules, how to play together, take turns and cooperate.



Every nursery school has a “Pretend Corner” where they play games of pretending to be parents and learn to cooperate and work together.



Even a tub of water can be an interesting learning experience.



Big muscles need to be developed and strengthened.



Balance and perseverance can also be learned on outdoor equipment.



Simple outside toys such as a slide or teeter totter are just fun and healthy.



Christmas time is a time of celebration for the nursery school children. It is also a time to interpret the Christian message to non Christians and include both younger and older siblings in the festival.



The children reenact the nativity scene complete with Mary and Joseph, shepherds, wise men and angels.



Such nursery schools need equipment and there is very little available for purchase even if they had the money. Therefore she has training sessions on how to make educational toys out of materials that are available.



The graduates of these toy making sessions are justifiably proud of what they have learned to make. Now each learner will use the toys they made in their nursery school.



She also teaches nursery school personnel how to make outdoor equipment that will develop motor skills and big muscles.



Graduation at any level is a serious event in Burma and graduates of nursery school are dressed in gowns for a formal graduation ceremony.



Graduation is a festive time attended by parents, siblings and friends.



The future of Burma is in its children. But they must be taught and trained for it.