

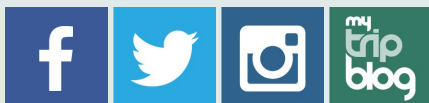
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For Projects Abroad Sri Lanka 



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Projects Abroad Sri Lanka Volunteers Teach English to Paramedical Staff at National Cancer Institute.

To support the new collaboration between St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney and the National Cancer Institute in Maharagama, our medical volunteers helped Sri Lankan paramedical staff to improve their English. The staff are due to go to Sydney in February for training on bone marrow transplantation techniques, and our volunteers helped to teach them English medical terms and prepare them for their trip to Australia. The paramedics in Maharagama are enjoying the classes immensely and we can already see them making good progress. Thank you to Tema Gochberg, Heather MacFarlane, Shanna Radloff, Stian Sandmo and Timo Van de Velde for helping out with this course. It will be of great benefit to all those involved.

by **Tanja Luttenberger**
Volunteer Coordinator

Here is Tema's Experience with teaching:

After the morning session at the Ayurvedic hospital in Moratuwa, I grabbed a bus to Maharagama and the Cancer hospital there for an afternoon of teaching English to a group of 10 medical personnel. They had been selected to go on a sponsored trip to



Tema with her students

Australia in order to learn best practices and new techniques around bone marrow transplants, and Projects Abroad was hosting an English Intensive course so that they could understand as much as possible during their trip.

"The three-hour class was filled with laughter as well as learning!"
-Tema

This particular lesson, I was the only volunteer helper for the day, and Tanja had prepared the subjects of the 'th' sound (as in the word 'think'), and vocabulary about bodily functions (senses, pain, eating, defecating, etc). If ever there was a day's curriculum made for a clown, this was it! We had great fun acting out a restaurant scene (complete with a foul bite and a run to a toilet!). Click [here](#) to read more

Students' Presentations



Role Plays by Heather and Ari



Girl Guides Team from England volunteered at Mithsewana

Twelve girls from the Girl Guides Association of England came to Sri Lanka to volunteer with Projects Abroad. They volunteered at the Mith Sevana Rehabilitation Center for Children in Dehiwala near Colombo. The two week program comprised of several activities including arts and crafts, playing games, singing songs, dancing and much more. They even met up with Sri Lankan girl guides to spend some time



together.

However, the highlight of their trip was when they accompanied all the children to Water World, which the children enjoyed thoroughly as they rarely go on outings together. The supervisor at the rehabilitation center told us that he had never seen the children so happy before. He was incredibly impressed with the work that they did so we would like to congratulate them all!



The girl guides also had the opportunity to visit the town of Kandy, the Temple of the Tooth, the botanical gardens and Minneriya National Park to see the Elephants.



2-Weeks Special in Boscopura

Two Week Special students from France, USA, China, Japan, The Netherlands, Belgium, Wales and the UK volunteered at the Boscopura Tsunami Housing Scheme. Over the course of their two weeks, they were involved in several activities. Firstly, they cleaned and painted

the Montessori school, as well as designed beautiful murals. We are sure the children will love it all! Apart from painting and drawing, these volunteers spent time interacting with the local children and families. We could see the volunteers had a great time playing with the children and I enjoyed their clapping games in particular!

They also taught English and French to the residents at the housing scheme and had an amazing



time on the beach, which is just a stone's throw away. They had a great time all round and we would like to thank them all for making such an impact here.

"Not all those who wander are lost."

— J.R.R. Tolkien



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR



Thank you for reading this newsletter. This month, two groups of Two Week Special groups volunteers came to Tandem and kept all the staff happily busy. The first group was from the Girl Guides Association of the UK and was placed at the Mith Sevana Rehabilitation Center for Children. They had an amazing time painting, doing arts and crafts, singing and playing with the children. The volunteers also took them to Water World, which was very entertaining!



The other group worked at the Boscopura Tsunami Housing Scheme, where they decorated the pre-school by painting the walls and designing a mural. Seventeen volunteers worked side by side to make this a reality. They not only renovated it but also had an amazing time playing with the local children and teaching them English and French.

Projects Abroad Sri Lanka also organized a medical camp in Beruwala this month, where we provided free medicine to around 200 people.



We encourage everyone to help make this newsletter interesting by sending in their own articles and pictures of their experiences at our projects. These will help others to learn more about beautiful Sri Lanka.

Email me at manjulameemanage@projects-abroad.org if you have anything that you would like to share.



We would like to extend a big thank you to those who sent their stories and photos for this month's newsletter. We greatly appreciate the time and the effort that you have taken and I am looking forward to receiving more articles for the next issues.