

IJ Youth Mission

(5 missions in 5 IJ Sec Schools)

The CHIJ Youth Mission (IJYM) aims to provide an enabling environment for our girls to recognise and promote the dignity of human persons. The students over the years have been reaching out to the less fortunate in our society extending to poorer areas of South East Asia.

At CHIJ TP (Sec), their local outreach, which has been successfully on-going for 4 years now, the One-room flat project, is now self-initiated. Teachers are happy to report they have very responsible student leaders so IJYM can now expand to serve new mission centres. Lunch in the Dark was a very enriching experience for the girls. Highly recommended for other IJYM to experience. They have modified group reflections to include more open sharings to help cultivate in-depth reflections with the girls. More bonding activities were most helpful so they had no attendance issues.

For 2016, in addition to the on-going projects, IJTP worked with CanossaVille teaching the children art & craft skills. It has planned fellowship sessions with the Good Shepherd Centre.

Katong Convent IJYM's work with Group Life to reach out to the elderly was successful. The focus was on local missions in 2015, growing their IJYM internally by building up the girls' commitment to IJYM.

For 2016, KC continued working with Group Life teaching them more IT skills, more interaction activities with the elderly.

St Theresa's Convent IJYM had worked well with their new mission partner, Beyond Social Services, to serve the community, especially the young. Local outreach last year was with Willing Hearts.

For 2016, STC worked with another outreach centre. Teachers will leave the initiative to the IJYM girls to plan and organize the outreach.

St Nicholas (Sec) IJYM continued their long-term collaboration with Lion Befrienders. IJYM has been reaching out to the elderly @ Tampines. IJYM was successful in deepening the relationship between the girls and their elderly friends. They also brought the elderly on an outing to the school. SNGS continued their long-term mission outreach in Siem Reap @ Kbon Primary School. They raised funds to build their school canteen and stock their school library. Last year, only the teachers were able to make the mission trip due to MOE constraints.

For 2016, SNGS continued working with SASCO to reach out to the elderly through their various centres and homes and forge a new partnership with APSN. With more teachers, various outreach activities can run concurrently, once or twice a month. SNGS continued their long-term mission outreach in Siem Reap @ Kbon Primary School. They raised funds to build their water tank. Girls are involved in the planning of outreaches. Continued self-initiated projects on-going.

St Joseph's Convent IJYM did successful outreach at the All Saints Home and also HOME. They had organized successfully an outing for HOME residents to SJC. The Shoebox project was also a great success.

For 2016, SJC continued local mission outreach with All Saints Home and HOME.

Besides service, the IJYM members from all the 5 IJ Sec schools meet several times annually for the IJYM Fun Day at IJ Toa Payoh, the combined Annual School Camp at IJ St Nicholas Girls, the Exco Leadership Workshop at IJ St Joseph's Convent, and the Inter-Schools Exhibition 2016 on the theme- Dignity Challenged.

In 2017, the IJYM Fun Day was held on 1 Mar, the Combined Schol Camp on 25 Mar. The theme for this year's InterSchool Competition and Exhibition will be "Walking with Sufferers". Presentation will take place on 23 Aug 2017.

IJYM members can look forward to having new IJYM T-shirts.

St Theresa's Convent is appealing for textbooks and assessment books on behalf of the Mission Centre @ Payatas, Philippines. Schools who are able to donate, kindly liaise with the teacher in charge IJYM KC.

IJ HOMES AND CHILDREN'S CENTRES (IJHCC)

The Infant Jesus Sisters and the Management Committee of the Infant Jesus Homes And Children's Centres (IJHCC) are re-dedicating themselves to reach out in support of today's vulnerable youth at a critical period of their lives. Deprived of the means to experience the advantages of after-school care, guidance, companionship and a formative experience that will allow them to make the most of themselves, such youth are at risk, or at best, fail to realise their gifts and talents. To maximise their growth potential, apart from the courses and training opportunities which are offered at [IJHCC](#) by trained staff and volunteers, past pupils of CHIJ Schools are invited to become mentors of individual youths, knowing how valuable such relationship can be in helping a youth grow in motivation, maturity and confidence.

On 10 Mar 2017, Children from IJHCC joined CHIJ Secondary girls in fun and joy at the IJ Fiesta held in the school premises.

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