

LWE NWE PHAYAR TAUNG MONASTERY

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It was started when the Head Monk Thu Wona arrived at Lwe Nwe Phayar Taung Yay Seik Monastery in 1983. His dream was to provide education for the unprivileged children of Myanmar.

Phon Phongyi comes from Lin Phon Village. He used to live in Loikaw and Yangon for a few years. It was when he realised that people from the city and people from the countryside has different opportunities in life because of the access to education.

Since then, he never gave up on his dream, even during the worst conflict time in Myanmar. He had to postpone his plan for a few years and finally his school was finished in 1993. At first, the school was ready to welcome around 30 students. Aside from providing educational charity, the monastery also play a very important role in the local community development.

Today, the monks support more than 1300 children, providing food, accommodation and education. The students come from over 10 different ethnic groups and various religions. All students are welcomed to stay and learn at this monastery.

Besides primary, middle, and high school education, the monks also provide computer class and English class with foreigners. The monks also sponsor some students to pursue higher education at University and many different vocational trainings.

In addition to this, they also have a small potable water factory, to filter and purify the water, then sell the products to the market. The income from the water selling was to cover the expenses for the students' meal. They also have a health clinic for the students.

All of this initiative could happen because of a teamwork between the monks and the great donors that came along the years. Many students who had finished their high school stay at the monastery and work as volunteers. Together with the monks, the students are responsible to keep everything well-functioning.

The food comes from donation of villagers and families of the students. The monastery has a small farm where they grow fruits, spices and part of the rice comes from daily Almsgiving Ceremony.

The principles of the students at Lwe Nwe Phayar Taung Monastery and Charity Youth Development Centre are:

Discipline - Keep discipline;

Honesty – Always be honest;

Perseverance - Do your best. Study hard. Do not give up.

Charity - Help others. Be good and do well.



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