

## Pemba Sherpa

Report 17, December 2021

### Regular classes in Community Learning Centre and Public school

During the December, we had regular classes in the following subjects: English, Computer, Tibetan/ Sherpa/ Buddhist text with their topics. Besides that, we prepared a drama in the Tibetan/ Sherpa language. The theme of the show was to earn good karma by helping others. While writing straight forward, it looks like a piece of cake. However, it did consume time while working on script, practice, customs, puppets, staging, setting, etc.

Meanwhile, we started teaching English in Hile Nigale public school for an hour a day. Migmar taught primary students and I taught grade 4 and 5 students. The principal asked the community board if we could support the public school. Topics: common phrases, vocabulary, daily use sentence structures, etc.





*Picture of students preparing Christmas cards for donors*

### **Children picnic and first Christmas celebration**

All students participated for a picnic within walking distance, half an hour from Hile. It was some sort of rumbling. Students did enjoy walking, playing various games, and having a warm lunch. I was personally astonished to see how every primary student enjoyed lunch as well as older students enjoyed without any nagging around, which they usually do to at their parents place. I taught some eating manners, the importance of food and why food should not be wasted, etc.

Meanwhile, in the afternoon, older students kept themselves busy preparing for Christmas celebration. Some students and I went to Khawa to buy gifts. Surprisingly, students did not shop with me in the same shop because they did not want me to see their gift, they wanted to surprise me

To give an insight to some highlights on Christmas as one of the world's biggest celebrations, there was a small sense of Christmas celebration in the Community Learning Center. Everyone was aware Christmas is about exchanging gifts and having fun with close ones. Subsequently, we all brought something for everyone in the class. At first, we watched a short video that Lisa Nussmueller sent us showing some parts of Christmas traditions.

After that, we watched a short video on Christmas tradition. We did a karaoke on Christmas songs. Of course, we all enjoyed doing it.



Similarly, there was time for sharing our gifts. I was given the chance to share mine first, self-made creamy biscuits cakes. I knew they all love them. And most of them have not got a chance to try them. Almost all of the students have brought candies, biscuits, hair tights, stone art, etc. as Christmas presents to all. In the end, we were dancing. Most importantly, I was told that this Christmas celebration day was one of the best day ever for all of them. Especially, the presents and the candies they received as a present.





### **Community Budget, welcoming and farewell to teachers**

There was welcoming and farewell to teachers organized along with one of the community Budget clarification programs. It was conducted under the coordination and cooperation of community leaders, teachers, students, and entire community members. Firstly, there was Welcoming all the guests from the nearby villages and the new teacher. Secondly, there was a budgets expenditure announcement to the community. Additionally, there were cultural programs by students and teachers. Last but not least, the third part was for a farewell party to Migmar Bhuti.

Every part of the day went well despite the students' sad song for farewell to the teachers. It touched so many hearts. Simultaneously brought a tear to our eyes.



