

A CVT Mission Worker's Story – Otolu Tuccu

Hey! Want to have different and amazing experience in teaching English? Here, in Thailand, is the best place to start.



Stepping into another country, I began my new journey in teaching English to Thai students. At first, it sounds simple. But, taking a deeper look and involving myself deeply in this job, the experience that I am having with these students is way beyond my imagination. I truly found out that it's not just teaching them English. They need more than that. They need my love, care, support and friendship, which in some cases their parents fail to provide. Sometimes my simple smile and 'Hello' boosts their energy to move on with their hard day.

There is this 12-year-old little girl at the school. Her dream is to be able to learn, speak and sing English songs. So, this is what she did: She decided to learn how to speak English from YouTube. She always wanted to interact with people who speak English so that she could practice her English daily. Well! I happen to teach her class. She is always excited to see me and practice the English that she has learned from YouTube. Surprisingly, I found out that she was the one helping me out in the classroom. At times, when I am trying to explain something and the students seem confused, she quickly stands up and explains to them. Her interest and passion to learn English inspires me to work harder. It also encourages the other students to be attentive in class and learn more.



Whenever the students feel that I'm not having a good day, they will try to crack jokes or hug me to make me feel better. And they will try to show their love and care and do anything to bring a smile back to my face. They are always successful. Even though there is language barrier, at times "actions speak louder than words."

This journey is definitely the best way, not only to teach a language, but also to share the love of God with these wonderful children. We are the ones who need to reach out to these kids and witness Christ to them by showing our love and care for them.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Matthew 9:37

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