



KIDS EARTH FUND No.69 Newsletter

2018.02.25-02.27 Palestine

With children in Jordan Valley and borders Jericho, Palestine

We held the 2 days drawing workshops at Ein el-Sultan UNRWA school located in the Jordan Valley and borders Jericho. Jericho is at 260 meters below sea level, called as the oldest city on earth. Even anxiety spreads over the announcement of US UNRWA aid cut, the new principal, school counselor and coordinators made it possible to organize the workshop for children eventually. Boys and girls had full of energy and said "I love you!" to us over and over.

Since Palestinian support has lasted for 70 years from many countries, refugees has come far from independent and demanded continuous donation and support. The solution towards self-sustainability is what all of us need to think about.



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Jericho, Palestine



During the drawing workshop, many children drew about freedom, hope and also stable house and mosques where they found peace within.

We visited Aqbat Jabr camp, one of the refugee camps too.

From the top of the hill, we viewed the whole city, and Jordan far away across the river.

Seeking for fresh vegetables and fruits cultivated by the pure water which Jericho is proud of, people from another cities come to buy them in Jericho.

Limited mobility and logistics, we glimpsed the reality far from "freedom".



Jericho, Palestine

2018.02.27-03.02 Istanbul, Turkey

With Syrian refugee children

With Coca Cola and Turkish Red Crescent cooperation, we had a drawing workshop with Syrian refugee children at Bagcilar, Istanbul.

They were shy and just ended up with one color at first however, gradually adding another colors to make the works full of originality and imagination.

After the workshop, they went to school. They were acquiring literacy in Turkish language to get accustomed to new land.



Istanbul, Turkey



Istanbul, Turkey

2018.02.22-02.24 Croatia

KIDS EARTH HOME Croatia

We held drawing workshops at KIDS EARTH HOME Croatia. KEH Croatia welcomes volunteers from all over the world throughout the year.

Children interact with them in English with no difficulties and they performed very well at school.

KEH cultivates natural abilities to have big dreams and visions for their own future.

23 years have passed since the end of the conflict however, unemployment rate is high, and alcohol or drug addiction, domestic abuse issues are still seen sadly.

We'll keep our eyes on this harsh situation.





2018.01.30-02.01 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

KIDS EARTH HOME Vietnam

We held Workshop at KIDS EARTH HOME Vietnam. Here, around 30 children live together who are not able to live with their family. KEH Vietnam also functions as a school for around 100 students. Now the economy in Vietnam grows rapidly and we see urban cities with lots skyscrapers, cars with traffic jam. However we have to spot the other side of the light too. There are children living in poor houses with no roofs. Stable job is not promised even after the graduation.

The 30th anniversary project "KIDS HELPING KIDS"
"Let's draw own smiling face"



We held the drawing workshop at KIDS EARTH HOME Cambodia where 56 children live. They memorized and practiced Japanese songs spontaneously for our visit as a lovely surprise. We wish the world where everyone can have hope.



2018.01.30-02.01 Phnom Penh City, Cambodia
KIDS EARTH HOME Cambodia

What can we do as a member of friends living on this planet? KIDS EARTH FUND always think about it with children. One of the answers is painting. The paintings children draw travel across the sea and encourage another children who are suffered from difficulties such as poverty and trauma from the war. This is the activity of "KIDS HELPING KIDS".

KIDS EARTH FUND launched the smiling portrait project to commemorate its 30 years anniversary. Children think about the future of the earth and send the message to the society through drawing workshops. This is a social contribution that children commit by drawing.

Children drew their faces with various colors in KIDS EARTH HOME playing a role as a orphanage in Cambodia.





2018.01.30–02.01 Phnom Penh City, Cambodia

KIDS EARTH HOME Cambodia

This school was used to close down whenever it rained due to leaks from the roof. KIDS EARTH FUND sponsored by World Air Sea service rebuilt the school.

Currently, 585 children go to this school at a age of between 4 to 12 years old. This school does not have art class in curriculum. Our art workshop is the only time for them to taste the fun of art. It was the first experience for new students to see paintings. They started to draw very carefully with sparkled eyes. Children's message blossomed fully on canvas.



2018.01 Province of Benguet, Philippines

Elementary school in Province of Benguet, Philippines

We had an art work shop at the elementary school in Province of Benguet, the Philippines and distributed art supplies supported by Mr. Coloma Uriel.

The children understood the activity about "KIDS HELPING KIDS" very well and they painted the pictures with enthusiasm for supporting other children.

There are still a lot of families who needs supports in Province of Benguet, the Philippines. But every children study hard and have the dreams such as to become a doctor or a teacher.

