

CARING FOR YOUNG LIVES

Vocational Training, Myanmar

Equipping young people from deprived backgrounds with job skills

In their own words

'The Church of Myanmar is doing mission holistically and with unconditional love – trying to be the church for others, instead of self-seeking.'

The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar



Myanmar factfile

Population: 48.8 million (UN, 2007)
Languages: Burmese, indigenous
Religion: Buddhist 89%, Christian 4%, Muslim 4%, animist 1%, other 2%
Export: Natural gas, wood products, pulses, beans, fish, rice, clothing, jade and gems
Life expectancy: 59 years (men), 65 years (women) (UN)

USPG in Myanmar

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Finding a job is difficult for young people in Myanmar (also known as Burma), especially for those who've had to leave education early because their families could not afford school fees. For this reason, the Diocese of Toungoo has launched a scheme to provide vocational training for young people, especially for those from deprived backgrounds. The diocese is offering a range of vocational courses, including mechanics, electrics, carpentry, food preservation and English language. Skills training will provide job seekers with confidence as

well as boosting their chances of developing a career. Learning English is particularly important. English is needed for university education and is increasingly seen as desirable by employers. To this end the diocese has opened an English language centre, through which 575 students have already completed courses of varying levels. Money donated to this Project will enable Toungoo Diocese to continue running these courses, through which disadvantaged young people are finding jobs and a route out of poverty.

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