CROSSROADS SOW

POVERTY AROUND THE WORLD

- About 1 Billion people earn less than 1 US dollar per day
- About half the world's population lives below 2 US dollars per day
- Many of the poor people will in turn resort to illegal activities to help themselves, one of which is through prostitution or selling their children
- This will increase the rate of HIV and AIDS contraction

ABOUT CROSSROADS

- Crossroads is a non-profit organization where they receive donations, which all started in 1995
- They organize, pack, load and distribute those donated goods around the world for those in need
- They also have the largest fair-trade shop in Hong Kong
- With fair-trade, Crossroads protects the human rights of the producers in third-world countries

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- Organization: For example; Bulk, Computer, Clothing, Household, Electrical and De-Containers
- Distribution: Shed (Load and pack containers to make them ready for shipment)

DAY ONE



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DAY TWO - SERVICE



DAY TWO - CLOTHING



DAY THREE - SERVICE



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DAY FOUR - BLIND EXPERIENCE

- For the blind experience, we couldn't bring any lightemitting devices
- It showed us a brief taste of how blind people depend on their other senses to navigate their way through their lives

DAY FOUR - AIDS/HIV WALKTHROUGH

- We listened to audio clips and stories of people around the world who have contracted HIV in various ways
- In all the four stories we were given, one was about war, one was about a blood transfusion, one was about sex slavery and one was about sexual pressure
- It was a very emotional experience for everyone as each room represented their real life experience

Thank you for listening

SOW

Visually Impaired

Pictures of our experience



Day 1 : In YHKCC

We planned a few activities and made banners which were given as souvenirs for the visually impaired students.This could help students from the Ebenezer New Hope School to engage in these activities, be entertained and enjoy the time being spent with YHKCC students.



Kip Mei - HK Society for the Blind

We learnt how it feels to be blind and some guided sighted techniques. We walked on the streets blindfolded using the instructions of our companions, white canes and the guidelines. This could help us to understand how challenging it is to access somewhere unassisted only using the white canes, the guidelines and the sound of the pedestrian signals.







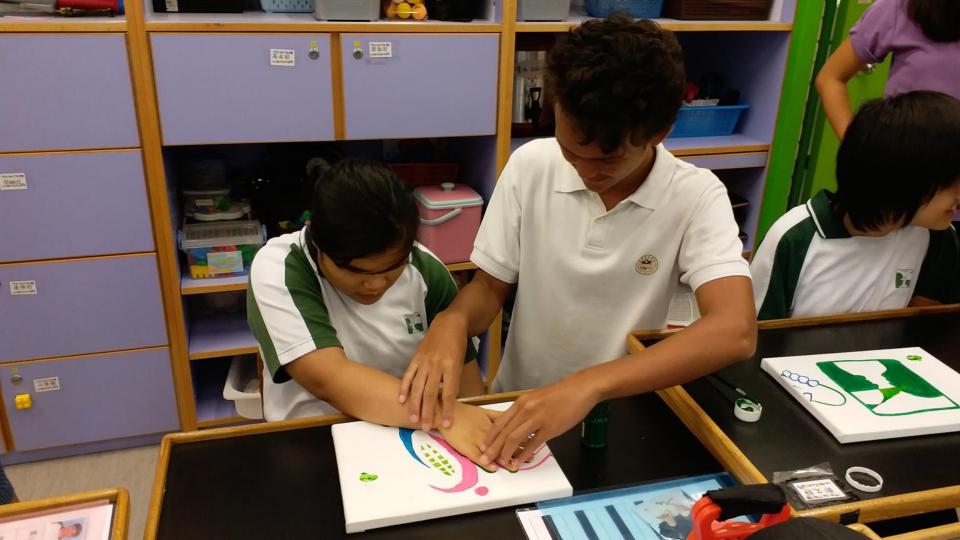
Day 2 : In Shek Kip Mei

We even felt the brailes which the visually impaired uses to read. This can enable the students to know the struggles which the visually impaired faces everyday if they want to gain more knowledge or read books out of their hobby. This would take up double the time and double the effort making us understand how courageous they are to fight the battle of their life.



Day 3 : In Ebenezer New Hope School

We played passing the ball game with the students in the school and had to introduce ourselves if we had the ball. The students put their fingerprints on our banners we made for them and had a great time with each other. This would let the students know how do the visually impaired live their life and find the way by themselves to take a step forward to become independent.





Day 4 : In YHKCC, three students from the Ebenezer school visited us

- 1. Added to our knowledge about the visually impaired and learnt about two types : partially vision and totally blind
- 2. Talked and found out the story of the student's lives
- 3. Learnt how to communicate and spend time with these students
- 4. Reviewed the techniques that the visually impaired uses
- 5. Taught how to guide the visually impaired
- 6. Played fun games blindfolded





Messages from students

Reflection after the SOW week about their feelings of this experience and their changed vision of the visually impaired



After this experience, we would cherish everything we have and given by our families. We would love to perform in more social services like this again!