

Annual Thanksgiving Report 2024

Introduction



The Annual Thanksgiving Event of 2024, organized by the Centre for Community Initiative (CCI), took place on December 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM under the theme "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). The event was hosted by Khawlching, a secondary student, and Ms. Daisy, a Level C student, with interpretation provided by Ms. Niangkhanvung, Special Educator and Ms Ningthianching,

Assistant Teacher. Ms. Chinglianniang, Special Educator, served as the rapporteur for the occasion.

Special Items

The program featured several performances and presentations:

- **Early Education I:** Performed the song "*If You're Happy and You Know It.*"
- **Early Education II:** Presented the action song "*Put Your Hands in the Air.*"
- **Pre-Vocational:** Recited *Psalm 23:1-2.*
- **Level A & B:** Recited *Psalm 127:3.*
- **Level C:** Performed the song "*Listen to Our Hearts.*"
- **Parents Support Group:** Danced to the song "*By the Rivers of Babylon.*"
- **Neopi & Siesiem:** Recited a poem written by Buongnu of Level C.
- **Siamboi (Level C):** Performed a drum solo.
- **Hearing Impaired Students:** Performed a traditional *Bamboo Dance.*

Thanksgiving Note

The Thanksgiving address was delivered by Mr. Pauzagin Tonsing, Director of CCI. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the community, students, and staff for their dedication and participation.



Key Highlights:

- **Theme Significance:** Mr. Tonsing reflected on how the event's theme resonates with the lives of the students and their journey toward self-reliance and independence.
- **Collaborations:** He emphasized partnerships with institutions like Rayburn College and CCpur Government College, which have significantly enhanced education standards and provided exposure for teachers and students alike.
- **Student Achievements:** Through anecdotes, Mr. Tonsing showcased the resilience and progress of the students, celebrating their achievements as milestones equivalent to significant academic success.
- **Holistic Development:** CCI's mission extends beyond academics to equip students with life skills, fostering dignity and confidence. He highlighted how accomplishments such as eating independently, writing, or walking symbolize perseverance and the transformative power of tailored support.
- **Faith and Hope:** Mr. Tonsing emphasized the spiritual and emotional growth among students, rooted in CCI's faith-based mission, and shared his vision for a more inclusive future.

He concluded with a poignant reminder of the community's collective responsibility to nurture the next generation and a heartfelt prayer for continued blessings and guidance.

Speech from Donors by Mr. Ruata L. Khuptong

Mr. Ruata L. Khuptong delivered a heartfelt speech, expressing his gratitude to the Lord and the organizing board for the opportunity to stand before the attendees.



Key Points from His Speech:

- **Impact of the Children's Activities:** He shared how deeply moved he was upon witnessing the children's activities, which touched his heart profoundly. This experience inspired him to join as a donor, committing to support the organization's mission.
- **Blessings to the Needy:** Mr. Khuptong emphasized that the blessings from God should be directed to those in need, encouraging the community to continue supporting initiatives that uplift and empower the less fortunate.
- **Personal Connection:** He expressed a deep sense of fulfillment in being able to contribute to such a meaningful cause and shared how the joy and determination of the children reignited his faith in the power of community and compassion.

- **Encouragement to Others:** He urged others in the community to step forward and make a difference, highlighting that even small contributions can have a lasting impact on the lives of the students.

His speech resonated with the attendees, leaving an inspiring message of generosity and collective responsibility.

Annual Awards Presentation



This year's prestigious award, formerly known as the *Malsawm Award*, was presented to **Lianmuansiam**. As a student with a disability who successfully passed Class 10 within the district, Lianmuansiam exemplifies resilience, determination, and the transformative impact of inclusive education.

The award was conferred by **Rev. K. Kamchinkhup**, who commended Lianmuansiam for his hard work and inspiring example to the community. This recognition underscores the value of celebrating achievements that transcend traditional academic milestones. The award distribution was hosted by Ms. Hoikim, Assistant Administrator and Special Educator at TMI.

Thanksgiving Prayer & Prayer for Students

The Thanksgiving and student prayer were delivered by **Rev. Dr. S. Vung Minthang**, General Secretary of EBC.

Key Points from His Prayer:

- **Acknowledgment of God's Guidance:** He praised the Lord for the progress of the organization, including infrastructure development and student achievements.
- **Staff Appreciation:** Rev. Dr. Minthang expressed gratitude to the dedicated staff, recognizing their efforts despite the challenges faced.



- **Generous Contribution:** He announced a donation of Rs. 1 Lakh to *The Malsawm Initiative (TMI)*, highlighting the organization's alignment with gospel values.
- **Encouragement:** His words inspired the attendees, commending CCI for its dedication to genuine gospel work and encouraging continued faith and perseverance.

The Annual Thanksgiving Event 2024 was a heartfelt celebration of progress, gratitude, and hope, emphasizing the transformative power of community, faith, and inclusive education.



Rev. Dr S Vungminthang and Team
EBCC inspecting our Classrooms



Miss Niangkhanvung, Spl. Educator &
Miss Chinglianiang, Spl. Educator
Interpreter and Recording Secy.



Miss Ningthianching, Asst. Teacher | Sign Language Interpreter for Hearing Impaired Students.



CCI Board Members



Special Item | Level A – B | The Malsawm Initiative



Special Item | Level B | The Malsawm Initiative



Special Item | Siesiem & Neopi | Poem Recitation | Written by Ms Buongnu of Level – C



Special Item | Siamboi | Level – B | The Malswam Initiative



Special Item | Early Education Section – I | The Malsawm Initiative



Special Item | Early Education Section II & III | The Malsawm Initiative



Special Item | Pre – Vocational | The Malsawm Initiative



Special Item | Parents Support Group | The Malsawm Initiative