Companion Touch in Yunnan

Programme Information

Service Location: Qionatong Village
(A remote village, along Nujiang in Yunnan)

Service Target: Young kids aged 3 - 7

Service Area: Early Childhood Development

Service Objective:
• To provide early childhood development and public services for the village, compensating the insufficient pre-school education in the village.
• To strengthen social integration among the villagers, enhancing their identity and appreciating the unique village culture;
• To apply knowledge and skills as well as to understand sustainable development through service experience

Teaching Experience: Early Childhood Education

• Firm but Friendly Approach - discipline control with kind attitude
• Suitable Arrangement - indoor lessons alternate with outdoor activities
• Flexible Change - to ask for little teaching assistant when primary students joined
• Character Education - to implant the concept of politeness, discipline and hygiene

Cultural Exchange: The Pristine Living Style

• Visiting local families to communicate and know more about villagers’ daily life
• Helping with domestic work to feed poultry and pick up vegetables in the farm
• Going hiking with local children to enjoy the natural scenery on the mountain
• Dancing with the local after their Catholic mass session to experience the culture of ethnic groups

Rural-Urban Discovery

• Problems of Household Registration System in China: Some children without registration would probably not receive the chance of education

• Rural Development in the future: Developments would bring destruction of rural cultures and natural environment while it is unavoidable. One possible way out is Eco-tourism.