

# TRANSFIGURE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ALC PDO FOUNDATION



## ALC PDO SCHOLARS AIDING THE MENTALLY DISABLED IN VIETNAM

Parked behind fences, some locked in cells, spending their whole lives in a corridor at the same space where they eat and sleep-- these are the living conditions of these handicapped people in Vietnam.

ALC PDO Foundation visited two Centers for mentally disabled people, where two scholars are working as social workers: Maria, and Tan (a member of Fondacio).

A very generous Catholic family built two buildings that today house 125 women and 140 men (from all over Vietnam).

The family provides food, medicine, and everything it takes to survive. ALC PDO scholars who are Caritas' young social workers spend the day with them, seeking to awaken them to life. They offer manual, cultural, and sport activities.

The knowledge of English allows our scholars to be in regular contact with German doctors and caregivers to better support patients and gradually change the living and care conditions of the disabled.

A remarkable presence and work!



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE TOWARDS CULTURAL PRESERVATION: THE CHAU MA GROUP IN BAO LAM, LAM DONG PROVINCE VIETNAM

Imagine the English language **not only as a tool for communication but as an instrument to preserve one's culture and ethnicity**— our scholars **Teresa and Maria** lead the ethnic group of Bao Lam, Lam Dong and help the 17 families of the ethnic group gather together and come up with projects to preserve their culture: traditional food, weaving, instrument playing, and other practices. They help the ethnic group to continue to promote their culture and keep it living so that their bloodlines, as well as their culture, continue. ALC PDO Foundation experienced it firsthand as Bao Lam warmly welcomed us sharing their food, and practices; and showed us their handmade woven clothes.



## MEETING WITH PARTNER CONGREGATIONS

In Caritas Saigon, ALC PDO met with the General Superiors and Formators of six religious partner congregations. We have formally introduced ALC PDO Foundation and discussed Changes during and after the Covid-19 Pandemic, new scholarships requirements, qualifications and processes; and brought up a possible English Summer Camp in Vietnam in 2023.

## CARITAS DA LAT STAFF-SCHOLARS

At the **Pastoral Center of the diocese and the office of Caritas**, The Director of Caritas and his assistants presented the Caritas' actions plan in the diocese. ALC PDO evaluated the English language curriculum during the pandemic. **We proposed to continue it with face-to-face classes in Manila by batches** so as not to interrupt the fieldwork of the scholars. We have studied the possibility of an English summer camp at the Pastoral Center for 2023. Caritas is able to obtain the agreement of the local authorities.





In Saigon, we were able to witness the **final vow ceremony of the 3 Porticus scholars of the Dominican Sisters of St. Rose of Lima Congregation in Vietnam.**

### ALC PDO MET WITH THE BISHOP OF XUAN LOC DIOCESE

The Xuan Loc Diocese is the biggest diocese in Vietnam with 1.1 million Catholics, 700 priests, and 2,000 Sisters. The Bishop will ordain 23 priests this year. The Saint Joseph Seminary accommodates 500 seminarians from 9 dioceses (250 from the Xuan Loc diocese).



### ALC PDO STAFF-SCHOLARS IN THE OH MI KOHO COFFEE COOPERATIVE GROUP

The English language has helped our staff-scholars at Oh Mi Koho Coffee Cooperative Group to create reports and presentations to submit funding requests to local and international donors lead by Vietnam - Caritas Internationalis. Our staff-scholars in Caritas Da Lat leads people into participating in the learning exchange activities from different provinces in Vietnam so they can learn from each other when it comes to coffee planting and eventually in planting crops that they may sell in the future to earn and to sustain their living.



### HOA BINH COLLEGE XUAN LOC SCHOLARS

The scholars shared with ALC PDO how important their knowledge in English is to continue their ongoing training and specialization in their respective fields in teaching. Their language learning is in an online class set up. They shared that English is important for communicating with foreigners who come to visit the school or collaborate with Caritas. For some, English allows them to travel and discover the world and other cultures and enrich their personal knowledge.





# HOA BINH COLLEGE

THE FIRST CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION  
RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT

It was a great opportunity for ALC PDO Foundation to have heard the experiences of the scholar-teacher trainees at Hoa Binh Xuan Loc College. They have shared the challenges they encountered during the online English language classes but despite that, they are still thankful that their online English language classes at Assumption Language College - ALC have helped them communicate; and that was evident in what we observed during the said meeting. ALC PDO in partnership with Hoa Binh College will soon start the second phase of the English Language program for the teachers.



# HELP US **HELP ASIA:** FUTURE PROJECTS OF ALC PDO FOUNDATION



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**1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS IN VIETNAM-** Teaching the English language in the kindergarten level is very essential for the learning of the Vietnamese students. ALC PDO in partnership with ALC Manila is driven to **produce competent teachers in English with the application of English language teaching methodology, approaches, and techniques.**



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**2. ENGLISH TO EMPLOYMENT PROJECT FOR THE YOUTH-** Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the unemployment rate of the youth in the Philippines skyrocketed. ALC PDO in partnership with ALC Manila aims to promote **quality language education and be able to enhance the language literacy rate of the youth in the Philippines to pave the way of the youth for employment.**



**3. TOEFL TRAINING FOR TEACHERS AND IN SERVICE FOR THE STAFF-** Sustainability is the most important thing that all institutions need right now. ALC PDO in partnership with ALC Manila aims to provide its staff and teachers with an up-to-date skills enhancement trainings that will enable them to become more effective in their work. It is also important that Stress management seminars are being held by organizations to properly support their staff and employees.

# OUR NEEDS



## Scholarship

- ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS AND LAY LEADERS



## Contextualized Materials

- TEXTBOOKS IN THE ASIAN CONTEXT
- UPGRADING OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT



## Infrastructure Projects

- SCHOOL FACILITIES RENOVATION
- BUILDING OF A NEW SCHOOL



## Ongoing Trainer Formation

- TEACHERS' SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

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# SCHOOL FEES

### 60 HOUR MODULAR CLASS

Monday to Friday, 3 hours/day  
USD 500.00

### 180 HOUR REGULAR CLASS

Monday to Friday, 3 hours/day  
USD 1,090.00

### SPECIAL CLASSES

(TOEFL, IELTS, etc.)

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# FROM OUR SCHOLAR

I HOPE YOU HAVE A MEANINGFUL WEEK. THANKS TO GOD AND YOU, WHO HAS GIVEN ME THIS OPPORTUNITY.

**I am so happy and pleased with the class.**

I ADMIRE ALL THE TEACHERS AT ALC ABOUT THE WAY THEY ENJOYED THEIR TEACHING LATE AT NIGHT.

THEY TRIED TO HELP US TO OVERCOME THE FATIGUE AFTER A TIRED WORKING DAY WITH INTERESTING LECTURES AND TIMELY ENCOURAGEMENT. IT SEEMS THAT, IN THEIR THINKING, WE ARE THE STUDENTS THAT THEY CHERISHED.

I ESPECIALLY THANK YOU AND PLEASE SENT MY GRATITUDE TO THE FOUNDATION, TO FATHER BERNARD, TO TEACHER JOHN, AND ALC'S STAFF WHO WERE WITH ME ON THE JOURNEY IN LEARNING ENGLISH FOR MY MISSION.

SINCERELY,

SR. MARY THANH HONG.



## MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

Dear students, teachers, and friends of ALC,

We meet together at ALC to learn a new language, a new tool for communication and knowledge. But we also have a unique experience, that of meeting people with different stories, cultures, and convictions. We learn to listen, to take the time to talk to each other, with patience and mutual support, helping each other to express ourselves more clearly and we discover with astonishment that we can understand people whom language barrier has prevented us from meeting. We experience multiculturalism.

We discover how precious our language and cultures are. They help us to express our views, opinions, and feelings--but they can keep us in a narrow and comfortable circle. Learning another language and experiencing multiculturalism opens up our horizons. This is what I am experiencing in Vietnam this time where I meet our students and their families and teachers who wish to be able to better teach and learn an international language to open up to the world, meet others, enrich themselves culturally, find an interesting job, and finally learn to build a more fraternal world.

Let's continue this challenge together! Best regards. FB.



**FR. BERNARD HOLZER, A.A.**  
**FOUNDATION DIRECTOR**



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