

Mayo, Little Engine That Could

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Mayo – really is the little engine that could! It never fails to amaze me and humble me - how you, the people of Mayo – men, women, children - old or young, have so whole heartedly thrown yourselves into supporting orphans on the other side of the world.

The children of Linh Son Children's Home in Lumbini have benefited from your support by having rice, lentil stew and vegetables to eat and milk for their tea every day. Without you that would not be possible. It was great fun to be part of the annual Kids Helping Kids Club fundraising dinner. Just think of how many people there are in Mayo and realize you donate about \$2000 per year and compare yourselves to the rest of the Yukon. Amazing! Thank you from the bottom of my heart and from the hearts of all the children in Lumbini, Nepal.

Now, it's plus 42 Celsius in Lumbini, Nepal and the weather of the monsoon has descended. It's hot, it's humid and later this week it will rain. The rain now isn't going to be the rains of the monsoon, just a warm up to the real thing. At that time the rain will descend in sheets, roads will be rivers, and rivers will overflow. Little green shoots will become huge tall plants or trees. Everything will be verdant and green. Bugs will jump up from the ground or fall from the sky. Sometimes

walls will be covered in a moving mass. You may think bad thoughts but why? The best is to realize that bugs come and go, as do the great legless creatures that emerge from holes under trees or that lie in wait for those bugs on a limb one passes daily.

A new school season has started in Nepal. Many children now go to school from 6:30 am to 11:30 am. The days are too hot to be teaching outside, even under a tree. It is 45 degrees today and the wind is blowing "very forcefully".

April 14 was the start of the New Year. It is now the year 2066. This ancient Calendar is about 56.7 or 8 years ahead of our calendar. It is used in many parts of Asia. The months are not predetermined and change from year to year. A month varies from 29 to 32 days. New year was celebrated with colourful parades.

Right now everyone in Lumbini is well and studying hard at the start of a new school year. They send you all the best and once again thank you for helping them.

Success! What a Feeling

Have you ever wanted to catch a teacher or a parent making a mistake? Well I know my parents have made a lot of mistakes, but I have always wanted to catch one of my teachers. While a student, I have pointed out mistakes when they have been made during a lesson. I finally get to say I have caught one of my math teachers (who failed me) make a mistake. (I want my grades changed back.) I had a teacher submit some money in for deposit last week and this teacher's addition was waaaaayyyy off. When the money was submitted I was told it was all counted and totalled. Well it is a good thing I don't trust anyone when it comes to money count. The submitted count was \$200.00 off. Well of course I pointed this out. (I am not the only former student here) I also said I was going to submit this article.

Here are the numbers, let's see what you get for a total. Who is right?

Teacher's Submission

50 x 6 = 300.00

20 x 34 = 680.00

10 x 3 = 30.00

5 x 12 = 60.00

2 x 24 = 48.00

1 x 8 = 8.00

Cheque 10.00

936.00

My total is \$1136.00

For me it was a golden moment, for my former math teacher I am not so sure. So for those of you who have strange goals (or what others think are strange) keep going for it, it may take you a long time but if you keep at it you will get there. Same goes for students who think it is too hard to get up and go to school if you try and want it hard enough you can and will get there. Good luck to all those who keep trying.

(Editor's note: oops!)