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Visit to Thailand. I did my canonical visit to three communities in Thailand on the last week of October and into November. I landed on the evening of the 26th and spent the night in Bangna. The next day I travelled to Chantaburi. There are three Brothers in the community: Br. Sayam (now Br. Akarawat after a change of name), Br. Joseph Dat, and Br. John Niran. The three have been together in the same community for three years now. Br. Sayam is Director of the school and the community. He also has various involvements with the Diocese and other groups. Brs. Dat and John assist Sayam in different ways. Br. Dat helps out in the maintenance of the buildings and grounds while Br. John teaches full time and, in his free time, mixes well with the teachers and joins the students in sports.

On the 28th we returned to Bangna for the visit to the Brothers of La Salle College





Bangna. Like Chantaburi, LS Bangna has three Brothers, namely: Br. Eugene Prapas, Br. Luke Chaiporn and Br. Dominic Chamlong. Br. Eugene is Director of the school and the community with Br. Luke assisting him ably. Br. Luke also handles Lasallian Youth in Thailand and often brings a group to the Bamboo school for some outreach work. He also coordinates with the Old Boys. Br. Dominic has been given lesser load this year as he is trying to finish his Masters Degree in Teaching English as a

Second Language. He will be doing his comprehensives soon and will start on his thesis. We ended the visit with a meal together with the Sisters on the 29th.

On the 30th we travelled to Nakhonsawan where there are four Brothers currently working. Br. Peter Boonchert, Br. Frank Suriya, Br. Benilde Preecha and Br. Francisco Teerayut. Br. Peter is Director of the school and community and the three assist him in middle level



administration. Br. Francisco looks after several levels in the Primary while Brs. Frank and Benilde look after the high school. Frank also is in charge of the Juniors.

November 1 was a special day as we celebrated Br. Victor Gil's 50th year as a missionary in Thailand. In attendance were many of his friends, his Old Boys, the Brothers and the La Salle Sisters were all there. Let us continue to keep Br. Victor Gil in our prayers.



Thanks to the Brother Directors (Sayam, Eugene and Peter) and all the Brothers in the three communities for their hospitality. To Simon and Stephen for the overall organization and for accompanying me throughout. My trip to the Bamboo school will be in early part of 2015.

Visit to Chiangjiao. I did a short visit to Br. David Liao in his place of ministry in China, Chiangjiao on 3, 4 and 5 November. He actually accompanied me from Hong Kong and we left at 3:30pm in Prince Edward and took the 6 hour ride to Meizen. One hour into the bus trip we had to go down and clear immigration first in Hong Kong side and about 20 meters later, in China side. We arrived nearly midnight in Chiangjiao after we were picked up in Meizen and another 1 hour and 15 minute trip.

David continues to teach English on weekends and during the week he has a number of learners who come and ask for tutorials. He also continues to help his village develop through farming. The Pomelo trees he planted many years ago are starting to bear fruit and earn for the villagers. He is constantly exploring other fruits as income generators like Passion Fruit. He has a small farm about a kilometer up the mountain where he raises pigs and sells them when the appropriate time comes.

David has been recognised by the local and national government for his pioneering work in education in Rural China and has received a number of awards. For more information, check out his website lasallechina.com. You will be able to see photos and videos that best explain his work.

Thanks to David for accompanying me and looking after me in my short visit. We keep you in our prayers, David.



LEAD Team in the CIL Session on the Revision of the Rule. Five Brothers from LEAD converged in the Mother House in Via Aurelia this first week of November to study the Revision of the Rule. This CIL session will be four weeks. The LEAD Team, coordinated by Br. Patrick Tierney, FSC, will formulate a plan on how to echo the revision of the Rule to our District. Other members are: Br. Rodrigo Treviño, Br. Anselm Ling John, Br. John D' Cruz and Br. Vincent Fernandez. Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

International Economic Council. Our warmest congratulations to **Br. Augustine Boquer FSC** for his recent appointment as a member of the International Economic Council (IEC) of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools! Members of the IEC are entrusted to help the Superior General, his Council and the Brother Bursar General in promoting and fostering a professional and technical administration of the financial resources of the Institute. Superior General Brother Robert Schieler FSC has given Br. Gus a mandate of three (3) years during which he will need to attend IEC meetings in Rome at least twice a year beginning this January 2015. You have our prayers and support, Br. Gus!



Visit of Br. Carlos Andres. “Br. Carlos Andres Forero FSC, Vocation Promoter of the District of Bogota (Colombia), visited the Sector of the Philippines last October 20-28, 2014, to look into vocation promotion programs done in our schools in the tertiary level.



“In order to understand what ABCD (Aspirants, Brothers, Contacts and Discerners) is, Br. Carlos interacted with the Aspirants of Lipa (De La Salle Lipa), Residencia (De La Salle University – Dasmariñas and De La Salle Health Sciences Institute) and 1911 (De La Salle University and De La Salle College of St. Benilde). The Aspirants shared how they got into the Aspirancy program, how it helps them discern their vocation regardless of their degrees or careers, and described the vocation promotion activities they do in their communities. Some members of the local vocation team also spoke about their important role in creating and sustaining the “culture of vocations” in the schools. Br. Carlos also met with the Postulants and the Novices to have a deeper grasp of the continuity in discernment since the time they started initial formation after Aspirancy.



“It was not all work for Br. Carlos. He joined the Young Brothers in their annual gathering that was done in Baguio, the Summer Capital of the Philippines, for good food, genuine fellowship, and lots of fun.” (Br. Alex Diaz)



Sculptor Chong Fah Cheong Awarded Cultural Medallion.

“St Joseph’s Institution alumnus Chong Fah Cheong, widely acknowledged as one of the pioneer sculptors in Singapore, was conferred the Cultural Medallion for visual arts – the nation’s highest cultural award by President Dr Tony Tan.

“An art teacher until 1978 when he became a professional artist, Fah Cheong began his career carving in wood and soon progressed to working with marble, granite and other stone as well as casting in bronze. Over the last 30 years, he has participated in numerous art

exhibitions, symposiums and workshops locally and overseas, and received several national awards. Fah Cheong was also the pioneer batch of lecturers at the LaSalle College of the Arts when it was founded in the 1980s, and is also a founding member of the Singapore Sculpture Society.

“Fah Cheong has a number of prominent commissioned public pieces around Singapore, one of which is “First Generation”, the iconic sculpture of five boys jumping into the Singapore River near The Fullerton Hotel Singapore. One of his bronze art pieces - Ora et Labora, a bronze plaque commissioned in 1988 graces a wall of the Administration Block in the SJI Malcolm Road campus.” (<http://www.sji.edu.sg>)



Birthdays. Let us remember in our prayers our dear Brothers and affiliated members who are celebrating their birthdays this November:

4	Br. Vincent Corkery	18	Br. Hans Moran	24	Br. Iñigo Riola
8	Dr. Oscar Hilado AFSC	19	Br. Stephen Mark	25	Br. Bosco La Ga Mung Htoi
11	Br. Fernando Sanding	20	Mr. Nicholas Ng AFSC	26	Br. John D’Cruz
13	Br. Augustine Boquer	21	Br. Michael Cua	26	Br. Angelo Paolo Mata
13	Br. Franciso De La Rosa VI	22	Br. Edgar Esparagoza	27	Dr. Estrella Castañeda AFSC
17	Br. Eugene Tianco				

Fraternally,

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