

# Prayer Over the Mountain

MUJEN HOME EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION



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*“Teacher, some of the children have run away again,”* two green-clad Joshua youths\* begged for my help. I ran to the door just as two or three students climbed over the fence and disappeared into the street before my eyes. I understood their hearts—these children belonged to nature; the voice of the wild and freedom called constantly for them to escape past the outer walls. Their experiences also told them that adults wouldn’t agree with them anyways. How would these responsible Joshua youths—city kids—be able to write down this miraculous chapter of the “Green Whirlwind”?

*If the “Narow mission team” is the final exam for the*

*Camp Joshua youths’ past two years of training,* I would give them an exceptionally high grade, as a teacher. These homeschooled students, with an average age of fifteen, are normally taught using highly personalized education plans at home. When they are twelve to fourteen years old, they are brought to Camp Joshua to receive twenty-one days of training, which are split into six separate camps. At camp, they are taught everything: simple army commands, how to worship, how to take care of themselves, camp rules and regulations, teamwork, relationships with their classmates, exercising, how

to read and discuss books together, and more. They have shared many experiences through indoor lessons and outdoor activities. After their graduation trip, they have an immense challenge awaiting them: to go into the village of Narow to accompany and guide the kids there to learn. All of these children are of aboriginal origin and lack educational resources. This cluster of hyperactive children exhausts our team members during every trip.

*How hyper are the children?*

If there’s no one around to control them, they won’t stop chattering and amusing themselves. Even the efforts of older students and the

Joshua youths to try to manage them are in vain. In no more than thirty seconds, they start getting worked up again—not even cartoons can hold their attention for long. Facing challenges such as this one, the Narow mission team concentrated their efforts, hoping that the children’s will to learn and faith in themselves would improve through the lively lessons in these two weeks. Even though the subjects we taught were math, Chinese and English, we incorporated songs, plays, skits, books and games into the lessons. Slowly, these sporadic notes began to weave themselves into a breathtaking melody. According to the local pastor, the village kids’ progress in school has improved greatly. This advancement wasn’t limited to just schoolwork. Even the children’s lives and character have progressed, much to the amazement of their teachers and families.

*The Narow team doesn’t only give, though, but also receives.*

Here, our life and spiritual experiences have expanded greatly. Three years ago, the Mujen mission team started to witness the revival of Narow. These Narow youth were being changed by God, as they met Him in prayer and were healed by Him. The blessings that rained down upon these Narow youths also rained upon the Joshua youth and their teachers every dawn, at 5 a.m. during their daily morning prayer meeting. We experienced God’s healing, comfort, and reminders. Some people have even seen Jesus’ loving smile with their own eyes. Every morning, through our prayer and worship, we enjoy God’s presence and encouragement. A few of the youths found peace and were able to let go of some of the anxiety caused by uncertainties in their futures, in regards to school and life changes. They knew that God was in control of their lives.

*After two weeks of interaction,* the village children rush to express their thankfulness to the team, onstage. Their genuine feelings always move the Joshua mission team and the teachers to tears, wiping away the exhaustion that had accumulated throughout the two weeks. In these four years, the local pastor dubbed us the title of the “Green Whirlwind” because after the end of camp, the Narow children immediately ask him, “When will they be back again?” The team members are even more excited than the children, knowing that we can all return to Narow again this time next year.

*Mujen Home Educators Association, established in 1998, has around 200 family members. Our vision is to “strengthen the marriage, unite the family, and educate godly offspring”*



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## \*Camp Joshua

A camp that was founded by a Christian homeschooling organization in Taiwan called Mujen. The ages of the participating students range from middle to high school. In camp, they wear a forest green uniform, and therefore we call them the “green-clad Joshua Youth.”

