



GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL



အင်္ဂလိပ်စကားပြောမှုကြို

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ကလေးပေးတိုးပေးစေရန်

"Let's Grow Together"

Together we can do a lot

We can't wait to learn

- လူမှုဆက်ဆံရေးပညာ
- ဝေါဟာရအသုံးချမှု
- ကိုယ်ကာယကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်စွံ့ဖြိုးမှု
- သူငယ်တန်းတက်ရန်စနစ်ကျသော အရေးအစဉ်
- သိပ္ပံ နှင့် သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်
- စသည်တို့ကိုသင်ယူနိုင်ပါတယ်။



Any child can easily learn English
 Young children naturally learn language
 therefore spoken English
 taught from early childhood

- ▶ Creativity
- ▶ Yoga
- ▶ Language
- ▶ Art and Craft
- ▶ Music

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GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL, YANGON, MYANMAR

GUDRUN KLAFF

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A TALE OF GREAT PASSION



Khaing Zar is a very brave and passionate woman – she strongly believes that every child in Myanmar should have the right to free schooling. And to this believe and passion she has dedicated her life, supported by her family.

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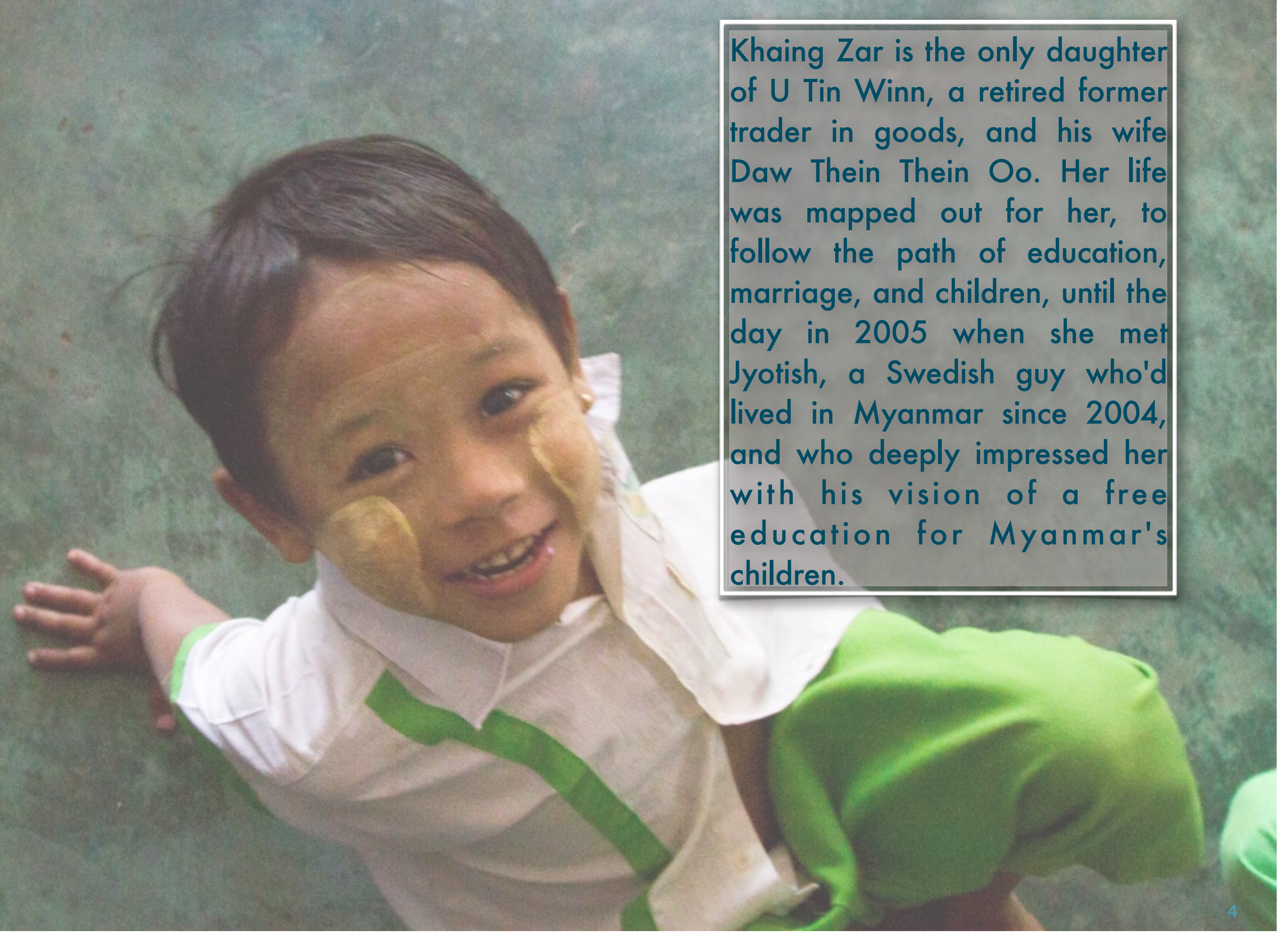
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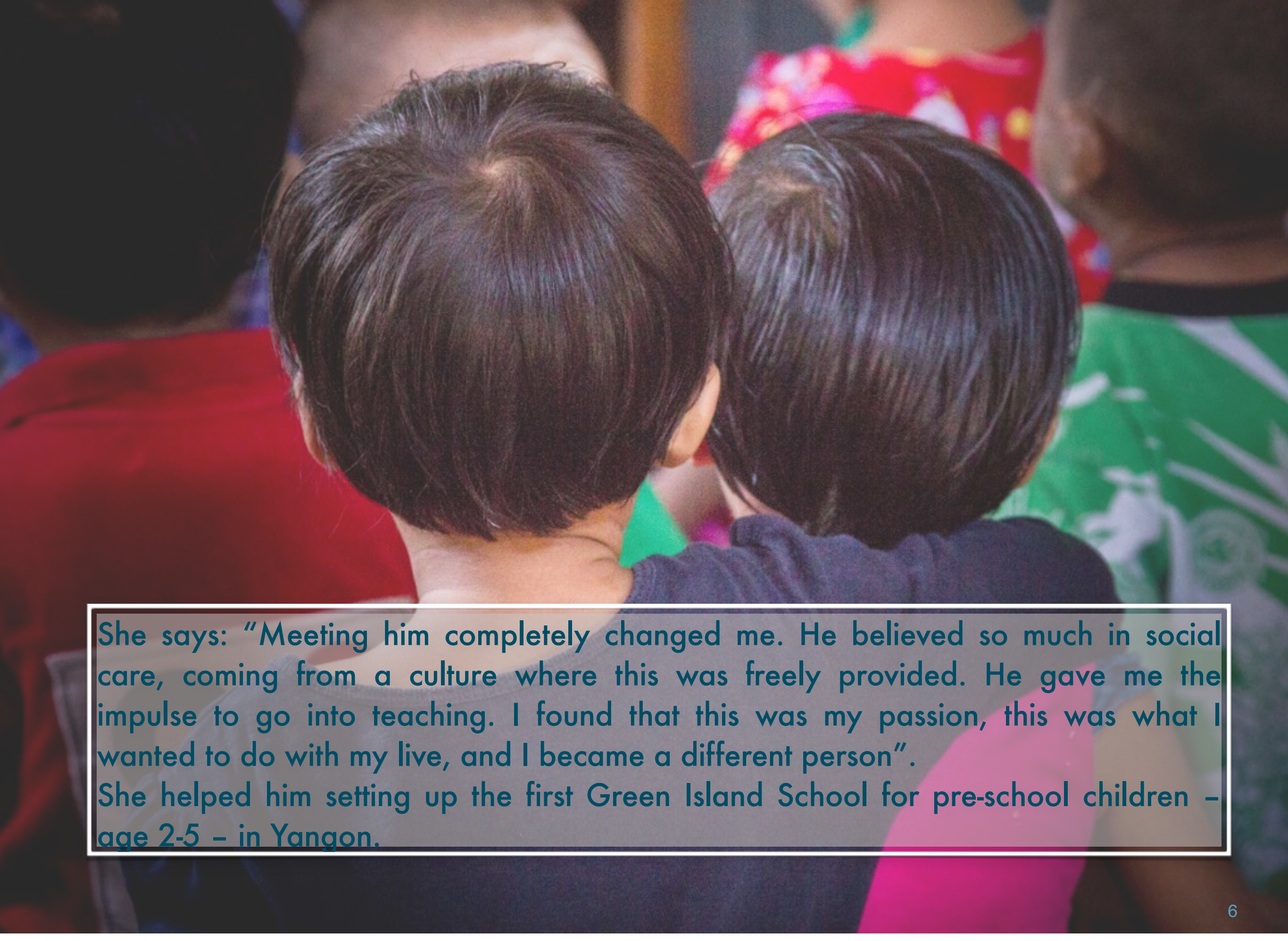
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A young child with dark hair and yellow face paint on their cheeks is smiling and reaching out with their right hand. They are wearing a white short-sleeved shirt with a green sash and a green skirt. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Khaing Zar is the only daughter of U Tin Winn, a retired former trader in goods, and his wife Daw Thein Thein Oo. Her life was mapped out for her, to follow the path of education, marriage, and children, until the day in 2005 when she met Jyotish, a Swedish guy who'd lived in Myanmar since 2004, and who deeply impressed her with his vision of a free education for Myanmar's children.

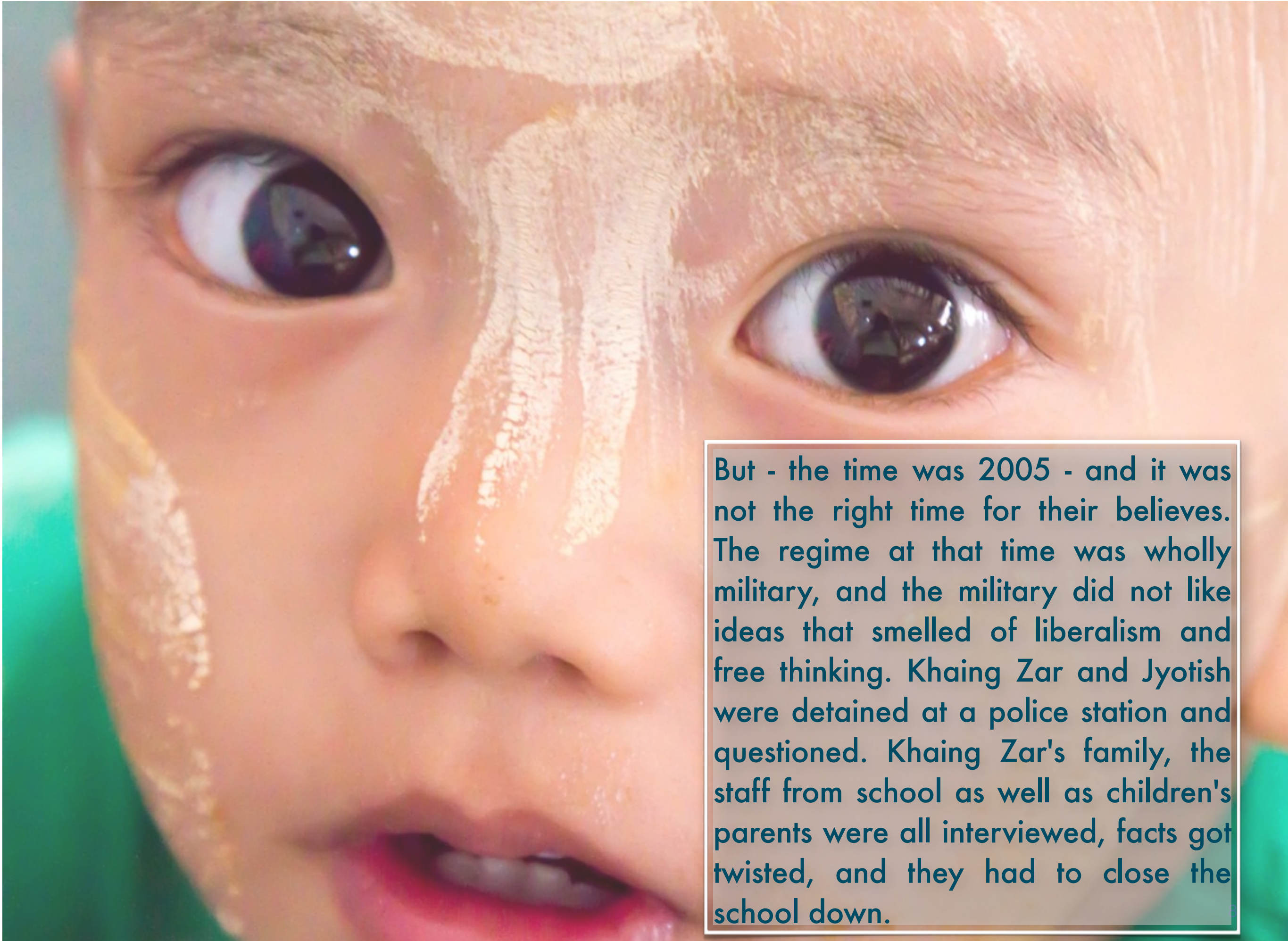




She says: "Meeting him completely changed me. He believed so much in social care, coming from a culture where this was freely provided. He gave me the impulse to go into teaching. I found that this was my passion, this was what I wanted to do with my life, and I became a different person".

She helped him setting up the first Green Island School for pre-school children – age 2-5 – in Yangon.



A close-up photograph of a young child's face. The child has large, dark eyes and is looking directly at the camera. Their forehead and nose are covered in thick, white, textured paint or plaster. The child's mouth is slightly open, showing their teeth. The background is a solid green color.

But - the time was 2005 - and it was not the right time for their believes. The regime at that time was wholly military, and the military did not like ideas that smelled of liberalism and free thinking. Khaing Zar and Jyotish were detained at a police station and questioned. Khaing Zar's family, the staff from school as well as children's parents were all interviewed, facts got twisted, and they had to close the school down.





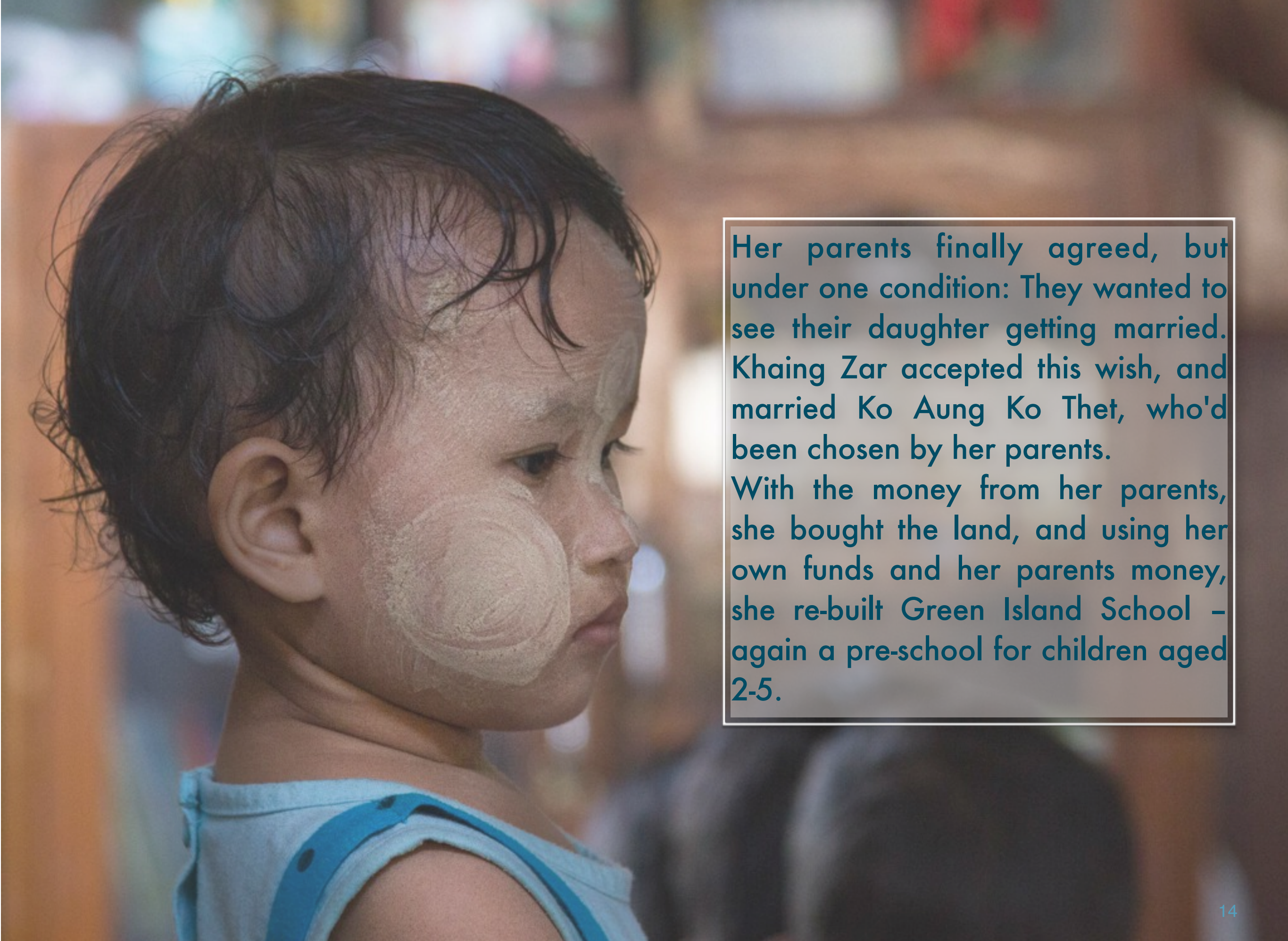
Jyotish left Myanmar and went to the Philippines. Khaing Zar staid behind. Her dream of a free school for little children was shattered, and she herself was forced to leave university where she had studied for her master's degree. Her dream didn't die, though.



Time went on. The political climate slowly changed, and the country is moving towards democracy. Khaing Zar felt that the time was right for a new attempt at making her dream of a school come true. Close to her home was land that could be used to build a new school, and Khaing Zar asked her parents if they would support her in her endeavour.








Her parents finally agreed, but under one condition: They wanted to see their daughter getting married. Khaing Zar accepted this wish, and married Ko Aung Ko Thet, who'd been chosen by her parents. With the money from her parents, she bought the land, and using her own funds and her parents money, she re-built Green Island School – again a pre-school for children aged 2-5.



A photograph of several children in a room with a dark wooden floor. In the foreground, a young boy in a dark blue long-sleeved shirt with a colorful graphic is looking down. To his left, another child in a red shirt is partially visible. In the background, other children are sitting on the floor or standing. A text box is overlaid on the image, containing a quote.

She says: "For me, what makes me happiest is that my parents now see and believe in my dream. I know that I made them cry a lot, and they saw me arrested by the police, which brought shame to me and my family. Their dream of seeing their daughter accept a master's degree was also broken. But they watched me working hard for what I believe in, and building something great, and they now wholly support me and the school and are proud of me again. And that is wonderful".





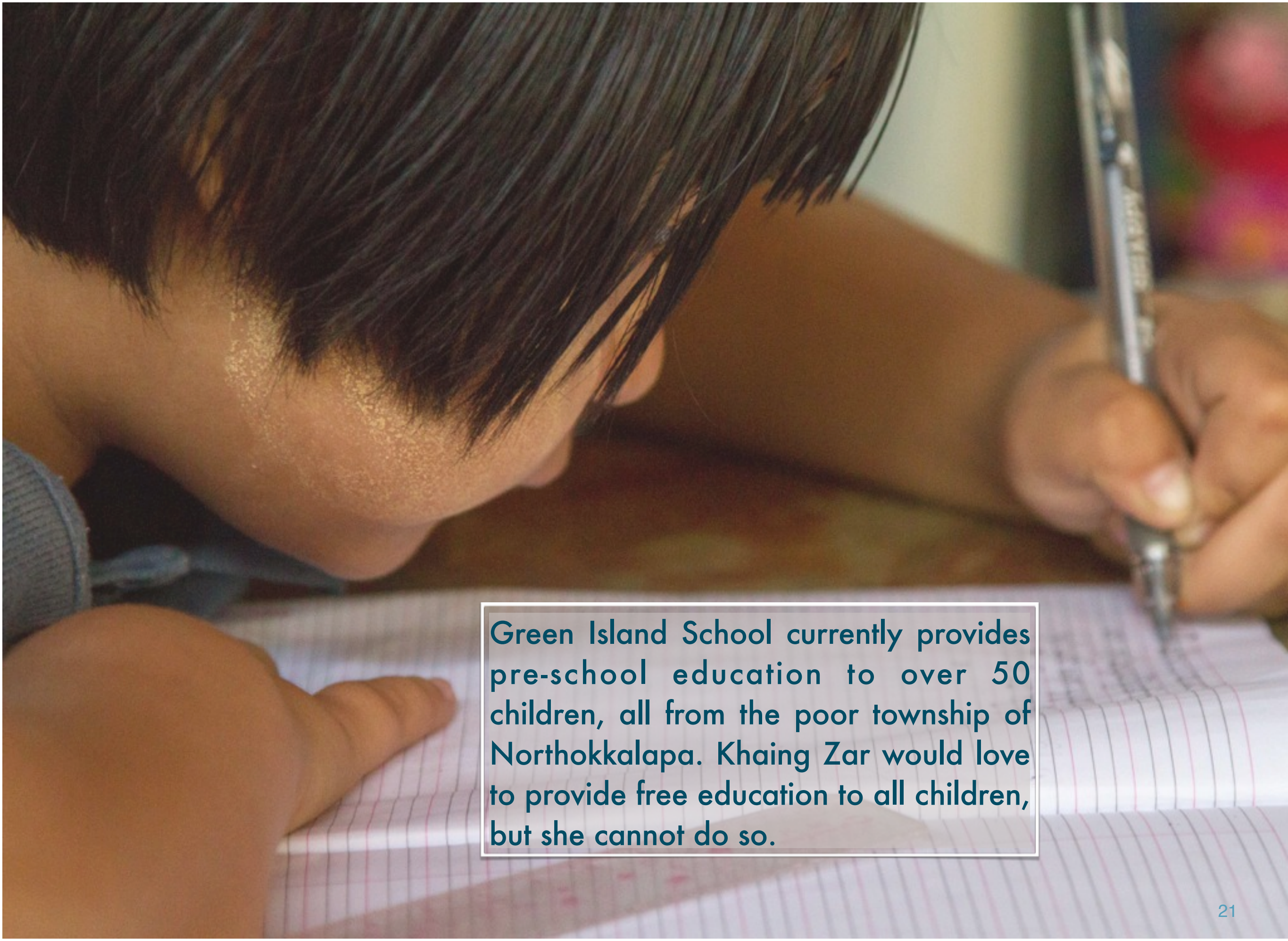
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In Myanmar, primary and secondary education is free. However, the state budget is low, the quality of the teaching often poor, and the drop out rate is high, as children have to help to support their families.

Green Island's aim is to give children a safe, happy early start in life, teaching them English, writing, yoga, music and crafts, making sure they all receive healthy meals, and providing them with a safe environment to play and laugh.





Green Island School currently provides pre-school education to over 50 children, all from the poor township of Northokkalapa. Khaing Zar would love to provide free education to all children, but she cannot do so.








The children's parents are asked to pay the equivalent of \$15 / month. In addition, Khaing Zar has to hope for volunteers to stay with the school and teach English to the children and teachers as well as contribute – currently - \$25 / week towards food for the school.

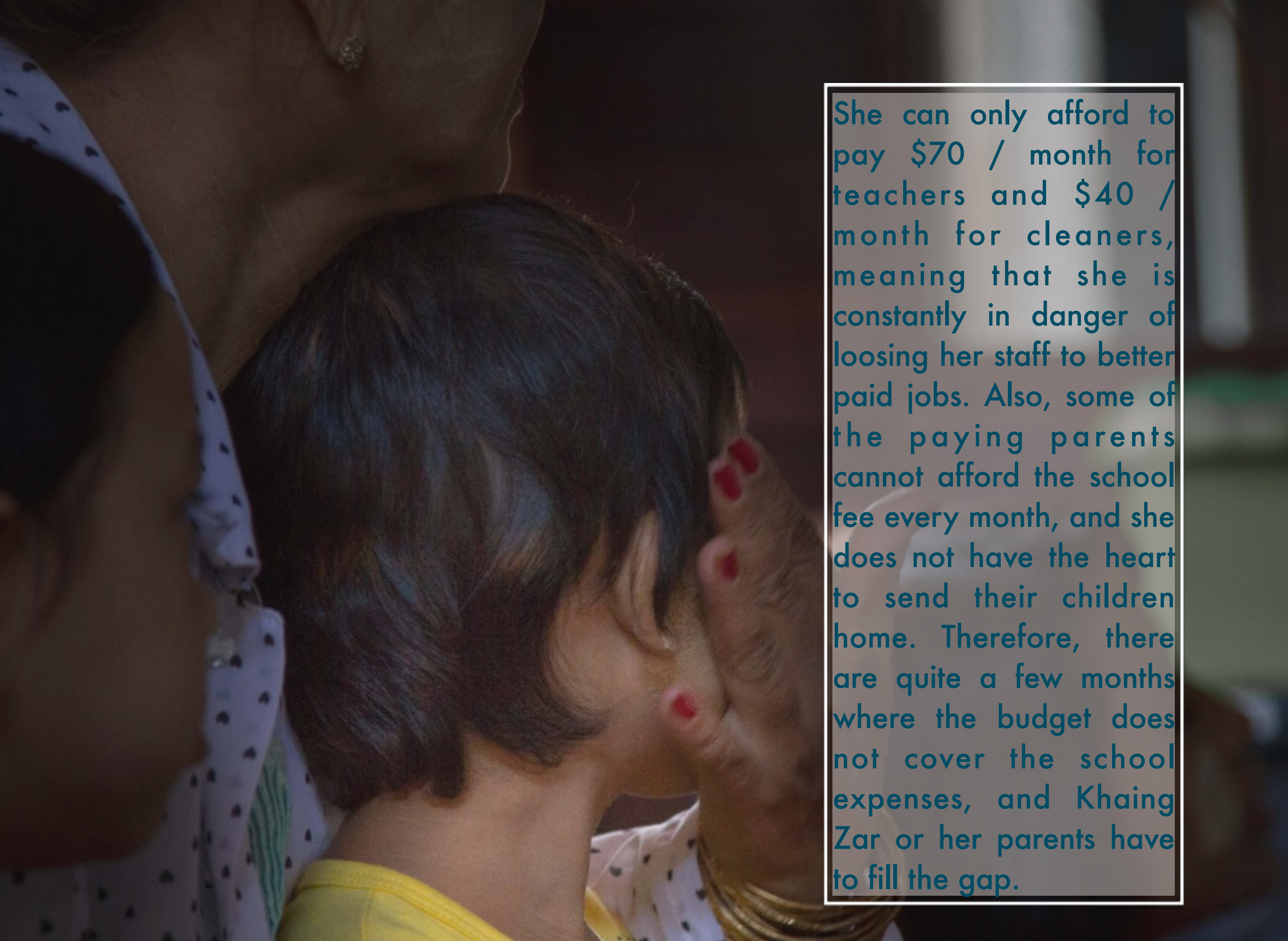
This is not enough: Not all parents can afford the payment, and her school is not known well enough yet to attract many volunteers or donations.





At the moment, Khaing Zar can provide a scholarship to only a few children who receive free education.





She can only afford to pay \$70 / month for teachers and \$40 / month for cleaners, meaning that she is constantly in danger of losing her staff to better paid jobs. Also, some of the paying parents cannot afford the school fee every month, and she does not have the heart to send their children home. Therefore, there are quite a few months where the budget does not cover the school expenses, and Khaing Zar or her parents have to fill the gap.



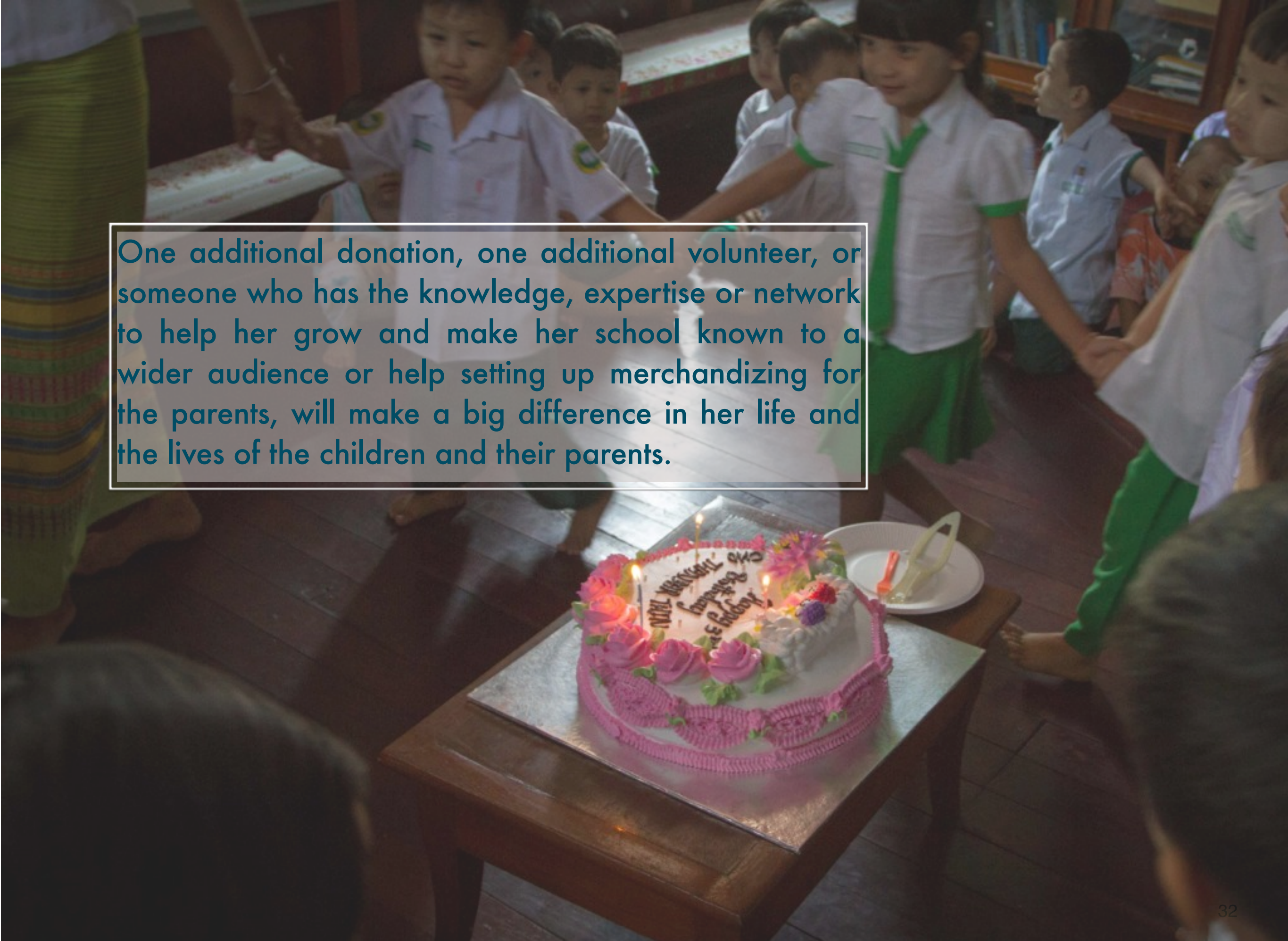


She is also aware that especially single mothers have to revert to prostitution to be able and support their children. That is the next dream of hers – she wants to teach those mothers sewing and craft making, and with the profit from selling the products, enable these families to support themselves. However, without help and with her school taking up all her time, this dream will have to remain a dream for a while.



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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

A group of children in school uniforms are holding hands in a circle on a wooden floor. In the foreground, a birthday cake with pink frosting and flowers sits on a wooden table. The cake has lit candles and the text "Happy Birthday" and "Mrs. Thiraporn Tana" written on it. A plate with a knife and a candle is also on the table. The children are looking towards the camera or the cake.

One additional donation, one additional volunteer, or someone who has the knowledge, expertise or network to help her grow and make her school known to a wider audience or help setting up merchandizing for the parents, will make a big difference in her life and the lives of the children and their parents.





Or you could become a volunteer. Space permitting, you'll live in the house with her and her family, all of whom are lovely people and will welcome you as part of the family, and where you'll have your own bedroom. You can help to teach the children some words of English and share your culture and your experience with them.





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