



## Our girls have passed their exams!

The Social Concerns Committee, and within it the Global Faith Group, are very happy to announce to the members of Holy Spirit Church and the general public that 4 of our 6 scholarship girls in Myanmar have now passed the all-important 11th grade exam, which opens the door to higher education and many jobs in their country. One of them—Aye Myat Mon—passed last year, and 3 more—Lay Lay Myint, Thin Thin Khaing, and Zin Mar Kyaw—passed this past spring. We are so proud of them and will keep them in our prayers as they go on with their studies at the university-level, which they are able to do because of your generous support, given at the Burmese Banquet, year before last. What follows are their individual pictures and letters to you about their gratitude and plans.



**Aye Myat Mon**  
**Shwe Ku Gyi Tawya School**

I am a first year student majoring in physics. I go to the university at weekend every fortnight. I passed the intensive course in September and I am going to sit for exam in October. I am very happy in the days I am at the university. Although I go to school twice a week, I am interested in my lectures and my tutors are good at teaching. I am more interested in Physic Major because of the time I spend in the laboratory.

I study my lectures while I teach the children at school. I feel proud that I can study in the university for my personal development and at the same time, I can teach the children at the

school I went to in my village. I am happy that I am now going to the university I have been wanting to go since my childhood.

I am very thankful to my parents, the abbot, Studer Trust team and the donors for their efforts and contributions to keep me in school. To return the gratitude, I will try to teach the children from my school as best as I can. I want to conclude the letter by promising that I will try to have a degree in the major I chose.



**Lay Lay Myint**  
**Shwe Ku School**

I could not describe how happy I am to pass the matriculation exam. I was worried because I could not do very well in Biology exam. But I believed I would pass. I was so worried when the exam results were out. The moment I learned I passed the exam, I was elated. I want to learn English and Math in university. They are my favorite subjects. I am very interested in learning languages. If I am admitted, I'd like to major in International Relations. If I am not admitted, I will learn by reading books. Passing the matriculation exam is a cornerstone of my life. I would never forget your whole team who supported me and improved the quality of my life. I promise I will try my best at everything. I wish all the people who support me can do whatever they wish in their life. I apologize if there are any errors or something rude in my letter. With the education I acquire, I will be teaching the children at Shwe Ku School from now on.



**Thin Thin Khaing**  
**Shwe Ku Monastic School**

I am extremely happy that I passed the matriculation exam this year. I was frightened to face the exam results because I felt I could not do very well in some subjects. But I believed that I would pass. I was so nervous at the night the exam results were out. I could not sleep the whole night. In the morning, I could not know the results properly. It was in the noon and I was frightened. When I learned that I passed, I even cried tears of joy. When I join college, I want to major in one of Maths, Physics and Chemistry. But based on the marks I have, I will try my best at the major I have even if I was not able to choose the major of my choice. Right now, I am teaching the children at Shwe Ku School. I will attend the university while teaching the children at the school. I have decided that I will try to have a degree while teaching children at the school like this. While going to the university, I will have difficulties. I am so glad to hear that you will support us so that we can overcome such difficulties. I wish you all are in good health and sound mind when I say prayers every night. I promise to all my benefactors that I will try to be an educated person who can be of assistance to Shwe Ku School and our community.



**Zin Mar Kyaw**  
**Shwe Ku School**

I wish all my benefactors are in good health. I feel very happy to have passed the matriculation examination. I feel joyful to have an opportunity to join the university everybody wants to attend. I would like to choose Math or Chemistry as my major. Although I haven't seen all the donors who support me to reach such levels of education, I picture them in my mind and worship them before I sleep. (Translator's note: It is a part of

Burmese culture to worship your elders especially before you sleep.) When I learned that the donors will continue to support me for my university education, I could not describe how happy I am.

Now I am teaching children at Shwe Ku School using what I have learned. I am glad I could teach the children like this. After I graduate, I want to work to return the gratitude of my donors and benefactors. I will try my best to be a valuable person among the people. Whenever I say prayers before I sleep, I make a wish that my benefactors can always enjoy life and have all their wishes come true.

**A fifth girl, Zin Mar Htaik, plans to retake the exam next spring, and we wish her success.**