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the cycle of poverty in their own communities. In the process, I met a lot of people with the same dream as me as my understanding of public welfare education deepened. Looking back, I have learned a lot.

TAKE LAST YEAR FOR AN EXAMPLE

In March, the community center became a Romanian castle with delicious food, musical performances and visits from historical and fictional characters like Count Dracula, who helped immerse the children into a full fledged cultural experience. This continued into May, when Manos organized an Olympics Camp to celebrate the completion of four country learning blocks (Romania, Turkey, Australia, and Nepal) in the Cultural Education Program.

Come June, there was a special "mini-city" field trip during which the students were allowed to explore following their Mexico course. Also, twelve lucky students were able to travel to Beijing in the Student Educational Experience (SEE) program and see sites like the Great Wall, Tian'anmen Square and the Beijing Museum of Natural History.

With the arrival of 2016 we hope the children at Manos International can continue to gain more knowledge in the CEP and SEE programs. Each and every volunteer at Manos helps the children to grow and learn about themselves, spreading the importance of sharing and communication, and we look forward to continuing our work. There is also a new program, the Manos Choir for Retirees, providing activities for the elderly in mountainous areas.

The implementation of CEP at Manos could not have been possible without the aid of our donors, who we thank for their support this past year. As we Manos volunteers always say "Do what you can, when you can."

Manos

世界手拉手组织的新年愿景

New Year Vision



I met John and Shirley, both volunteers for Manos International, while doing an internship in Hangzhou. I was curious about NGOs and kept asking them about Manos, but they always turned me down, saying "it's a long story." After meeting them I sent them a letter by chance and got something magical.

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I got a reply from John – it turns out he was the founder of Manos and Shirley was in charge of the China branch – and got introduced to the NGO in detail. I got a call later from Shirley in California, who invited me to Shijiazhuang over the National Holiday to find out more about Manos' projects.

It was this trip to Shijiazhuang that made me a member of the Manos family. Even today, I still remember all the flags of the world hanging from the classrooms; the look of

confidence, passion and optimism in the eyes of the children I spoke with; and a bag full of study materials from the Embassy of South Africa lying on a classroom table. All the details reminded me of the spirit of Manos' vision of education for the greater good.

In the last five years, every volunteer that has helped with Manos has clung to the organization's mission: to connect the world through sharing culture, ideas and education. We initiated a cultural education program for kids in underdeveloped regions, offered opportunities like the Student Educational Experience (SEE) to broaden their horizons and build the optimism needed to break

2010年暑假,一次偶然的机会,我在杭州实习期间遇见了世界手拉手组织(Manos)志愿者John和Shirley。出于对公益的热情和对NGO的好奇,我不断追问他们关于Manos的事情。但他们忙于手头的工作,只是微笑告诉我"This is a long story.(说来话长。)"在他们离开杭州回美国后,我又写了一封长长的邮件过去。结果,奇妙的事情发生了!

我收到了John的回复(原来他就是世界手拉手组织的创始人,而Shirley则是手拉手中国分部的负责人),向我详细介绍了Manos,兴奋的心情尚未消退,我又接到Shirley从杭州打来的电话,邀请我国庆假期去石家庄看看,了解Manos正在做的事情。

正是这次美妙的石家庄手拉手中国分部之旅，让我正式成了他们中的一员。直到今天，我依然记得教室墙顶上挂满了的世界各国国旗，孩子们和我交谈时充满自信、热情和乐观的眼神，桌上放着的满满一袋来自南非大使的学习资料（当时在北京学习的美国志愿者寄来的）。点点滴滴的细节，都让我感受到了手拉手志愿者践行公益教育的精神和力量！

五年来，我和所有Manos志愿者一直坚持践行着世界手拉手组织的使命（通过分享文学和教育来连接世界）。我们为贫困地区的孩子们开展世界文化教育项目、提供奖学金机会，让他们增长见识、打开视野、建立乐观向上的品格，从而帮助自己的社区跳出贫困环境。在这个过程中，我不但遇到很多志同道合的朋友，得到很多激励，也不断加深着对教育的思考和对公益的理解。回顾每一年的手拉手活动，都会让我们感觉收获颇丰！

就让我以过去一年为例：

2015年3月，志愿者们把活动中心打造成罗马尼亚大城堡，里面有美味的当地食物、生动的音乐表演，甚至还有像Count Dracula这样的历史人物，让孩子们身临其境地体验罗马尼亚文化。

5月，Manos为孩子们组织了年度奥林匹克夏令营，以此来庆祝他们完成世界文化教育项目中四个国家（罗马尼亚、土耳其、澳大利亚和尼泊尔）的学习。孩子们参与各种竞赛、团队协作，最后赢取奖杯，乐趣满满！

6月，墨西哥活动中心为了表扬小龄儿童在世界文化学习中的优秀表现，奖励他们一次迷城之旅，当孩子们在逼真的世界里探索各地方、体验不同职业时，想象力之门也被打开了……

去年夏天的奖学之旅，对于十二个成绩优异的学生来说，更是一次难忘的旅行。他们来到祖国的首都——北京，参观了许多名胜古迹，包括举世闻名的万里长城、天安门和自然历史博物馆。

2016年，我们希望手拉手的孩子们能在世界文化教育项目中收获更多知识，在奖学之旅中打开视野！每个手拉手志愿者都能在分享和交流中不断成长，不论在世界哪个角落，都能用自己的阳光感染身边更多的人。同时，我们志愿者内部还在开展支持“手拉手老年合唱团”爱心项目，想要帮助贫困山区的老年人拥有更美好的晚年生活！

一直以来，世界手拉手组织文化教育项目的持续顺利开展都离不开捐助者们的爱心支持！所以，我们也希望有更多的人加入我们！

我们的愿景，是看到教育赋予所有孩子力量！正如手拉手志愿者们中一直口口相传的这句话，Do what you can when you can!（力所能及，做你能做的！）

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