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Dear friends

Greetings to you all and I join with Peter, our Chairman, before this Chinese New Year Festive season, in wishing you a blessed year in whatever work you are engaged in.

We are all very grateful to you for your generous support so far and as Peter has pointed out more and more parents are searching for help for their children. Some want tuition where the particular child cannot cope with workload in school, maybe in English, Maths or Science. But there is a growing number of pupils both in rural and urban schools who maybe still illiterate though they have reached Upper Primary or even Lower Secondary. This is very sad as they are promoted year after year even though they cannot follow any class.

Now we are being constantly confronted by parents of such children and the latest are migrants. Their parents have come here to work in factories or maybe in plantations but as they are very often illegals their children are unable to be admitted to school. Such children naturally spend their time roaming around or worse still getting into mischief while their parents are engaged in some manual task in the factory or in the plantation. We have been asked can we help and the answer as always is "we'll try".

Once again we appeal to you to consider all these cases of children and parents searching for some help in education which as you know is the key to their future whether here in Sarawak or in Myanmar, Bangladesh or Kalimantan nearer home.

We are grateful for any contribution and would be so pleased if you can respond today.

Yours fraternally,

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Brother Albinus