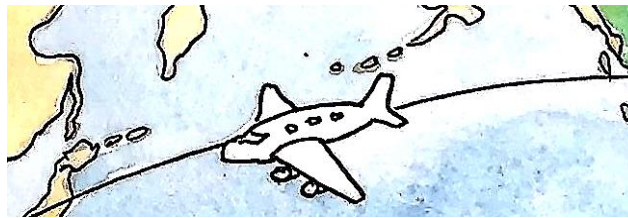


SO WHAT ARE WE TO MAKE OF THE STATE OF THE WORLD?

Our world is mired in conflicts.
So many people struggle for lives of dignity.
We often feel helpless. We can do nothing.

NOT TRUE!

Opportunities to meet the challenges abound.



IMAGINE! ENGAGE! COMMIT!

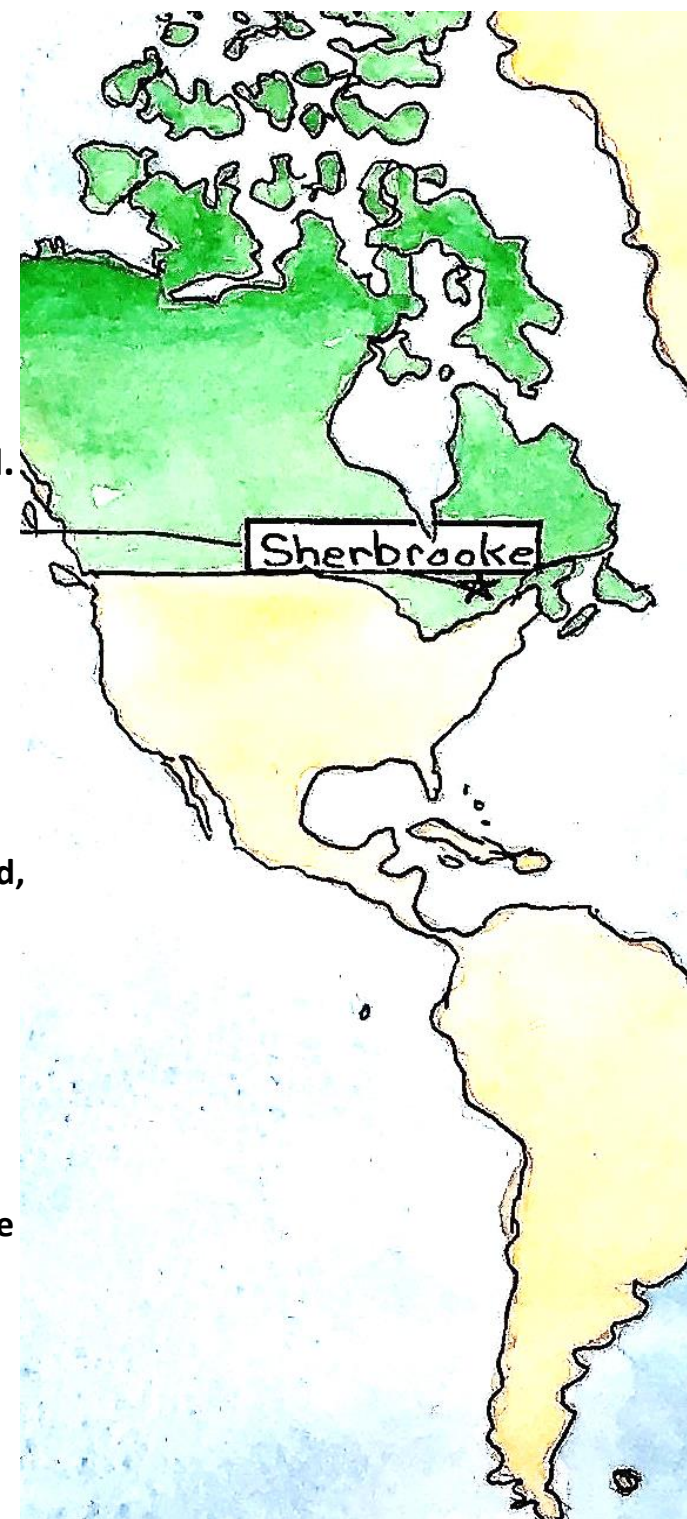
Find meaning and purpose by assisting
youth who struggle in another corner of the world,
who share some of the same dreams you have
but have few options for fulfillment –
or even for basic survival.

APPLY NOW!

Apply to volunteer in Thailand assisting schools
for Myanmar migrant and refugee youth with the

MAE SOT EDUCATION PROJECT

Go to <https://maesot.ubishops.ca>
for application information and forms.
Application deadline: January 6, 2023



Who are we? Why this project?

The Mae Sot Education Project is small and local (based at Bishop's and Champlain).

We aim to support the people of Myanmar [Burma] in their struggle to overcome repression and create a free, democratic and inclusive society by helping schools for Myanmar refugee and migrant kids living on the Thai-Myanmar border.

MSEP promotes friendship and solidarity between youth across borders and fosters global understanding.

What are we looking for in volunteers?

Project volunteers, selected from Bishop's University and Champlain College – Lennoxville, must:

- be aged 18 to 26;
- have good spoken and written English;
- be independent, self-reliant and resourceful, show maturity and good judgment;
- work well in a team;
- be adaptable and sensitive to different cultures;
- care about social justice issues and world affairs;
- be effective and energetic in working with children;
- have a desire to learn about the situation in Myanmar and the problems of displaced people;
- be prepared to volunteer in Thailand for 3-6 months.

NOTE: Bishop's students who volunteer with the project have the possibility of earning credits for experiential learning. See your program advisor for more information.

What must volunteers do to prepare?

During the winter, before going to Mae Sot, volunteers meet weekly in order to....

- Learn to animate English learning activities;
- Learn about the situation on the Thai-Myanmar border;
- Learn about Thai, Burmese and Karen cultures;
- Learn some elementary Thai;
- Help raise funds;
- Do some team building!

How much does it cost?

Volunteers are asked to contribute \$1500 and to help raise funds for the project.

The cost to the project is \$4800 per volunteer plus \$12,000 for donations to partner schools.

Except for the volunteer contribution, funds are raised through collective fundraising by the Project Committee and volunteers.

What do you do as a volunteer in Mae Sot?

- Help migrant children and teachers to learn English by animating learning activities and assist Burmese community-based organisations (CBOs) in Mae Sot.
- Provide classroom materials to partner schools.
- Learn about the cultures in the Mae Sot community and share some of your Canadian culture.

- Make friends and develop understanding between youth from Myanmar, Thailand and Canada.
- Develop leadership skills – and character!
- Upon return to Canada, help our community in Québec, Canada learn about migrant and refugee issues in the world by sharing your experience.



A volunteer helping students in Mae Sot

For more information

For more information about how to volunteer,

go to: <https://maesot.ubishops.ca> or see Angie Petitclerc in the Bishop's Writing Centre, or Murray Johnston in Champlain 334 or contact Mary Purkey, project coordinator (marypurkey@gmail.com)

