

# Paulus Hu, 43 years

Location: Mission to Paitan, Sabah Malaysia

Mission: To help the local community with Clare's Missionary, Nov 2011

Duration: Approximately 1 week

## Takeaways

### **Unexpected calling:**

The trip to Paitan, Sabah, with Clare's Missionary in Nov 2011 was my first overseas mission trip. It was a sudden decision and I really did not know what led me to it. Usually, my family would object to my going on such a trip. But, as they knew that I like working with children, they were supportive. The group started bonding activities as early as we could before our trip so that we could depend on and trust each other when faced with obstacles during the trip. We tried to be more family-oriented by meeting and dining together, sharing ideas and respecting one another.

### **Translator and games coordinator:**

I was the only one who could speak proper Malay in the group and thus I could interact more with the families and translate for my group mates. Together, we organised some games for the local children.

### **Moving on:**

I have learnt to be more concerned with our environment, and how I spend my money. I will always treasure the bonding with the other volunteers and the missionary experience itself. I took part in another overseas mission trip with my office colleagues to help poor students in Thailand in 2012 in the areas that were hit by the massive floods. It was another eye-opener for me. I am still participating and helping Clare's Missionary in whatever way I can.

