

Volunteering: A Joyful Experience

Many people around us are in need of help. That is why volunteer work is necessary. Do you think volunteering is difficult or boring? It is not the case. Let's meet three young volunteers and read their stories.

Namaste, Kumari! / Kim Minji

1) 여름 방학 초에, 나의 오빠는 나에게 사회 복지관에서 그를 도와달라고 요청했다.

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He was a volunteer teaching Korean to immigrants at the center. I was interested but was not sure I could do it. I had always felt nervous about meeting people from other countries. However, my brother encouraged me, so I decided to give it a try.

On the day when I first started volunteering, the students gave me a warm welcome. Some said, "Hwan-yeong-hae-yo."

2) 나의 오빠는 나를 반 학생들에게 소개해주었고, 나에게 Kumari라는 이름의 학생을 도와줄 것을 요청했다.

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She came from Nepal. She bowed to me saying, "Namaste," with her palms held together.

3) 내가 그녀가 한글 단어들을 쓰는 것을 도와줄 때, 그녀의 눈은 기쁨으로 반짝였다.

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She was enthusiastic about learning Korean, and I felt great joy in teaching. This led me to keep coming back to class.

Soon we became friends and learned more about each other. She said she was learning Korean to read books to her son.

4) 나는 내가 그녀의 꿈이 실현되도록 하는 것을 도울 수 있어서 기뻐했다.

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When the vacation finished, I could not do the volunteer work any longer.

5) 마지막 날에, 그녀는 나에게 한글로 쓰인 감사 메모와 함께 히말라야 홍차를 주었다.

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I still get in touch with Kumari through email. Looking back, the volunteering experience taught me a lot. I came to understand people from different cultures better. Also, I experienced the joy of teaching. Next vacation, I want to go back to the center and feel that joy again.

Painting the World Bright / Hong Jinsu

I love drawing. My dream is to make the world a better place through my paintings. When I became a high school student, I joined an art club.

6) 그 동아리는 내가 참여할 기회를 얻게 된 벽화 그리기 자원봉사 프로그램을 운영하고 있었다.

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Last Saturday was "volunteering day." We went to an elementary school in a small town. Its wall was white and clean. Actually, some other volunteers had already painted it white. The wall looked like a big canvas.

First, some people made sketches, and then others painted them. The theme of the painting was "Garden of Dreams." I painted some butterflies, honey bees, and flowers. Working as a group was a lot of fun. Although it was hot, we did not mind. We tried our best to complete the picture.

When the picture was finished, I was amazed.

7) 우리의 협업이 텅 비었던 벽을 아름답고 신나는 정원으로 바꾸었다.

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One by one, the little children of the town gathered to see the picture. They looked so happy. I was delighted to see their happy faces. I felt like I was one step closer to my dream.

Sending Joy Through My Voice / Kang Yubin

8) 나는 항상 자원봉사에 관심을 가져왔지만, 나는 내가 무엇을 할 수 있는지 알지 못했다.

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One day, when I was watching TV, I learned about “voice volunteering.” It meant making audio books for the blind by reading the books aloud. I said to myself, “That’s what I’ve been looking for!” The next day I went to the community center and took a quick test in the recording room. Luckily, I passed it.

9) 며칠 후, 나는 내가 테스트를 받았던 녹음실에 돌아왔다.

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I got some training on accurate pronunciation before recording. My first job was to read a history book for high school students.

10) 나는 심장이 아주 빨리 뛰는 채로 책을 읽기 시작했다.

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I was very nervous but tried my best to read naturally. Even though I made some mistakes, I successfully finished my first recording. My recorded voice sounded a little strange to me. But the recording manager said that I had done well.

Since then, I have been doing volunteer work once a week. I am enjoying reading the books more and more. Plus, I take joy in helping the blind. I hope more people will volunteer and experience the same pleasure I do.

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정답

- 1) [정답] At the beginning of summer vacation, my brother asked me to help him at a community welfare center.
- 2) [정답] My brother introduced me to the class and asked me to help a student named Kumari.
- 3) [정답] When I helped her write down words in Korean, her eyes lit up with joy.
- 4) [정답] I was pleased that I could help make her dream come true.
- 5) [정답] On the last day, she gave me Himalayan black tea with a thank you note written in Korean.
- 6) [정답] The club ran a wall-painting volunteer program that I got the chance to participate in.
- 7) [정답] Our collaboration had turned the empty wall into a beautiful, exciting garden.
- 8) [정답] I had always been interested in volunteering, but I did not know what I could do
- 9) [정답] A few days later, I came back to the recording room where I had taken the test.
- 10) [정답] I started reading the book with my heart beating very fast.