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Matthieu installing the newly repaired and painted windows.

In the last week of June 2016, Matthieu from France started volunteering on the Building Project at Barangay Poblacion in San Remigio, Cebu. Matthieu and the local tradesmen helped restore the old Gabaldon school building. The project was supported by one of our partners, the Rotary Club of Mactan.

The Gabaldon building is an old heritage structure and it needed to be repaired in order to maintain its historical value. The first task assigned to Matthieu was to detach, repair and repaint the old windows.

On the second day of his placement he started to install the newly repaired and painted windows. He also helped the local tradesmen by doing some carpentry work; they were making scaffoldings.

On the third and fourth day he was asked to apply skim coat to the walls, with the help of the other tradesmen. After skimming the walls, he applied the paint.

The following week, Edouard from France arrived at the Building project. Once introduced to his fellow volunteer, they both started painting the windows with a final coat. They also painted the ceiling and the outside wall.

The most memorable part of their trip was when they took over a class at the school. They taught some French words and the following day they organised a few French games for the students and provided them with some snacks.

To help finish the repairs on the Gabaldon School Building, the volunteers were then assigned to do carpentry work. Along with the local tradesmen, they had to cut and install wood for the flooring of the building.

During the last week of July, Xunzi from China arrived at the Building project, along with the High School Special volunteers. Xunzi, Matthieu and Edouard helped the High School Special volunteers mix cement and assisted them with the carpentry. This was also the last week of volunteering for Edouard.



Matthieu and Edouard painting the outside wall.



Matthieu and Edouard teaching a class of students.