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Special points of interest:

- The kids were adorable and polite...at certain times.
- The six-graders were our first class
- The fourth-graders were our second class
- BOTH CLASSES included chaos.

Highlight: Teaching the Kids

It was December 25th, 2008: Christmas Day. We woke up early to first enjoy our tour. At around one in the afternoon, we started driving towards the school. There, kids were lined up in their uniforms and clapped a beat together, greeting us. Some kids looked like they didn't want to be there. After that, we went upstairs to a room of six graders. We were all quite out of breath since we were already late. The sixth graders were a class of more advanced English learners. When we taught them, they seemed very mature. First, we asked them what they did for Christmas and after, we told them what an average American Christmas was like. We sang "We Wished You a Merry Christmas," then we had



We were welcomed by some cool kids!

the whole class sing in front. They all seem to have a lot of fun doing that. We then gave the singers a prize. Lastly, we made a stand up Christmas tree with them. They left satisfied with small candy canes in their pockets. Second, the 4th graders came in, rowdy and unsettling. It was harder to get these kids' attention. Mabel had to scream more than five times throughout the whole period. We did all the same things as before, only, we had to speak slower since they were younger. When we sang the song,

they sang really loud whenever it was the chorus, but quieted down when they didn't recognize the words. Then, they'd erupt when it came back to the chorus. Then, it was time for crafts. This may have been the most chaotic moment of the day. Some students made snowflakes, some made snowmen, and others made stand up trees. They would demand for black eyes when all we had were red ones. We barely had any time to give out all of the places. All of us were running all around, and so were some of the kids. When we were done, there was glue and glitter all over our hands. Tired and sweaty, we headed down the stairs and out of the school. We took a picture with the school principal and left, care-free, heading for the bus to continue our adventure in Taiwan. :D (YAAAY!!) ^.^

What we did

Fatigued people sluggishly moving tourists, left the hill of Sun Moon Lake Hotel, Del Lago, for the longest time to Tai Nan Temple of Zheng Chen Gong. In the temple, we saw a lot of tours of kids from schools in Taiwan, and many were feeding the fishes, including us. Zhen Chen Gong was a famous person in the Ming Dynasty that came to Taiwan to fight off the Holland people occupying the land. He is sort of the founding father of Tainan and is greatly respected there. Our highlight of the day was going to a Tainan elementary school to teach kids. Teaching the kids was so much fun! We got to have fun with Taiwanese students as well as kind of experiencing the school system in Taiwan. After that, we went to Chimei museum to listen to old fashioned music- the kind that you would usually have to crank a knob for. It was only for a short while since we were so busy with the teaching. We headed toward the bus and headed to Kaohsiung temple which had extremely oriented doors, walls, floors, statues, fountains, roof, and even outside. We also went to a bride sort of

thing across from the temple that was on a body of water. The bridge was only connected to this ancient Chinese-styled patio that was centered in the middle of the body of water. The location of the temple was really in a really nice public place and it was getting dark. We headed to Love River, which was a large mass of clean water and lighted boats that drifted upon the water. We walked about on the thin dock for a short walk and our fancy tour bus picked us up soon after. A good twenty minutes ride to Howard Hotel Plaza Hotel Kaohsiung where we checked in, and was taken to 'The Night Market'. We wandered around with the accompany of tons of random people, attending to food stands, clothes stands, and toy racks - full of awesome products. The stay there ranged from one to two hours.

*"Oh! Look at this~ It's so pretty. Oh!! Look at this~ this is so cool."
-Mabel and Vanessa at the night market.*



Zheng Chen Gong



The fish in the pond of Zheng Chen Gong



Beautiful lanterns in Kaohsiung Temple

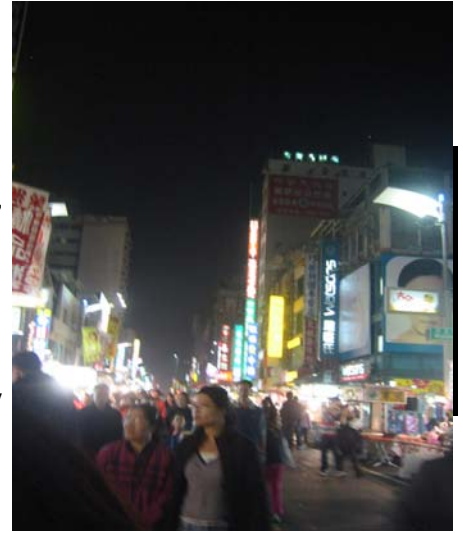


A boat cruising along Love River.

Night Market

When we arrived at Kaohsiung, (which was already night time) we were able to go to the night-market at Kaohsiung. The night-market was busy as usual. We all went together as a group (except some ditched XP). As we traveled up and down the streets of the night-market we bought tons of things. We ate there and bought fruits and clothing and also played tons of games. After awhile we split up. Half of us wanted to go back to the hotel while the other half wanted to stay. The people who wanted to go back, went back. So the people who wanted to stay, stayed.

The people who stayed, bought some more clothing, and others things. After awhile the rest who stayed, went back to the hotel. Oh! And Mabel and Vanessa were pretty engrossed into the night market shopping. (see quote on 2nd page) The night-market these days the night-market isn't as busy as usual, but, it was still fun!! (Some people came to here before.



The hectic street: aka the Night Market



Blurring lights of the Night Market

Interviews ~ ~ What was your favorite part of the day?

Brandon's: I guess it has to be museum, where they tested out music playing artifacts. I really liked the piano one, because you could also see what keys are being pressed, without touching them.

Belinda's: The teaching. The kids were so cool and so cute too!!! >w< But yea... I like kids so...

Katherine's: I liked teaching the sixth graders but the fourth graders were really demanding.

Janeva: My favorite part of the day was both listening to the music at the museum and teaching the kids. I liked the fourth graders better because they were so much cuter and a bit less shy. You'd always know what they wanted.



Brandon



Belinda



Katherine



Janeva

