

My Years in 9th Singapore Girls' Brigade Company

First of all, I definitely enjoyed these four years in school and in the Girls' Brigade (GB). Thanks to my Secondary One form teacher, Miss Tay Yanfen, that I have got to enjoy my four years in GB. During my very first week of my secondary school, she was already promoting and encouraging the girls in my class to join. Six of us joined (I, Huishi, Jiachyi, Felicia, Shinyi and Xueyi).

Over the years, I have become more confident of myself. I remember how I struggled to do learn my drills, trying not lag behind the rest when I first started out. My perseverance paid off well. In time, GB gave me the opportunity to be a leader – a surprise because I was never as outspoken as my peers. Being a leader, I learnt to plan meetings and lead worship.

I have always enjoyed worship. It impressed me a lot when I saw my Maths teacher, Miss Song Lijie, playing the guitar and singing her heart out. She really inspired me when I saw the way she praised God. GB allowed me to build a stronger relationship with God; loving Him more and more and to be a better person and a better Christian. Madam Pei'en taught us many important lessons and values in life.

One of the highlights of my years in GB would be the Cambodia Trip. I never knew that there are so many others out there who are suffering. I encountered children who are less fortunate than us. I learnt to be less complacent and treasure everything that is given to me, knowing how fortunate I am.

The trip allowed me to extend a helping hand to others. I remembered we brought toys and snacks for the children there. They all smiled and said "thank you!" in the Khmer language. Seeing their smiles and knowing that I had brought joy to them made me very happy. That experience is something that will stay in my memory.

We used to be looked down by other CCAs, because we never had many achievements. But we proved them wrong these few years by getting first twice in our school inter-UG competition. We persevered on and learned the importance of teamwork just like what our officers said, "Working as a team, marching as one and not 18 individuals".

No matter how many conflicts, problems and difficulties we face, we are still one big family, learning how to forgive and respect one another. Even though we are not as big as other CCAs, we have something that makes the GB a worthwhile CCA. We are unique in our strong friendship, love and care for one another.

I'm really grateful for everything GB has done for me over the years. Without GB, I would not be who I am today. I love all the girls in GB. I wish them all the best in everything they do. I believe that they will bring GB to greater heights, and I am proud to say that I am a GB girl and proud of my CCA!

I LOVE GB!

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