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Hi my name is Julia and I went to volunteer at Olly's orphanage for two weeks earlier this year.

While there, I enjoyed helping out with several tasks and really enjoyed the peaceful surroundings of the buildings and grounds. How blessed they are to have such a serene setting in which to establish their organization. I helped Olly to run English classes at the local school every day and then we also taught after school lessons at the orphanage. The local children and young adults from the village came for separate classes and they really enjoyed my 'Aussie music' lessons (Half the time I didn't know who was having more fun, me or them!).

I also made curtains for the dormitory, did a hardware stock take, helped Olly with her computer skills and gave one of the boys a haircut! The best part of each day was playing cricket with the children and staff in the evenings after a hard day's work. It was a great way to wind down and laugh together!

Olly is a very warm and welcoming woman who amazed me with her stamina, determination and kindness. Amongst all that she is already trying to achieve, she remains a vigilant 'do gooder' and is regularly found doing things for others and sparing her time, regardless of her own needs. Olly always gave her time to people, whether it was someone in the street just wanting to talk or one of the workers back at the orphanage needing some advice/assistance. It was inspiring to witness such a selfless person and I thank Olly and her family for such a wonderful opportunity and wish them every success in their mission.

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