

## My memories (Descriptions on two photos)

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### The first school

This picture was taken in a small country in Africa, a girl held a piece of chalk and started to write something on a blackboard. The school was the first covered school in that country. It includes chairs, desks and blackboards. This photo is meaningful to me because I was the one that helped prepare to build this school, from contacting charities, raising funds, negotiating with the government to finally completing the building work, it lasted for 5 years. Before having a covered school, children had to sit under the sun to listen to their teachers. It was very hot that could reach 40 degree Celsius in summer. They could only use their fingers to write on the mud. Teachers couldn't draw graphs to help explain theories. This covered school provides a better learning environment for children. I know clearly how extreme the previous environment was, so this photo means a lot to me!

### All hands

This photo was taken in India last year after suffering from an earthquake. I joined the Red Cross team and started this meaningful journey. There was no clean water or electricity. We delivered supplies and aids to there. The city was locked down because the roads and bridges were damaged. We distributed food and water hands by hands. No cars, bikes, nothing else, just hands. I realized that if there were no volunteers, people couldn't survive until their government rebuild the roads. We all cheered up after the people got their supplies and treatment, so this photo was taken at that moment. This is a unique experience to me. I couldn't imagine how powerful an earthquake could be before I had that volunteer trip. It reminded me how volunteering could be important after natural disaster.