

Care Corner Orphanage

God Uses Ordinary People To Do Extraordinary Things



Ricky with one of the children

The island of Penang, where I grew up, was known for its hawkers' food, beaches, carefree lifestyles & religious potencies. We lived as a clan in a community where all my uncles, aunts and cousins lived together, but not always in harmony. We were a respected business and religious clan in Penang. My late uncle was once a leader of the Buddhist Association in Penang, and one of my cousins was one of the key leaders in the Taoist Association in Penang. Whenever there were any auspicious religious celebrations of both faiths, you can be sure our home was the key place where religious ceremonies and gatherings took place.

Growing up in the above setting did not give me any fulfillment in life. I was still lost, despaired and miserable. I wanted to find meaning in life, and so I began searching for the solution. My search led me to indulge in music, disco parties, sports, martial arts, drugs, etc., etc. It was all about: Me, myself and I. What can I find to keep me happy and satisfied?

It was late 1978 when I last attempted suicide because of my drug dependence. I thought I'd tried everything to find meaning in life, but the more I tried, the more depressed I got. I believe God knows the right time to get me. I always thought that Jesus was the devil, and I hated Christians while growing up.



A visit from some working adults who grew up at Care Corner Orphanage once upon a time.



At the chapel

It was at that moment of deep desperation that I asked Jesus for help. I asked Him to intervene my meaningless life. That was in October 1978. Indeed He did a miracle in my life. I got off drugs (heroin) cold turkey. I was ushered into a Christian community living. The word of God renewed my spirit, soul and body. I became a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). My attitude in life transformed by the power of God. I stopped seeking personal fulfillment. The "Me, myself and I" pursuant disappeared. Instead, I found joy in serving and helping others who were in need.

In 1993, the Lord directed my wife and I to Chiang Mai, Thailand. We were invited to help in a bible school, and we planned to live and serve in Chiang Mai for four or the most

five years. While living in Chiang Mai, we learnt that many children were lured into prostitution by unscrupulous business people, or sold into prostitution by their own parents. The Lord laid a strong desire upon our hearts to find a solution for these children. I know, on my own, I can do nothing to help them, but in Christ, I can do all things because He strengthens me (Phi 4:13).

By the grace of God, we started Care Corner Orphanage in 1995. A home for orphans, underprivileged children, children who have been abandoned by their parents, children whose parents are in prison, children who are infected with HIV at birth, and children whose parents died of HIV related diseases. In our 20 years of ministry in CCO, we have seen more than a thousand children and some widows (James 1:27) being blessed. To God be the Glory! I want to take this opportunity to thank all our mission partners, donors, children sponsors and friends for your support and faithfulness in serving the Lord together.

You have made a difference in many children's lives!

From our initial commitment of four to five years in Thailand, believe it or not, we are still serving in Care Corner Orphanage, Chiang Mai, Thailand after 22 years. Glory to my Savior Jesus!



The Entrance to CCO

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