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Care Corner Orphanage

'Tis the season of Change



High Points

March saw the end of the school year for our children. With that, 9 of our children left and 8 new ones came in.

Presently, we have 24 children living in the orphanage and we are continuing our support to 30 other children living in the mountains of Mae Tho.

We gained a new volunteer, a Japanese missionary, who comes every Thursday and Friday to teach Sunday school to our children. It has been wonderful to have someone so in love with God and so dedicated to share the Word with our kids. She has truly been a blessing.

We also gained a volunteer from Australia, who comes to our orphanage to teach Thailand's national sport- Muay Thai to our kids. She not only teaches fighting techniques, but she also does exercises with the children to build up their endurance.

Quick Glance

- We have 8 new children
- One of our older girls graduated and is now working as a staff here.
- We have a new volunteer, a missionary from Japan, teaching our children about the Bible and about the Japanese culture.
- The kids now have the opportunity to learn Muay Thai, Thailand's national sport.
- During the April holidays, we were able to bring some children to Bangkok for a fun and educational trip!



High points Continued

The Bangkok Trip

The Thai calendar celebrates New Year on the 13th of April. It is also the hottest season in Thailand. The children at our orphanage were allowed to return to their home villages for one month, in April. Those that are orphans or had no home to return to stayed at the orphanage and helped with chores and handicrafts. As a reward, we took them to Bangkok for a field trip. Our funds came from an unexpected source that donated the previous year. With some of those funds, we'd set it aside to make this trip possible. For this trip, we were blessed to have some volunteers from Singapore that joined us.



The kids had the opportunity to learn about the world outside their own, even though it's within the same country. They sat on an airplane, a subway and a rollercoaster, all for the first time. We went to a few museums and children discovery centers for a more educational slant. The children were also pampered and showered with love, such that when we return home, a noticeable change could be seen in some of them. They were more confident in themselves and happier.

The New Kids

The new school year started on 12 May 2016 and during this time, we took in 9 new children, all from the Hmong tribe, but from different regions in Thailand. Their ages range from 6 years old to 12 years old. Some of them are unable to read and write. So please continue to pray for these children as they adjust to CCOF routine and the school system.





Low points

There are seasons for every change in life and though we see a lot of new children come in, sadly we also see a lot of old children leave. Apple (16) and Wang (13) returned home to live with their parents, who were released from long-term imprisonment for illicit drug dealing last year. Apple was with us for almost 10 years. Nun (10), whose parents were separated, returned to her mother, now that her mother has a stable job.

Jasur (13), Ben (12) & Dang's (5)'s father returned to their village, which is near the border of Myanmar and northern Thailand. Their father went missing for years. We were told that he went back to his home in Myanmar, and he was stranded due to

unforeseen circumstances. When he finally came back, his wife remarried, but his children still wanted to live with him, and so they left CCO and went back to the village.

Oun (10) and Kwan (13) are from the same village. Oun left to live with her parents, who has already separated but live within walking distance from each other. Kwan now lives with her aunt, to help her aunt and uncle raise their own young children. Lastly, Ta (14) returned home to live with his uncle and grandfather, who were willing to take him in as he is now older and can look after himself.



Though leaving our orphanage is a natural process, we are still very sad to see them go. The old children and staff miss them. So please pray that we will be able to accept that they are gone and that we will come to love and cherish the new kids that has come in.

Goals for the next 6 months

Number One

In May, the new children that had come to us had never heard of Jesus Christ before. We would like to share the love of Christ with them and lead them to Jesus. Also pray for the old children, when they return home, many false teachings are impounded into them again. Pray that we can break those chains that have bound our children away from God.



Number Two

In June and July (and later in September), we will be going on a few targeted mission trips in the tribal villages, together with some mission groups from Singapore. We hope that we will be able to bring revival and encouragement to the locals. We hope, despite our physical limits, to be able to assist the needs of these villages that we are visiting.



Number Three

In October, our children at the orphanage will have a short break. During that 3 weeks holiday, we hope to provide remedial lessons. It was a success last year. The children learned a lot and really improved in their lessons. We hope to incorporate English, Thai, Math and Computer lessons so we will need the right teachers or volunteers to help us.



Number Four

Last year, when we did the remedial classes, we were fortunate to have some volunteers from around the world. This time around, a family of 4 from America will be coming to stay with us for at least a year. They would like to work with us as co-laborers. Please pray that we are able to realize God's vision together.



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. We are looking for sponsors for the new children. Please pray for those who are sponsoring and for God to place the heart in new potential sponsors.

2. Everyday we are constantly living by faith that all our provisions will be met. God has been faithful and so we give Him all the glory. Praise God that so far, we have been able to run the orphanage and pray that we may continue to keep running it.

3. Pray for our staff and our families. We are on the battlefield, fighting against the enemies of darkness. Thailand can be spiritually draining, so please pray for our wells to be continually renewed.

4. We will be going on a few mission trips in the next 3 months. Please pray for His guidance and for our outreach to the hill tribe people to be a success. We want to do His will and not ours, His goals and His ministry. Please pray that our eyes will be fixed upon God's design.

5. Pray for our children and staff with HIV/AIDs. Until today, they are living on borrowed time, thanks to the advance in medication in Thailand. However, we never know when their condition may take an unexpected turn. We had lost two boys in late 2014 and early 2015. Pray for our children's continual health.

PRACTICAL NEEDS

1. Donation of second-hand laptops/computers.

2. Medication for our children's everyday needs

3. Equipment for our renovated kitchen

4. Funds to renovate the old boy's dormitories

5. Funds for maintenance. Now that we are approaching the raining season, we expect damage to result as seen from previous years

6. Clothes, especially boys' clothes, as few are donated.

7. Volunteers/teachers to tutor the children during the October break.