

CCOF - Newsletter

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Hi, my name is Sara Porter; I am married to Reuben and we come from Northern Ireland. Reuben was a tech expert and I was a support worker and music tutor, before leaving to serve God in the mission field.

After we got married in July 2013, we felt that God was calling us to Thailand. For nearly a year God continued to place this country on both of our hearts. We prayed that God would direct our paths and in June 2014 He led us to the CCOF website. At once, we felt peace and knew that this was where God wanted us to go. We left Ireland in November 2014 and we are serving here from December to March 2015.



We are both worship leaders. I play piano, Reuben plays guitar, and we both sing. When we arrived, Jacinth Tan told us that she had been praying for someone to lead worship and very soon after, she received an email from two worship leaders from Northern Ireland, asking if they could serve in CCOF... God answers prayer! Our vision is to show the love of Jesus to every child and young person in this orphanage, so that they would want to serve and worship Him as their personal saviour and friend. We want to see children worshipping God with all their hearts. We want every child in CCOF to know that they are valued and loved by God; that He has a unique plan for each of their lives, and that they are precious in His sight.

With God's help we have been tutoring and building up the children to serve through worship. We have been giving the children daily guitar, bass, percussion, piano and vocal tuition; and if they already know the basics, we help improve and develop their skills, enabling them to lead others in worship for God's glory.

The Holy Spirit has been moving in this place. The children are learning incredibly quickly and in only one month we have been able to develop 4 worship bands (rotating weekly), giving all the children with aspirations to lead worship, an opportunity to do so. It is such a blessing to see and hear the children worshipping God from the bottom of their hearts; and with each passing week, they seem to grow in zeal and love for the Lord.



We have also been teaching four of the older boys English lessons, and we have grown very close to them. They also have started leading daily devotions with the volunteers and staff at breakfast, which is encouraging and reveals how God is working in their lives.

Every evening, Reuben plays football with the boys and I play with the children. We both love spending time with the kids here. They are such a blessing to us, and we will really miss them when we leave!

We thank God for CCOF and we pray that He will continue to bless the Tans in their ministry here, and all of the amazing children and staff.

Reuben & Sara