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September

Marathon

On Sunday, 16th, September a representative group from Hand to Hand went to a community event hosted by the Pattaya City Hall. The focus of the event was to raise awareness about violence against women and how they can be assisted. It was a fantastic community event where many local charity groups could meet and network with each other and also network with different government agencies.

Jesters

On Sunday 9th, September the annual Jesters Fair for kids was held in Pattaya. The Hand to Hand children were treated to a very special day where they received free t shirts, food and coupons to play the many games at no cost. The day was filled with lots of fun including the chance to play with the parachute and be a part of a tug of war team.

The children also entertained the crowd of visitors on the day with their two dances which they performed.

Jail

The police at the Banglamung jail have asked assistance to help repair the main door that leads into the prison cells. The rollers are badly damaged and the door is getting more difficult to open and close which is causing an obvious safety hazard for the police.

With smaller team sizes, we are having a lot more opportunities to minister inside Soi 9 giving us the opportunity to spend more time with each person praying for them and finding out ways that we can assist them.

Goong

Khun Goong is one of the mother of a family that we support through the Hand to Hand pre school and slum projects. She has become a Christian and the change in her appearance, demeanor and her children is remarkable. Her children are more focused and attentive which is enabling them to be more successful at school. The love, peace and joy that is now in the household has made a dramatic change for all of the 4 family members. Doris continues to disciple her once a week on an individual basis.

Holidays

The Hand to Hand pre school was closed for a week during the month of September to allow the staff time to rest and also to provide an opportunity to spring clean the room. A big thanks to Sarah who came to help us organize and rearrange our resources so that they are more accessible to both the staff and students.

Ohn

The Hand to Hand staff were made aware of a desperate mother and baby who were in the Banglamung hospital. The baby boy, Ohn, had recovered from his illness; however, they had nowhere to go. Hand to Hand assisted the hospital in providing them with some emergency care so that Ohn could be discharged. Unfortunately the mother ran away on the second night leaving her baby behind. After making a police report about the disappearance of the mother, Ohn is now in full time foster care whilst the police and social welfare officers try to find any family members that he has.

Goodbye and God Bless!

The Bridge night care center is no longer a part of the Hand to Hand Foundation. The Thrive ministry will begin to take over the activities at this center beginning in January 2013.

Robin van Engelenhoven

Hand to Hand has been blessed to have a new volunteer join the ministry team this month. Robin is from the Netherlands and he is a very talented musician and computer expert. His love for the children is very apparent and he has created some very close bonds with the children already. He has made a commitment to be with Hand to Hand for two years.

Upcoming events

11th October Board Meeting 20th October 20/20 cricket fundraiser for hand to hand 30th October Danika and Jordon arrive

Pray for...

Margie as she recovers from dengue fever. Land to become available to purchase. The transition phase as we say goodbye to the Bridge.











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