



HAND TO HAND FOUNDATION

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October

Family Fun Day

On Saturday, 20th, October the children for the Hand to hand Foundation were special guests at a family fun day. With free hamburgers, hot dogs, unlimited candy floss and ice cream they could eat. All of the children were given money to play games, ride on the toy train and have fun on the bouncy castle. The event was held at the beautiful Horseshoe Point and the children were transported to and from the venue in a huge double decker bus. For some of the children this was the first time they had ever had a ride on a bus! The children had the opportunity to play some games such as an egg and spoon race, wheelbarrow race and tug of war. The winners all received medals too. Hand to Hand had a stall where children could come and have their face painted or colour a picture or paint their own umbrella or small figurine. A big thanks to all of the sponsors and supporters who made this day so special.

Hospital Ministry

The local Banglamung hospital has asked Hand to Hand to help provide extra support for some of the children who are sick. We are helping one family where the baby is severely disabled due to lack of oxygen during birth. The Pattaya Sports Club are going to purchase the suction equipment and oxygen required and once the family has been properly trained they will return home. Baby Ohn is in temporary foster care and searches to find members of his family that are either able or willing to take care of him have not been fruitful. We are working with the local social welfare officers to plan for his long term care. We are planning with the nursing staff to send a team on a weekly basis to assist with any patients who need extra care and support. One such case is a 6 month Cambodian baby whose parents are unable to visit him as they are working on an island as construction workers. The staff are so busy that there is only time to provide for his basic needs. We will be trained in how to help care for him and then a roster of willing volunteers will visit him daily. We plan to visit the hospital each week to pray for the children and their families. We will offer emotional and physical support through providing essentials such as diapers, blankets and some fun colouring books and crayons.

Volunteer

This month Julia, an Australian volunteer, has blessed us tremendously. She is here in Thailand for a month and she has helped to teach the children, prepare resources and even take care of baby Ohn for several days.

PILC

The Pattaya International Ladies Club have been helping us with teaching the children English every Monday and it is great to see the children beginning to initiate conversations with foreigners. They have also generously given us 13 000 baht to assist us with our daily operations and also to help start up our new hospital ministry.

Internet Safety Campaign

Jemma and Margie went to the Garden International School to do an internet safety campaign with all the classes from Grades 5 -13. The students were amazingly well behaved and it was a huge success. We now have a couple of hundred more students who are internet wise and know how to protect themselves online. It was lots of fun but we hit home on some serious issues too likes cyber bullying, suicide and sexting. Thanks to GIS for the amazing opportunity and their generous donations of food, clothing blankets, toys and money to the foundation.

Sponsored Swim

Margie will be participating in the annual Pattaya Bay Swim. She will swim 3.5km from the Bali Hai pier to the Dusit Thani hotel on 25th, November 2012. All proceeds will go to the Rotary club who in turn will sponsor some of the Hand to Hand projects. The first of these will be the installation of a water purification system that will enable us to drink water from the tap. This water will be used for the pre school children and also our slum families. If you would like to sponsor Margie's swim please contact us at handtohandpattaya@yahoo.com

New Website

Robin has created the new website for Hand to Hand and you can take a look at the new improved us at: www.handtohandpattaya.com. We also now have a facebook page so that you can keep up to date with all of the things that we are doing. Look us up under Hand to Hand Foundation! You will also be able to take a sneak preview at our new logo that we hope to begin using in the near future. We are just awaiting permission from the local municipality before changing our logo officially.

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