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December

King's Birthday

On the 5th, December the nation of Thailand celebrated the King's birthday as did all of us at Hand to Hand. The Thai staff and their families marched in the official parade from the Royal Garden Mall to Bali Hai Pier where they enjoyed an evening of entertainment. Margie and our new volunteers joined them later in the evening to help honor the King by singing and helping to record a new video about Pattaya.

Hospital

The hospital ministry is going very well and the nursing staff are very grateful for all that we do. The openness of the parents to have their child receive prayer is amazing. We are continuing to provide specialized milk formula for sick and premature babies thanks to the many gifts that we have received from sponsors for this project. The PILC again contributed toward this and we have purchased a stock of this formula at wholesale prices. Baby Monman's mum has returned to Koh Larn to work and it is difficult to coordinate a volunteer roster to assist with his care when we are unsure of when she will be there. Due to the fact that she is not there to feed him the nursing staff have been left with no option but to put Monman back on NG feeds. Alison visits him every week regardless of whether mum is present and she is able to give us regular updates on his progress. A suction machine and two oxygen bottles were purchased by the Jesters and NBC Church. This is for baby Songkran so that he can return home when he is well enough to be discharged.

Pre School

This month we celebrated Christmas by having a happy birthday Jesus party. The day was filled with singing, games, presents and of course a birthday cake too. Due to the generosity of people throughout 2012 we have been able to save enough brand new items throughout the year that we did not have to buy any gifts, we had plenty to bless each child with toys and clothes! Thanks to Acorn and Shennaigans who made the kids favorite food of chicken nuggets and French fries possible on the day! On January, 11th, 2013 we will be having a party to say thank you to all of our sponsors. We have been learning songs and dances to get ready for this event and everyone is very excited! On Saturday, 15th, December we had a Christmas celebration at Big C for 4 hours. Santa came and all the children received free candy and a small coloring book explaining the gospel.

Kid's club

We also had a kids club Christmas party where we celebrated the birth of Jesus. All of our regular attendees received a gift, which had all been donated by generous sponsors. Helle from the PILC has bought lots of small toys to be given out at the prison which have been a big hit.

Prison

The immigration police have called us this month to help provide food and water for illegal immigrants that have been detained but the Police have no food or water to give them. Amongst these people there were many children who were delighted to receive milk, food and a small toy too.

School Number 4

We have been teaching English to the teachers at school number 4 for the past few months and we have built a good relationship with the staff there. The school allowed us to go and share the Christmas story with all the grade 1-6 students which was lots of fun. We had many volunteers to help which made the day even better.

District Officer

Margie has been teaching English to the Banglamung District officer for the past few months and this has been a great time to build relationships in Government.

Team Building Week

Hand to Hand closed it's doors to the children for the week 17th- 21st of December. We took this opportunity to serve in all of the areas of ministry together as a team to gain a deeper appreciation of what each person does. On Monday we all went to school no. 4 to teach about 350 children about Christmas. During the rest of the week we all went to the prison, slum, old peoples home and took the opportunity to spend some time together. We had lunch with Khun Jiap who will be joining us in January too. At the end of the week we had a debriefing meeting for the year and went on an adventure to the zoo.

Volunteers

We have had 2 new volunteers, Tamara and Lisolette, from the Netherlands and they will stay with us until mid January. They have helped us with teaching, cleaning, organizing and lots of other things too. They joined us for our team building week and had the chance to experience every area of ministry. In January we have many volunteers coming to help us.

New Van

This month we were very excited to be able to purchase our first Hand to Hand ministry vehicle. A big thanks to Tamar who have gifted this reliable mini van to us for an incredibly cheap price. A big thanks to the NBC church, contributions from the soul music and night Tewanting swimathon that has made this purchase possible.

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