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February

Child Protection Policy

This month ECPAT came down and offered some free training to our staff and some other invited guests on how to write a Child Protection Policy that will stand up in a Thai court. We are honoured that they gave up their valuable time to do this and know that their kindness will protect children all over this city. City Hall representatives were also at the meeting and the meeting room was provided free of charge by the government. Our policy is almost complete and the next step will be to work with the social welfare offers to write a policy for the city of Pattaya. We are currently having discussions with the mayor and heads of schools to plan and implement a policy writing process to enable each school in Pattaya to have their own policy as well. If we achieve this goal, Pattaya will be the first city in Thailand to achieve this high standard. Hand to Hand is very excited to be working with the government to make long lasting changes!

Woman's Conference

The female staff from Hand to Hand went away to a Woman's Conference at Khao Keow zoo. They had a chance to relax, learn and worship together. It was a great time of refreshing and infilling.

ECPAT

Mark and his team from ECPAT including some professors from Chulalongkorn university came to visit us this month so that they could see some of the work that we do as part of research gathering. This data will be passed on to the anti-human trafficking committee in Bangkok to help inform new policies that are being written.

PLC Gala

Margie and some of the team were able to attend the 25th anniversary PILC gala ball and were treated to a great night including beautiful food and entertainment.

Volunteers

February saw the arrival of lots of volunteers to help at Hand to Hand. We are so thankful to those who give of their time and resources to encourage us including Hilary, Meg, Janice, Anna, Mike, John and Bar. With extra help from teams and individuals we can do so much more with the children. It has also given us an opportunity to send members of staff away to training courses and conferences.

Anti Human Trafficking

Margie and Pai went to Bangkok with 3 police officers and a social welfare officer from Pattaya for a conference about anti human trafficking. The 2 day conference was a great time to make new connections, especially with other organisations in Cambodia. Hand to hand was openly congratulated by the police at the meeting for all that they had done to help with this problem. We are so thrilled to be having an influence in places where changes can be made.

Mayor of Pattaya

The mayor of Pattaya requested a meeting with hand to hand at the Pattaya city hall to discuss ways that the government can help facilitate the running of our programs. According to the social welfare officers, this is the first time that the mayor has requested a meeting such as this. It was a great time for casting vision and connecting with some business owners in the city.

Prayer Points

Land/building: We desperately need to move as our premises are becoming more dangerous with increased traffic.

Staff: Pray that our staff as they work hard to meet all of the ministry needs of the people that we serve. Times of rest and refreshing are needed.

Children: During the Thai school holidays many younger children are at risk of being bullied and hurt by older ones. Please pray for the protection of all our children.

Scholarships: As we review our year scholarship support please pray for wisdom about which children need to be supported in the next academic year beginning late April.

Sponsors: We need more sponsors for scholarship students.

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