



# HAND TO HAND FOUNDATION

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## May

### Play Around the World

Play Around the World is in town for the next 8 weeks and helping us at the Pre-School. They play games, sing songs and do craft activities in both Thai and English and the children absolutely love it! They have been a real blessing to us this month and our children have had a wonderful time participating in the activities.

### Scholarship

This month we've been very busy with our scholarship program and the great news is that we have found sponsors for ALL our children. We also have new children from different slum areas in Pattaya that now have the chance to go to school. The children have started school already and are getting back into their routine. They have received their initial payment to buy new uniforms and books for the beginning of term and then they will receive a monthly payment to cover the cost of transport and food. We will visit them at school each month and they also come to us on Saturday to attend our weekly 'Kids Club'. Thanks to all the sponsors for their generosity. If you have not received a photo and information about your sponsored child please contact us.

### Soul Music Night

The 7th Pattaya Soul Music Night was a great success with 65,000 baht being raised for the foundation! Our thanks go to Eva, Earl and all the sponsors who made this event possible.

### Sex, drugs and alcohol

Jemma worked with the principal and school counselor at the Garden International School to give a presentation to parents about drugs, sex and alcohol. This was very successful event and there was a lot of opportunity for parents to ask questions and discuss difficult topics that are impacting their child's life.

### Slum Runs

The slum runs are going great! We reach out to 31 families giving them food, time, love and prayer. Khun Sayun is a man in a nearby slum who has been completely bed ridden for months now and he was sent home from the hospital so he could be surrounded by his family before he dies. Since we have been visiting him we have seen his health improve and he can now move his arms, look around and he has even spoken a couple of words!

### Saturday Kids Club

At kids club on Saturday we have been talking about Jesus returning to Heaven and how He sent us the Holy Spirit to help us. We have explored ways that we can love God and others through crafts and discussions. This month we played a lot of new games and the children particularly enjoy this part of the program.

### Grandma Lek

Unfortunately grandma Lek passed away this month. This was a sad occasion for us as she was not only a person that we assisted in the slum but a beloved friend as well. She passed away peacefully at the Banglamung old aged home.

### Child Protection Policy

We have started to implement our own Hand to Hand child protection policy with the children at the center. We began by teaching the children ways to speak to others politely but firmly when they feel threatened or inappropriately touched. We discussed several situations where touch was appropriate or inappropriate and how to tell the difference between the two. The children illustrated trusted adults that they felt safe to tell if a situation did arise and these are on display in our room as a constant reminder. We also taught them about internet safety and how to stay safe online!

### Amy

Amy, one of the staff from Shannigans came on her birthday to bless our children with treats, snacks and lots and lots of love. The kids absolutely loved it and her kindness and gentleness attracted all the kids to her.

### Volunteers

Thanks again to the 2 Japanese volunteers who come in every month to weigh and measure our pre-schoolers. This allows us to maintain a regular check on their growth and development.

### Prayer points

- **For wisdom** as we provide protection for abused children.
- **For favour** as we develop the child protection policy campaign with Pattaya City Hall and ECPAT.
- **For Jemma** as she returns to Ireland for 5 weeks.
- **For our scholarship** as they settle into the schools.
- **For continued financial support.**
- **For health and strength** for all our staff and children.
- **The purchase of land or rental** of a more suitable premises.

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