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July

Play Around the World

The Play Around the World team has come to the end of their time with us at Hand to Hand. A great time was had by all over the 6 weeks that they worked with us and our children now have lots more favourite songs in English. A big thanks to this amazing team and we look forward to another team coming next year.

Pre School

This month we have been learning all about animals in different environments. We began by exploring the animals that live in the underwater world and we made many different sea creatures including painting a giant blue whale! We looked at the different animals that live in the jungle and explored how their environment was different to the sea creatures. Using our counting skills we learned about animals that have no legs, two legs and four legs. As we created these animals through art projects, we learned to cut, twist and tear paper in many different ways. This is very important to help make our muscles in our fingers strong so that we can learn to write.

Titan

Titan came to us through the 'Father Ray Foundation' as his mum who is mentally unstable was found wandering the streets and homeless. We helped to care for Titan whilst City Hall, Father Ray and Hand to Hand searched for their extended family. Amazingly we were able to do this using the small amount of information provided by the mum and they have a very wealthy family up country who want to love and care for them. A great success ending to a desperate situation!

Slum Ministry

The needs in this area continue to grow and we have several desperate single mums seeking help from Hand to Hand. We are currently looking for employment for these ladies and working with other ministries in the city to help provide for their needs. A team from the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok recently sent a research team to Pattaya. We helped to facilitate the gathering of data by showing them the different slum areas in Pattaya and identifying specific needs. Khun Sayun is an old man who has been very unwell in the slums for many years and living in very poor conditions. Recently we were able to help move him up country where he can be cared for by his family in a more comfortable environment with the support that he needs.

Goodbye Mandy

Mandy has been working with us for many years assisting with both the prison and slum ministries. She has returned to the US with her family and we pray that God will continue to bless them as they begin to walk in the next chapter of their lives. Thank you Mandy for all of your hard work and generosity.

Hospital Ministry

We continue to minister and serve the children at the local Banglamung hospital through the hospital ministry. This month there have been some very disturbing cases to deal with and your continued prayers are very much appreciated.

Prison Ministry

Jemma has been away on furlough this month and we have appreciated the help of many volunteers who have come from all over the world to help with this project. Margie and Pai were invited to a special dinner to celebrate the promotion of Major Gorsorn. He is now working in Bangkok in the division that deals with validating the identity of Thai citizens. This is a big blessing for us as we often have cases of identity that need to be proven and he has promised to continue to assist us in his new position. Pai and Margie went out to visit a lady the Nong Palai, long term detention center. She told us that two other ladies have also been incarcerated but the whereabouts of their children Looking and Duen, are unknown. These children attended our pre school last year and we are looking for them to ensure that they are safe.

Child safe Organisations

The start date for the 'Child safe Organisations' workshops will be the 20th and 21st of August at Pattaya City Hall. The mayor of Pattaya, who will come and open the meeting on the first day, has given his support for this project. ECPAT have generously provided the funding, which is the first of its kind in Thailand. The goal is to have every school in Pattaya write their own child protection policy which will help protect the children, staff and parents.

Volunteers

A big thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped us this month. We had three amazing teenagers: Anna, Nardine and Andy who helped with everything, from slums to prison to pre-school.

Prayer points

- **Pray** as we continue to look for land or a place to move to.
- **Cheap land** to buy.
- **For wisdom and guidance** as we deal with several sexual abuse cases.

GO BACK



- **For the Child Safe Organisations Campaign** as we begin to prepare for this big undertaking.
- **For health**, strength and wisdom for all our staff.
- **As we look for Looking and Duen.**

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