



Hand to Hand News

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PRISON CLEAN

With the help of the Irish team and a YWAM team, the Banglamung jail had a spring clean this month. Essential repairs were made and a new fan installed to help make the conditions a little more bearable for the men, women and children.



PATTAYA PRAISE

The 10th annual Pattaya Praise was a huge success and it was great to have our Hand to Hand children participating in this community event. Hand to Hand hosted the Dutch and Irish teams who assisted with the pre school, prisons and Saturday Crossing activities. Many strong relationships were made and we hope to see these teams again in 2014. Bey and The Crossing band played on main stage and were brilliant



PRE SCHOOL

This month we have been learning all about houses and looking at the many different types of houses around the world. We made some houses out of boxes and the Irish ladies helped us to make a cardboard cubby house that we could play in too.

A big thanks to the El Shaddai children who came to play with us and help us with our activities

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FAMILY CARE

A social welfare representative from the Pattaya City Hall called us to assist with a homeless mother who has recently given birth and lives on the beach. We went to visit her and the only shelter that she had was under the umbrella's of the beach vendors. The child's birth certificate will not be completed until the 4th of December and we have arranged accommodation for the mother and baby until this date. The plan is to encourage the mother to return to her family in the north east of Thailand.



CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS

Margie ran the third day of the Child Safe Schools project at Pattaya City Hall with teachers and administrators from all of the local public schools. Together we have begun to write a child protection policy that will be implemented into every school by May 2014. Our target date to finish the policy and present it to the Mayor of Pattaya City is March 2014.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

This month has been a very busy month with the opportunity to attend many local fairs to promote our work in the community. At the PILC, ISE and Regents Christmas Fairs we organized free face painting and colouring activities for children. It was also an opportunity to present the Christmas Giving Tree project, which is being supported by both Regents and ISE schools.



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THE CROSSING

On Saturday afternoon the children have been discovering God through looking at the many parables in the Bible. We made crafts for each of these so that they could remember to tell the stories to their friends and family too. We made up our own parables about what God is like and these were very interesting.

In December we will be learning all about Christmas and celebrating the birthday of Jesus!



NEW HOME

This month we have had several builders come and take a look at our new place. Unfortunately after some demolition of walls and ceiling, the dry rot and termite damage is very extensive. The cost of repairing this damage exceeds what we were expecting to spend on a rented building.

Duck square is very polluted and dangerous. In addition to this we are aware that in the near future, this building will be demolished to make way for new apartments. We are back to considering all options including looking for land so that we can build our own place that specifically meets our needs.



PRAYER POINTS

Suitable land or a new rented premises.

For baby Moman in his new care facility

For the staff as we minister in this busy season of Christmas.

For all the children we minister to, that they would experience God's love in a special way during this Christmas season.

For the Child Safe School project as we write the child protection policy for the schools in Pattaya.

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