



Hand to Hand News

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Monthly Newsletter

SLUMS



In January we worked with the Pattaya Sports Club to improve the living conditions of 3 families in the slum. Khun Yai has a new shelter just a few meters away from where she used to lay, however she now has a more permanent and comfortable shelter that protects her from sun and rain. Khun Sayan who is terminally ill with cancer was living in a slum dwelling that allowed only limited air circulation. By simply raising and extending his roof he is now able to rest in more comfort.



Khun Satay was living with his 2 grandchildren under a small red tarp. We have managed to build them a small room complete with an outdoor toilet.



All 3 of these families are so thankful for their new shelters which cost approximately \$1000 AUS for all 3 projects.

PRISON



We were so thankful for a group of Canadian volunteers who came to help clean the Banglamung prison in February. It not only made the prison look and smell better, getting rid of the dirt helps to improve the hygienic conditions as well.

Khun May has taken the responsibility of being the Thai leader for this area of ministry and she is doing an excellent job. Ray, Kevin and Allen have been assisting with foreign leadership of the team.

HOSPITAL

Recently we have had 2 babies abandoned by their mothers at the hospital. The good news is that the mums signed all the documentation and therefore their births are registered and they are not 'aliens' as the system would refer to them as! The bad news is they have no milk to drink, pampers, clothes etc. as they wait to be transferred to the orphanage in Bangkok. We have been ensuring that they have all that they need as well as sending along volunteers to just cuddle them.



HELLS ANGELS

The Hells Angels motor bike club very generously hosted a fight night for Hand to Hand and all of the proceeds have gone to Hand to Hand. We shared our blessing with 2 other ministries in town, which enabled them to feed their poor children for a month. Hells Angels have turned into Hand to Hand's guardian angels!



PRE SCHOOL



It has been a very busy couple of months at the Pre School and we have been learning more about our environment and growing plants. In January we hired a fully qualified Thai teacher to work at Hand to Hand. She is now responsible for all the planning and implementing of the lessons with the exception of Margie's English classes and Nikol's music classes. She is also training the other staff how to teach and the quality of our program has increased immensely.



CROSSING



This year we gave support to a Thai cheerleading team consisting of students from Pattaya School number 7. Their training and efforts have paid off as they went to the final round of schools out of all of Thailand.

During the Thai school holidays which begin in a few months this team will teach other youngsters who want to learn these skills. This is a new project to help promote health activities as an alternative to smoking, alcohol and drug taking.



MARGIE

Margie returned home to Australia for 3 ½ weeks for some much needed R and R and time with family. She also had an opportunity to meet with her leaders in Australia and receive some wise counsel. A big thanks to all those who prayed and those who ‘held the fort’ here in Thailand during this time.

JEMMA

In January Jemma decided not to return to Hand to Hand. We would like thank her for all her support and wish her the best for the future.

SCHOLARSHIP

Our scholarship students are getting close to the end of their academic year which means lots of exams and work to do. We will be enquiring if sponsors would like to continue their sponsorship and we will also have new children in need of scholarship. Most of these new children are current Hand to Hand pre schoolers who will be moving up to Grade 1 in ‘real’ school.

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for...

- our scholarship students as they finish this academic year.
- students in Pattaya City as they apply for limited places in the schools.
- land as we continue the desperate search for a safe place to call home for Hand to Hand.
- our 2 babies at the Banglamung hospital that they will be adopted quickly into loving homes.

PRAYER PARTNERS

We are seeking people who would like to prayer sponsor either our children or staff member. This requires absolutely no financial commitment, just a willingness to pray. If you would like to be a part of this please contact Margie at handtohandpattaya@yahoo.com

DONATE

If you would like to donate any amount big or small would be a great blessing. Please go to www.handtohandpattaya.com