



Hand to Hand News

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CHILD SAFE ORGANISATIONS

In collaboration with Pattaya City Hall social welfare, the administrators from the local schools and ECPAT we successfully completed developing a city wide Child Protection Policy. This has been an 8 month journey to identify issues related to the city and write a policy to help protect and safe guard children from abuses both within and outside the school. The completed policy was presented to the deputy mayor of Pattaya on the 24th, March who expressed his gratitude for the project. During 2014 Hand to Hand will work with the local the local government and schools to implement the policy.



The deputy mayor thanking everyone for their work.



Our core group of administrators.

Margie was invited to speak at the Regents International School where she helped to raise awareness of child trafficking and abuses in Pattaya to the staff.

PRISON

We are thankful to all of the volunteers who come to help us out at the prison. We are still looking for a foreign volunteer to help with this area of ministry Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings 9:00am till 11:00am.

HOSPITAL

We currently have 3 babies in the local Banglamung hospital who have been abandoned by their mothers. The children are waiting to be transferred to the state orphanage in Bangkok so that they can possibly be adopted by a family. To provide the essential nurture and care that is essential during this formative time, the ladies from the PILC are regularly visiting them to love, play and provide for their needs.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Khun Tam and Khun May attended a 3 day conference in Bangkok to learn what 'Play Therapy' is and how we can be using this technique to assist our abused children at the center. We have implemented some of these ideas already!

PRE SCHOOL

This month we have been busy learning about different types of communities. The children made their own 3D village using paper cut outs. We have 20 of our students moving onto 'big' Thai school which our largest number of graduating students. Every day we have had new children enrolling to take their place so our numbers will rise again quickly!



SCHOLARSHIP

It has been a very busy time with the end of the academic year for Thai school students. We visited the teacher of every student to obtain a report on the student's progress and if you are a sponsor you should have received a copy of your child's report. If you have not received this, please let us know ASAP. There are many students needing support for the 2014- 2015 academic year. If you are interested in sponsoring a child please visit our website to look at the portfolios of students that need your help.

SLUM UPDATE

Baby Fee Fah died from breathing difficulties at her home with her mum and dad. She was severely brain damaged due to complications at birth and required oxygen and suction machines to help her breathe. Hand to Hand assisted the family with the funeral expenses as they were unable to pay for these themselves. The breathing equipment which belongs to Hand to Hand has now been loaned to another child.

ICPN

Khun Pai and Margie travelled to Phnom Penh to attend the Regional South East Asian ICPN meeting. As the chairperson for Thailand Margie gave the country update to share the developments that have been made in child protection and share our goals for 2014! A big thanks to the Royal British Police who paid for our travel and stay at the luxurious Intercontinental Hotel. In the evenings it was hard to remember that we were on a work assignment and not on holidays!



BUILDING UPDATE

We are pressing forward with the purchase of the building for 5.5 million baht with only 78 000 baht more to raise (approx. \$2,700 AUS). A big thank you to all those who have contributed towards this place that will soon be our new home! We are working with the local government and current owner to obtain all of the building permits and legal documents before making the purchase.



SWIMMING FUN!

The children from Hand to Hand were invited to an afternoon of fun and ice-cream at the International School of Chonburi. A big thanks to the staff, parents and students for their generosity.



MACRO

Macro is a whole sale food store where we purchase most of our supplies for the slum and preschool. This month both the Rotary club and Pat Weir took us shopping for what we needed and paid the bill in full. What a blessing for us all.

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for...

- the sponsorship of all of our scholarship students.
- the finances, permits and documents for the purchase of our new building.
- our 3 babies at the Banglamung hospital that they will be adopted quickly into loving homes.
- the safety of our staff and students over the Thai new year break.
- the implementation phase of the child protection policy.

DONATE

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