

AIDS Care

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Hope & Action



Newsletter, December 2009

A Ministry to AIDS Victims in Northern Thailand

Around the World

6.000 reasons

- and each has a name
- and each has a face
- and each has a history

Today -

like every day

- 6.000 children will lose a parent to AIDS
- we have 6.000 reasons to care
- we have 6.000 reasons to offer hope

Help us to care and bring hope

Purpose:

- Support of AIDS children's schooling
- Help with acute need for clothing, food etc.
- Support of AIDS medicine
- Visitation in homes, hospitals etc.
- Advice and encouragement

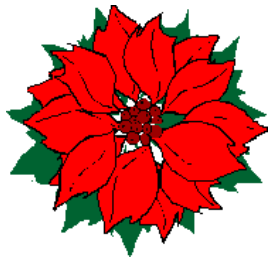
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In Denmark AIDS Care is a mission project from Bethania Church, Aalborg - a member of the Danish Evangelical Covenant Church.

In Thailand AIDS Care is a OMF Mekong related project.

AIDS Care cooperates with other organizations who has children and parents with AIDS as goal.



AIDS Care wishes all friends a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year



Thankyou for your prayers and support in 2009

AIDS Care Mae Hong Son



From left to right: Pi A, Sor (man), Yoo-ee and Toi, project leader of AIDS Care Mae Hong Son.



The Mae Hong Son province

In 2010 AIDS Care Mae Hong Son plans to support more children victimized by AIDS and raise the number of children supported from 25 to 40. Therefore the number of local volunteers will increase from one to four.

We expect another local volunteer to join the group during 2010.

Pi A – lives in Palaan (south of Mae Hong Son) and is a significant person in the community. Apart from the AIDS Care work, she is also involved in evangelisation in several villages in the area.

Yoo-ee – lives in Napajat and is active in the local church. She is responsible for AIDS Care's children in 3 villages.

Sor – is a church leader in the village of Tapsok. He is the first male volunteer in AIDS Care.

Gaew (missing in the photo) – lives in Pai and is going to extend the work of AIDS Care in that part of the Mae Hong Son province.

Please pray for these AIDS Care co-workers and for the extension of the work of AIDS Care during 2010.

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World AIDS Day

December 1, 2009

In connection with the World AIDS Day

The Brovst Church Center, the Bethania Church in Aalborg, the Vestermark Church in Grindsted and the Strandvejs Church in Humlebæk

focused on children victimized by AIDS in co-operation with AIDS Care. See the World AIDS Day prayer on the last page of this newsletter. Put it up – use it throughout the year.

*One can't help
all, but all can
help one.*

**The good news is
that we don't have
to give up hope.**

**God invites us to
join in sharing the
hope He offers in
the middle of the
AIDS crisis.**

*"Every time I look
into the eyes of a
person dying from
AIDS, I get the
feeling that it is Jesus
looking into mine."*

Mother Theresa

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Changes in Doi Law

From 1 December 2009 there will be some changes in the organisation of the work in Doi Law.

Doi Law was the place where AIDS Care's work started. Under the leadership of Ang, the first co-worker in AIDS Care, the work here has grown and been developed.

Ang who has been HIVpositive for many years, decided to stop working for AIDS Care from 1 December.

Many years of wearing work was beginning to take its toll on Ang.

For many years AIDS Care Doi Law has had two efficient local volunteers – Noi and Rodjana.

Both have been a great help and together with Ang they have developed the ministry in Doi Law to where it is today. Noi and Rodjana will for the time being take on the responsibility for the work in Doi Law.

They are going to do this in cooperation with On, the project leader of AIDS Care Chiang Mai, and pastor Bunsin, who teaches the teenagers in Doi Law every Saturday.

Furthermore we expect to intensify the cooperation with pastor Johan from the local church in the village of Huey Nam Khao in the Doi Law area.



From left: Noi and Rodjana

We are very grateful to Ang for all the work she has done over the years. Without her there would not be a ministry called AIDS Care.

AIDS Care will continue to support Ang economically with, among other things, her medical expenses.

Please pray for all those involved in the work in Doi Law. ■

Oy – decided to be baptised



From left: Ang og Oy

Oy lives with her grandmother and has been a part of AIDS Care in Doi Law for several years.

She has faithfully attended AIDS Care's gatherings at Saturdays.

But the last couple of Saturdays she has been absent, for Oy has started attending a preparation class for baptism at a local church.

Oy was baptised the day after this photo was taken.

Please pray for Oy. ■

*AIDS Care
brings the number
of children up to
115 in 2010*



A real life story

The story of Jaem, 11 years old, is heartbreaking. Her father died from AIDS when she was very young. A few years later her mother died from AIDS too.

Jaem came to a family in Doi Law who opened their home for her. No one in Jaem's family wanted her.

When Jaem's aunt discovered that AIDS Care supported Jaem with money for her schooling she changed her mind – and Jaem moved in with her aunt.

There was just a slight problem – the aunt was in charge of the local brothel, so AIDS Care's co-workers followed the situation closely.

When Jaem's aunt started to 'doll up' the 11-year old girl with lipstick and so on, putting her out with the other girls from the brothel, AIDS Care intervened.

The monthly support was no longer paid to the aunt, but was put in a bank account in Jaem's name.



But as it was no longer profitable for her, the aunt did not want Jaem anymore.

Fortunately, the family that Jaem earlier had lived with opened their home for her once more so now Jaem lives with them again.

Through AIDS Care Jaem has learned the importance of showing care for others.

So it is very touching to see Jaem looking after her stepsister when they together attend the gatherings at AIDS Care (photo).

Please pray for Jaem and her future. ■

Prayers

- Praise God for His faithfulness throughout 2009
- Praise God for the new local AIDS Care volunteers
- Pray for all the children and families being supported by AIDS Care
- Pray for all the new children AIDS Care will be supporting in 2010
- Pray for AIDS Care workers, volunteers, ministry leaders and the economy

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Pee Nam, one of the leaders in the church in the village Huey Nam Khao, has started as a local AIDS Care volunteer.

AIDS Care supports 8 children in this area of Doi Law. These children joins the church services and activities.

Thankyou for your prayers for Pee Nam. ■

News from the Board

At the board meeting on 7 November 2009 the following was decided:

1. In 2010 the number of children will be increased from 85 to 115 as follows:
 - Doi Law: from 50 to 55 children
 - Chiang Mai: from 10 to 20 children
 - Mae Hong Son: from 25 to 40 children.

More children will, furthermore, increase the need for more local volunteers.

The rise in the number of children will increase the need for more donations. The total budget for AIDS Care in 2010 will be approximately DKK 285,000 – an increase in 15% compared to the budget for 2009. We thank you for your continued financial support.

2. An overall stated objective for the vision and mission for AIDS Care in regard to collaborators, staff etc. will be formulated.
3. The rules for AIDS Care's disaster fond will be redefined.
4. We will try to increase the information and meeting activities in Denmark and abroad.

Please pray for the board and the daily management. ■

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World AIDS Day Prayer

by Peter Götz, Missionleader
The Danish Evangelical Covenant Church



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Dear God and Father

Thank you for the life you gave us.

Thank you for the dream you had – and still have for us.

Thank you for your love – and your wish for us to have a good life.

Nothing, Lord Jesus, gives us more hope than knowing you.

Nothing inspires us more to action than seeing how you acted when you met people in need.

As you did – you ask us to do.

As you loved – you ask us to love.

As you stopped by those nobody else stopped by – you ask us to stop.

As you took care of exposed people and outcasts – you ask us to take care.

Therefore we pray for those who today are threatened by HIV and AIDS.

We pray for those who already are ill and whose hopes have been shattered – help us to bring them new hope.

We pray for the children who have lost their father or mother or both – that our help may reach them.

We pray for the elderly who now have to look after their grandchildren because the parents of these children have died.

Forgive us, Lord, for our indifference to our neighbour and our prejudices towards those you love.

Help us, Lord Jesus, to pause as your good Samaritans and acknowledge the responsibility you have given us:

- towards the 1,150 children who today have been – or will be infected with HIV
- towards the 1,800 children who today have been – or will be born with HIV
- towards the 6,000 children who because of AIDS today have lost – or will lose a mother or father

Help us to do what you would have done.

Help us, Jesus – to be the church you had planned.

Help us to be your lights – and to bring light where it is dark.

Help us, Lord Jesus – to be present and considerate as you were and not turn our backs to the greatest humanitarian disaster in the history of the world.

Help us to bring hope to those with AIDS in the world – the hope which only you can give – hope for today, for tomorrow and for eternity.

Amen