

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 medicine, hospital etc.
- Visitation in homes, hospitals etc.
- Advice and encouragement

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# Merry Christmas

*With this wonderful picture from AIDS Care Doi Law we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Thank you for your prayers and support during this past year – and thank you that we may count on your support and prayers in the year to come.*

## At Last Gung Got Her Bathroom

Gung is six years old and has been a part of AIDS Care's program in Mae Hong Son for the last two years.

Both Gung's mother and father have died from AIDS so it is her 70-year-old grandmother who takes care of Gung.

Gung's older sister died from AIDS in 2007 – Gung herself is HIV positive. Gung and her grandmother are in a desperate situation and live in great poverty.

When her older sister died we tried to get Gung to live at Agape Home, but her grandmother would not allow it.

But the situation became so desperate for the grandmother that in 2008 she asked AIDS Care for help.

Gung and her grandmother did not have any kind of toilet or bathroom, and this year the neighbours started to complain.



*Gung in front of the new bathroom*

AIDS Care therefore decided to help Gung and her grandmother financially in order for them to have a toilet and bathroom build.

It is a primitive structure, but the problem has now been solved. Gung and her grandmother can now use the toilet and bathe in private.

Please pray for Gung and her grandmother. We fear that Gung does not get the medicine she needs. ■

*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*



*Hope & Action*

## Daeng Moo Thanks You for Your Prayers

In our last Newsletter from September we told you about Daeng Moo in Mae Hong Son and her situation. Her husband had left her for another woman and had now taken their son from her.

Daeng Moo asked for your prayers – and God has answered!

About a month after taking their son, the husband came back to Daeng Moo with the boy. It was after all too complicated for the husband and his new wife.

So now Daeng Moo and her son are happily reunited.

We thank you for your prayers for Daeng Moo. ■



*Daeng Moo and her son are now reunited.*

## AIDS Care Does Make a Difference

Gawk, to the left in the picture, really needs help and prayer.

Gawk's father has died from AIDS. When Gawk was about one year old his mother returned to the village in Mae Hong Son and left Gawk with some of her deceased husband's friends. She had work in Chiang Mai and promised to send money and come back for the son later.

Since that day no one has seen nor heard anything from her. All attempts to find her have been fruitless. She has probably died from AIDS.

The foster family is very poor, and after having a son of their own, money is scarce. Consequently AIDS Care supports Gawk and his foster family financially.

If AIDS Care did not help in this situation, the foster family would not be able to take care of Gawk and he would not be able to go to school.

The question is also what would have happened with Gawk. He is one of the many in Mae Hong Son who have no papers to prove that they even exist.

He has a photocopy of his birth certificate – but the authorities demand to see the original document.

Toi, AIDS Care's project leader in Mae Hong Son, has been in Chiang Mai in order to try to find the original birth certificate.



**Gawk**

**The foster mother with her own son**



*Two boys who are very fond of each other!*

But since Toi is neither related to Gawk nor responsible for him, her journey was in vain.

We will now try to arrange that the foster mother can go to Chiang Mai and get the documents.

Please pray for Gawk. ■

## Further education



Thanks to the profits from the sale of cards, angels, and bows, AIDS Care is now able to help these three girls in their further education.

*"The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread."*

Mother Theresa

*Hope & Action*

## Eleven-year-old Gibb



Gibb, 11, has been a part of AIDS Care's program for two years. She lives with her mother and father who both are HIV positive.

Her father works as a labourer and earns a little by pushing wagons with vegetables at the local market.

Her mother has had work at a factory as a Chandler. They are both on life-prolonging AIDS medicine, which they get from the local hospital.

For a long period Gibb suffered from fatigue and could hardly manage anything. She visited the local hospital several times, but the doctor said that there was nothing wrong with Gibb.

After a long time Gibb was finally admitted to the hospital in Chiang Mai. She spent a week there and had a lot of different tests.

Since Gibb's mother had to take care of Gibb at the hospital, she was unable to go to work.

The doctors found that Gibb suffers from enlarged heart. She is now on medication and has improved a lot.

AIDS Care has helped the family with the transport for all the trips to the hospital.

Please pray for Gibb and her situation. ■

## Seagame Had Her Little Sister

Seagame is 15 years old and has been a part of AIDS Care's program in Doi Law for several years.

He lives with his mother and father who both are HIV positive and on life-prolonging AIDS medicine from the local hospital.

Seagame's parents had no plans to have more children since they are HIV positive. So when his mother became pregnant they wanted her to have an abortion.

But Seagame protested, cried and wanted that his little sister or brother should be born. "I love her/him already," he told his parents.

Seagame's mother and father did not think that they could manage another child with all the extra financial burdens. But Seagame insisted and even offered to stop his education, so the parents could use those money to give this new child an education. And Seagame got his way – approximately two months ago Seagame had a little sister – and Seagame is so happy.

AIDS care will now try to support the family so Seagame can get his education and in this way help with the economy. *Our workers in Doi Law ask you to pray for the following things:*

- that Seagame's little sister will not turn out to be HIV positive. She is not being breastfed because the disease can be transmitted through the mother's milk.



*Seagame's mother (right) together with the local AIDS Care volunteer and the new baby-girl*



*Seagame - 15 years*

- the family's financial situation. The mother cannot work since she has to take care of the baby.
- the mother's health, which is not good, and she does not have much strength.
- Seagame's education. He is having extra classes every Saturday.
- a new place to live. The local government has bought the property where they live. They need now to find a new property where they can build a home.

Please pray for Seagame and we thank you for your support to him and his family. ■

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



# Problems for Families in Chiang Mai



In one of the areas of Chiang Mai where AIDS Care is active some problems have arisen.

On their way to town or to school the families have for many years been able to make a shortcut across an empty property.

Now the property owner has forbidden them to cross his property and has built a wall to keep the families and the children out.

This means that the children and their families now have to cross through a boggy and damp area in order to get to school and to town.



Especially during the rainy season this creates big problems for the children and the old people. The families have contacted the local authorities, but there is nothing to be done since it is a private property.

Please pray for this situation. Pray that some solution to the problem will be found. ■

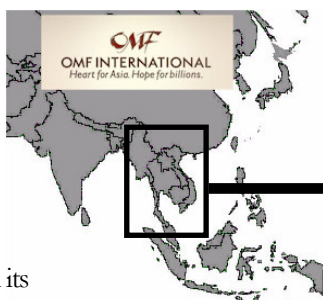
## Prayers

- Praise God that Daeng Moo is reunited with her son.
- Praise God for the difference AIDS Care makes in peoples lives.
- Pray for Seagame's family, for Gibb and for the problems in Chiang Mai
- Pray for the AIDS Care Christmas parties and for the cooperation with OMF
- Pray for AIDS Care workers, volunteers and ministry leaders and the economy

# AIDS Care – New Great Possibilities

Send your donation to your local OMF Office. Mark the donation #L84133, Mekong Field

Through an agreement with OMF International \*, the AIDS Care ministry from now on will be an integrated part of the OMF International ministries in the Mekong region.



AIDS Care will maintain its identity and continue to focus on North Thailand. AIDS Care's Vision and Mission and working method will, wherever possible, be integrated in the different ministry projects among the unreached people groups in the Mekong Region.

This co-operation opens up entirely new possibilities and challenges for AIDS Care's work in the whole of the Mekong Region in the years to come.

Please pray for this exciting new development. ■



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