

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



Pastor Num with a group of children in front of a tree in bloom

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

The ministry is based on individual donations

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AIDS Care is a OMF International project in partnership with the Bethania Church, Aalborg, Denmark - a member of the Evangelical Covenant Churches Fellowship.



a Light for Thailand Foundation Ministry.

In February every year there is a big flower festival/parade in Chiang Mai.

The festival draws several thousand people from all over Thailand and it is a magnificent event with fantastic and imaginative decorations, parades etc.

This year the children in Doi Law wanted AIDS Care to arrange a trip to Chiang Mai so they could see all the beautiful flowers and creative decorations.

On Saturday 5 February children and adults boarded the cars and all headed towards Chiang Mai.

It was a good and exciting day for all involved. ■



Orchids in all the colours of the rainbow



AIDS Care children surrounded by flowers



One of the amazingly decorated floats in the parade

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

Camp for the Children in Doi Law and Chiang Mai

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

New DVD



a 4 min. DVD from the ministry in Mae Hong Son (in english)
See it on www.aids-care.dk/english or ask for a free copy.

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48 teenagers from Doi Law and Chiang Mai participated in the camp together with leaders and helpers

The schools in Thailand close down for the summer during the month of April which is one of the hottest months in Thailand.

A donation from Holland made it possible to arrange a three-day camp for the children from Doi Law and Chiang Mai.

AIDS Care had managed to rent rooms at a summer resort in Mae Dang, north of Chiang Mai.

The theme for the camp was "Self-esteem – to be a teenager in Thailand". Children and teenagers who have experienced the consequences of the curse of AIDS often have big problems with self-esteem and self-confidence.

Most of the children have lost both their parents to AIDS.

This year we had a lot of help from Pastor Johan, who has a big heart for AIDS victims. He is pastor in a church in the outskirts of Doi Law. Some of AIDS Care's children attend his church.

He and Pastor Num, who is AIDS Care's regular teacher, were in charge of the different seminars.

Each day was full of singing, worship, prayer, games and contests.

AIDS Care's workers and volunteers had a very busy time with all the preparations for the camp. ■



A nearby canal was a great substitute for a swimming pool



To keep the expenses low AIDS Care volunteers cooked all the food for the camp.

Further education



Thanks to the profits from the sale of cards, angels, AIDS Care will in 2011 support 11 children in their further education.

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

Mother Theresa

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Worries Before Camp

Many of the children were worried for the future and for their grandparents – 80% of the children have lost both their parents and live with their grandparents.

As the first thing at the camp we let the children draw or write their worries on a piece of paper. Some of them shared their worries with the whole group.

Later, all the worries were put in a box and we prayed over these worries. Now the camp could start – the worries were now placed in God's hand. ■



Card Production Supports Further Education

Having reorganized the production of cards AIDS Care has decided to support as much as 11 children in their further education.

During this month we will pick out the children who need support to get the education they want.

Please pray for the group of workers who have to make this evaluation.

The more cards we can sell, the more children we can help getting a higher education.

By selling 20 cards we can support one child's education for approximately one month.

Furthermore, an HIV positive mother or grandmother will be able to earn a full day's wages by producing 20 cards. ■

(To buy cards, send an e-mail to jolinda@aidscare.dk)



Some of the children who apply for support for an higher education

Card Production in Chiang Mai

The card production, which until now has been only at Doi Law, has now been extended to AIDS Care in Chiang Mai.

Vilai, who is HIV positive, is being trained to produce cards for AIDS Care. This gives her an opportunity to earn money for the family's expenses. ■



*AIDS Care
brings the number
of children and
families up to 126*



New Children in Mae Sai

AIDS Care Mae Sai has added two new children to the project.



Awm together with her Grandmother

Awm - 10 years

Awm's mother and father moved from the Shan-state in Burma to Thailand before Awm was born. Both died of AIDS when Awm was 6 years old.

Awm now lives with her 65 year old grandmother, who earns a living by peeling garlic.

For 3 kilos of peeled garlic the grandmother earns 65 Bath (DKK 12). That is all the money she has for her and her grandchild.

The grandmother, Awm and an older brother live in a house together with nine other family members.

Awm is of good health and is doing fine in school. Her HIV status is unknown, but the family thinks that her parents contracted HIV after Awm was born.

Thii - 3 years

The family has moved from Burma to Mae Sai in Thailand. Thii has an older sister who is 18 and works in Bangkok.

Thii attends kindergarten because both her parents work as labourers at different construction sites.

Last year Thii's father was involved in a work accident where he broke his leg. The leg was not put properly together and is now shorter than the other one.

The family is very poor and earns barely enough to provide for themselves.

In 2010 AIDS Care helped Thii's father pay his hospital bill for the treatment after the accident.

Thank you for your prayer and support for the new children in AIDS Care Mae Sai. ■



Thii with his mother and father

Prayers

- Thank God for a great camp with no accidents and mishaps
- Thank God that it was financially possible to arrange a camp in 2011.
- Pray for God's help to the children who are worried for the future
- Pray for AIDS Care's new children in Mae Sai
- Pray for AIDS Care workers, volunteers and ministry leaders and the economy

New Challenges

AIDS Care constantly meets new challenges – but with them come new opportunities to help even more AIDS afflicted children and their families.

Most recently a Thai couple has contacted us with a wish to start an AIDS Care project in Chiang Dao – an area about 50 kilometres north of Chiang Mai.

The plan is to start this new project by the end of 2011.

Please pray for the decisions that need to be made in relation to this. ■

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