

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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a Light for Thailand Foundation Ministry.

## I have a dream

*Martin Luther King*

In the AIDS Care Newsletter from November 2005 we took this famous quote as our starting point in describing our dream: *"To see a church of children and adults who on their own body have experienced the curse of AIDS, but who also have experienced Jesus and his all-embracing care, love and forgiveness."*

This dream is now starting being fulfilled. More and more people – children as well as adults – receive the hope that Jesus gives. *Hope for today, hope for tomorrow and hope for eternity.*

We see an example in the province of Mae Hong Son where AIDS Care has been working among the Shan people since 2007.

The two fastest growing Shan churches in this area are churches that are involved in the AIDS Care ministry.

## and that is just the beginning ...

Through the newly formed co-operation with OMF's missionary field in Southeast Asia (the Mekong field) AIDS Care is now part of a missionary organisation that can contribute to make this dream become reality.

Through OMF AIDS Care will be strengthened in all areas. A local management team of AIDS Care Thailand will be established during 2011.

Mekong field in Southeast Asia



**I have a dream...**  
This sentence came to us while we were visiting Thailand, October 17-30, 2005.

One of the most famous speeches in this century was Dr. Martin Luther King's speech on August, 28 1963 for the rights for

*I have a dream...*  
That one day, we will see a church full of people (children and adults), who in their own life has experienced the curse of AIDS, but also have experienced Jesus Christ and His love, concern and forgiveness.

Part of the Newsletter, November 2005

Previously, the Shan have been very resistant to the Gospel, but we now see a different break through. God is using the AIDS Care ministry to pave the way for the Gospel.

AIDS Care in Denmark will still be involved in the development in Thailand, but the leadership and the day-to-day management will take place in Thailand under the Mekong Field leadership.

In the years to come we will see a "two-stringed" development of the AIDS Care ministry.

1. A continued development and expansion of the AIDS Care ministry in Thailand.

2. An integration of AIDS Care in a number of Mekong church planting projects in the region.

What started 10 years ago as a spontaneous reaction to the hardship of two children victimized by AIDS has developed into the current help to 126 children and their families.

The dream now is that AIDS Care – perhaps within the next five to ten years – will be helping 1000 children victimized by AIDS, and their families.

We thank you for your continued prayer and support – it is needed more than ever.

*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*

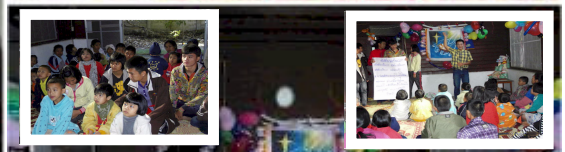


*Hope & Action*

## Doi Law Christmas



## Chiang Mai Christmas



*Happy, attentive faces tell about the successful Christmas parties, where everybody had a wonderful day.*

## AIDS Care Christmas Parties, 2010

As usual, Christmas was celebrated in a blaze of glory at all of AIDS Care's fields of work.

All was done to celebrate Jesus' birthday. A lot of planning and preparation had gone before the actual celebration. Imagine having to wrap several hundred Christmas presents – and the wrapping didn't lack any Thai creativity.

There were a lot of games and contests, singing and music, and the Gospel for Christmas Day was preached. For many in the audience this may have been the first time they heard the Gospel about the birth of Jesus.



At several parties parts of the Bible were enacted in a present-day version.

The Gospel was preached in a language that the audience could understand, and the children were active in their participation.

## 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*

## Seminar i Doi Law

**"It is easy to bend a branch while it is still young – but to bend it when it is old is difficult"** (An old Thai proverb)



*Parents and grandparents, victimized by AIDS, at the seminar*

AIDS Care in Doi Law has until now worked among children and teenagers but is now experiencing a development where the adults also are beginning to come into focus.

When AIDS Care started 10 years ago, the children were still children. Now, 10 years later, they have become teenagers.

This is giving the adults who have the daily care of the children some quite new challenges and problems

So AIDS Care invited them to a seminar titled *"How do we understand our teenagers better?"*

We were very excited to see how many would turn up. We had hoped for 20 participants – 40 came! That is 80% of the adults with children in AIDS Care.

AIDS Care's project leader in Mae Sai, Chalor Roberts, was invited to teach. Here are some of the things Chalor taught at the seminar:

"In Proverbs 22:6 the Bible says: Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

"We as the adults must be good examples for our children. If we want them to speak politely to us, we must speak politely to them.

"We must show them love. We must see the good things they do, and not just the bad things. We should not just love them when we are happy, but also when we are angry.

"If there is no love in the family, the children will start looking for love the wrong places – internet cafés, karaoke bars, etc.

"If our children experience love in their homes, they will be better equipped to choose the right boy-friend or girlfriend and their right lifecompanion.

"We must teach our children about when is 'the right time' to find a boyfriend or a girlfriend.

"We must stand firm during their teenage years. Do not compare your child to other children. Let us give them love, even if it is sometimes difficult.

"Let us have hope for the future of our teenagers' and do not create strife and anger."

After Chalor's teaching the participants were divided into five groups to work with a series of questions that Chalor had made.

Many had a sudden discovery that they were not the only ones with these problems

The result of the day was very, very encouraging, and we intend to arrange more seminars for the adults.

Please pray for this. ■



*Participants at the seminar listening*

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



## AIDS Care in Mae Sai



*Chalor hands over the gift from AIDS Care.*

An HIV positive father of a child in Mae Sai had a work related accident with his leg

His leg has been fixed with some bolts of metal and he cannot walk on that leg until it has healed, so until then he is unable to work.

Through AIDS Care's Emergency Fund we were able to help the family with money for food and daily necessities.

Please pray for this family. ■



*Min and her grandfather*

### Min - 16 years old

Min is 16 years old and has been part of AIDS Care's program in Doi Law for several years.

Min's mother died of AIDS and Min now lives with her grandparents.

A couple of weeks ago Min's grandfather fell ill and was admitted to several different hospitals in the area. He is now back home again.

Min's grandmother is very worried over the situation as they have no possibility for finding work. Therefore they have very little money for the time being.

Min's father's family provides no help at all and the grandparents' own two children are both dead now.

Please pray for this family. Pray that Min's grandfather may be well again so he can start working. ■

### Prayers

- Praise God that many heard the Gospel of Jesus' birth.
- Praise God for the great endeavours done by AIDS Care's workers.
- Pray for Min, Chokchai and their families.
- Pray for AIDS Care joining up with OMF and the leadership transition to Thailand
- Pray for AIDS Care workers, volunteers and ministry leaders and the economy

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### Chokchai - 15 years old

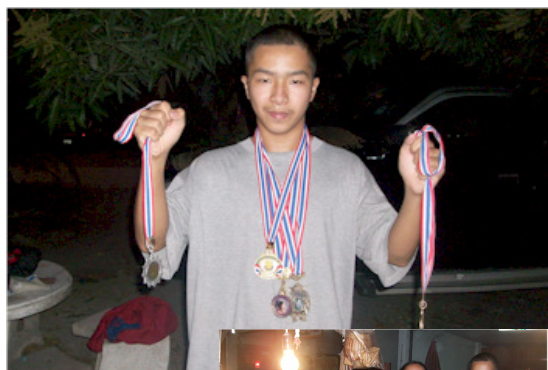
Chokchai has been part of the AIDS Care program for some years.

He lives with his mother and aunt who have their own 'restaurant' close to a university in Chiang Mai.

When Chokchai comes home from school, he has to help his mother making deliveries to all who has ordered food. It is several trips on his motorbike.

Chokchai is very good at sports. He is a particularly good runner, both on long and short distances. For this he has won several medals.

He has represented his school many times in different sport competitions, which has led to his acceptance at a technical university without having to pass any extra entrance examinations.



*Chokchai with his medals*



*Chokchai and his mother*

It is his hope one day to be good enough to be chosen to represent Thailand in track running.

Please pray for Chokchai. ■

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