

AIDS Care



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A Ministry to AIDS Victims in Northern Thailand

HIV/AIDS

Statistics:

Number of HIV-infected

33.2 mill.

Number of people under age of 25 who is infected each minute:

4

Number of seconds between each new HIV-infectiob:

7.5 sekunder

Number of cgildres infected with HIV each day:

1.150

Number of people who die each day of AIDS:

7.950

Help us changing the statistics.

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

The ministry is based on individual donations

Send your donation to your local OMF Office. Mark the donation #302500, Mekong Office or donate through the AIDS Care web-site www.aids-care.dk

In Denmark AIDS Care is a mission project from ZION Church, Brovst - 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

Visiting AIDS Care in Thailand

September 19 we boarded the plane in Copenhagen bound for Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Due to different circumstances 1 1/2 year had gone since we last visited AIDS Care - Mogens had not been in Chiang Mai for 2 1/2 year. So full of excitement and expectations we found our seats and took off.

With us we had two very big bags of LEGO donated by LEGO Charity and Thai Airways had given us permission to some extra kilos too.

The trip went as planned, even we had some difficulties in custom in Chiang Mai.

The custom wanted to see 'the big bags' and what was in them (LEGO). Fortunately Ang was in the airport to pick us up and by help of her AIDS Care registration card we went through without paying any duty or tax.

A couple of days later we were in the airport again. This time to pickup two of AIDS Care's Danish board members. The were going to join us seeing the AIDS Care ministry and work in Doi Law and Mae Hong Son.

Doi Law

Wonderful to see all the children again. To see many of the 'old kids' whom we had know since the ministry started in 2000 was a good experience.

It suddenly appeared to us, that they no longer were children, but teenagers 14-18 years old. They still came faithful joining the fellowship and helped out in different ways.

The fellowship was another thing we noticed. Here were 40-50 kids, who in

different ways were victimized by AIDS. But they had a good time together playing, laughing, singing and praying - it was just so good to see.

The fellowship was so good, that one of the teenage-boys, now going in school in Chiang Mai, every Saturday took the 45 km trip to Doi Law to be a part of the fellowship.

Mae Hong Son

In Mae Hong Son the AIDS Care ministry has another structure than in Doi Law.

A small SHAN-church are involved in the AIDS Care ministry which is concentrated out in the small mountain villages, spread over a large geographical area.

It was a wonderful experience to join this little church in their Sunday-worship service and afterwards driving out to different home in the surrounding mountains where AIDS Care is supporting children.

It was heartbreaking to see how poor these families were and to see the very difficult conditions they and the children were living under.

So poor, so much need - we cannot even imagine.

We are so grateful to God - and to all that supports the ministry - that we are allowed to be a part of the AIDS Care ministry.

A fight and battle for the rejected, for the poor - for the AIDS victims. ■



Children and workers in Doi Law.



A poor grandmother with her AIDS-sick grandchild in Mae Hong Son

AIDS Care now supports 62 children in northern Thailand



AIDS Care at schools in Doi Law

AIDS Care is planning education about AIDS in 17 schools in Doi Law.

Together with the local volunteers in Doi Law, AIDS Care is planning a massive information campaign in the Doi Law schools.

There are a total of 17 schools in the area, and AIDS Care will visit the oldest classes on each school, to inform about AIDS etc.

This way, AIDS Care will reach over 500 students in the teenage age in the area.

The background for this is, that Doi Law is 1st on the list, when it comes to new HIV-infected young people age 15-24 in the Chiang Mai area.

The initiative will be running start of 2009.

Thankyou for your prayers and support for this important initiative. ■



Pictures from different schools

Prayers

- Praise God for a positive development in AIDS Care
- Praise God for good workers and volunteers
- Pray for the AIDS Care initiative on schools in Doi Law
- Pray for wisdom to help the many AIDS victims
- Pray for AIDS Care workers, volunteers and ministry leaders

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One cannot help all - but all can help one!

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Lots of CLIKITS from LEGO Charity to Thailand

Before we left we received a lot of different CLIKITS from LEGO Charity.

All the wonderful LEGO gives AIDS Care a possibility to stimulate the childrens creativity - even they are sick and at the hospital.

And CLIKITS will be very welcome on the AIDS Care camps in Doi Law, planned for children this November.

Thankyou to LEGO for the gift and to Thai Airways for the extra kilo's. ■



Inger Lise and AIDS Care's workers in Chiang Mai looking at the CLIKITS gift.

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Pictures
from
Mae Hong Son

On
Homevisitation

Mae Hong Son

AIDS Care supports 14
children victimized by
AIDS in Mae Hong
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Toi - our AIDS Care worker in Mae Hong Son together with her husband Lee outside the Napajat church



A mother with AIDS together with her son and the grandmother. The husband is working in Bangkok and comes home 1 time a year.



Toi together with a grandmother and her HIV-positive grandchild. The parents has died of AIDS. An older sister to the little boy dies of AIDS last year. The help from AIDS Care are vital for this little family.



9-year old Awm has lost both her parents to AIDS. She now lives with her grandmother and disabled uncle in this hut. Awm herself is HIV-positiv.

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AIDS Care supports 48 children victimized by AIDS in Doi Law.



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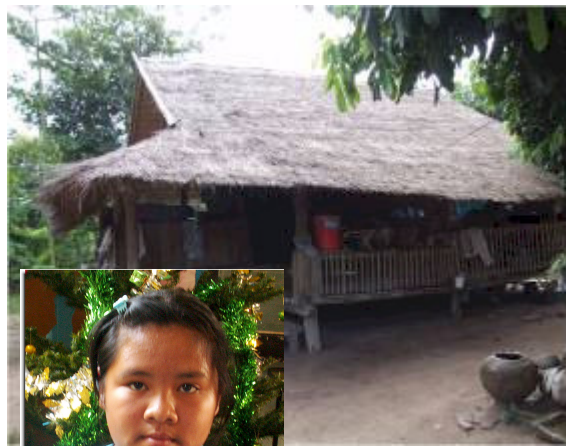
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Ang - AIDS Care worker in Chiang Mai/Doi Law



During our visit a new office were established in the AIDS Care house in Chiang Mai.



A poor home for one of AIDS Care's children in Doi Law. The father has died of AIDS and the mother is struggling to survive. The support from AIDS Care to the child's schooling is important. The roof on the house is leaking when it rains. It should be renewed - but there are no money left to do it.



A 90-year old woman is helping to earn money to the families living. Her grand-grandchild's schooling is supported by AIDS Care. The old woman is making elements for a roof by weaving dried grass. She is paid 8 cents per element but then she has to pay for the material herself.