

# AIDS Care

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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**

## World AIDS Day

Since 1988, 1 December has been appointed as World AIDS Day.



The Bethania Church, Aalborg has chosen this day to mark its involvement in the AIDS ministry.

Its focus will be "Hope" – *hope for today, hope for tomorrow – and hope for eternity.* Hope for all the children who have lost a parent because of AIDS.

All members of the congregation and all the congregations from the Danish Evangelical Covenant Church in North Jutland as well as all churches in Aalborg will be invited to participate. ■



### 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 #L84133, Mekong Office or donate through the AIDS Care web-site [www.aids-care.dk](http://www.aids-care.dk)

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



## AIDS Care i Chiang Mai

The ministry in Chiang Mai has had a fine start.

Together with the AIDS department of the local authority we pick the children and families who are in most need of our help.

On the last Saturday of each month, we gather the children for a day of songs, games and Sunday school and we hand out the school fees for the month.

For these gatherings the local authority has free of charge provided us with a room.

Please pray for this new AIDS Care ministry. ■

*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*



We thank The Jubilee Fund of the Co-workers of Lego who has supported the start-up in Chiang Mai with Dkr. 27,500.

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## New teacher in Doi Law

Awn is 14 years old and has been supported by AIDS Care since 2005.

She has now become one of the children who help with the English classes.

Both Awn's parents have died of AIDS and she lives with her grandparents.

We now have four AIDS Care children helping with the English classes in Doi Law.

## The Children in Doi Law said Goodbye

At the end of June, after having been volunteers for three months, it was time for Anna and Lea to say goodbye to the children in Doi Law.

In spite of the language and culture barriers Anna and Lea's work has been a joy to all.

From AIDS Care we offer our heartfelt thanks to Anna and Lea for your work.

We wish you God's blessings for your future.

*Lea and Anna together with Ang, projectleader in Doi Law*



*All the children in Doi Law together with Anna and Lea*

## Pi – a boy of 14

Pi's father died many years ago. Right after the death of his father, Pi lived with his mother and her mother. His mother worked in Chiang Mai. She left early in the morning and returned home late at night.

Later on his mother lived at her work and came only home to visit once a week. Sometimes only once a month.

For the last four years his mother has not been home nor has she sent any money.

The grandmother took care of Pi, but now she is old and weak and unable to work.

Pi's other grandmother has full blown AIDS and her own old mother lives with her. This grandmother is often hospitalized.



So Pi has to look after three old women (both of his grandmothers and his great-grandmother) and go to school at the same time.

Every morning Pi helps his maternal grandmother before going to the hospital to care for his other grandmother.

On his way to and from the hospital he visits his great-grandmother and cares for her.

Because of her AIDS the grandmother is often hospitalized for several days.

Last time the grandmother was admitted to the hospital Pi prayed to God asking Him to help the grandmother so she could come home from the hospital.

Three days later the grandmother was discharged and Pi thanks the Lord for His answer to his prayer.

*AIDS Care  
brings the number  
of children up to 85  
in 2009*



# 15 schools and 446 students

During August AIDS Care went out to 15 schools in the Doi Law area to teach about AIDS.

Apart from AIDS Care's workers and volunteers also the local doctor, who is the AIDS responsible doctor in the area, took part in the teaching.

The teacher at the school was also participating and will follow up on the instructions.

The background for the lectures is that over 90 percent of all new AIDS patients have been infected through sexual activity.

At the same time the Doi Law area has one of the highest percentages of new HIV patients among young people under the age of 25 in the whole Chiang Mai province.



*Teaching in one of the Schools*

All students were also informed about the work of AIDS Care and got a pamphlet about Christianity.

AIDS Care provided the planning, organized the materials, various snacks for the students and paid all expenses.

## Prayers

- Praise God for the opportunities we had at the schools
- Praise God for the positive development of the ministry in Chiang Mai
- Pray for all those afflicted with AIDS
- Pray for all the new children being supported by AIDS Care
- Pray for AIDS Care workers, volunteers, ministry leaders and the economy



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*A photo collage from the lessons at the schools*

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# WORLD AIDS Day

1. December 2009



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Use this day for prayer and reflection

- Pray for 33 million people living with HIV/AIDS
- Pray for 14 million orphans
- Pray for all who have lost a loved one to AIDS
- Pray for organizations and churches that works among AIDS victims