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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

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

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

Daeng Moo

Daeng Moo in Mae Hong Son needs your prayer. A couple of years ago her husband left her and moved in with a new 'wife'.

Daeng Moo was now alone with her son who is seven years old today and the only one to provide for him.

AIDS Care helped Daeng Moo two years ago when she was in hospital and her son became a part of the AIDS Care project.

Daeng Moo became a Christian and was baptized in December 2009. In January 2010 she started as a local AIDS Care volunteer in her own area.

A month ago her husband came and picked up the boy to bring him home to his new 'wife'. Daeng Moo has now lost the son whom she lived and breathed for and she is heartbroken.

Please pray for Daeng Moo. ■



Daeng Moo and her son



Mae Sai Is Off to a Fine Start

AIDS Care in Mae Sai started in June 2010 and it has been a fine start.

Kaen, our local AIDS Care volunteer, visits the homes of the five children every week to keep contact with both the children and their families.

Three of the children attend Chalor Robert's Bible Club and other activities.

Two of the children, together with their grandmother in the little photo, have Sunday school in their home.

They have big problems with skin diseases from not getting the correct medication. They are both HIV positive.

The doctor has now changed their medicine and we hope that that will solve the problems, so they will be able to attend the joint activities.

The neighbours of these children asked Chalor what she was doing, and they responded very positively to Chalor's explanation. Chalor is now getting some material on AIDS in Thai and Shan.

This material will be given to the friends and families of these children to explain that they do not need to fear people with AIDS.

We thank you for your prayer and support of the work in Mae Sai. ■



Chalor reads Bible stories to the children



The two girls with their grandmother.

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



Maja Wants to Make a Difference

In February, Maja, 12, was with her mother and father, her brother and sister and grandparents in Thailand for three weeks.

It was an exciting trip. One of the things that made a great impression on her was to visit AIDS Care and meet some of the children and families that are receiving help from AIDS Care.

The circumstances under which these children have to live made a big impression on Maja.

When she returned home she decided that she would make a difference. During the next few months she put away 10 percent of her allowance.

"I have chosen to give the money to AIDS Care because I have seen with my own eyes how some of these children live. When I got a 'cow bank' I decided that I would place it on my desk and put money in it. That way I am being reminded that I save up for a good purpose," Maja explains.

In September there was a local market in her home town. Maja and her mother had a stand at the square in the pedestrian area.

Maja had a lot of toys, dolls etc. to sell and her big sister, Line, also donated some toys to



Maja afleverer sin gave til AIDS Care
the stand. The money from the sale was to go to AIDS Care too.

It was a proud and happy Maja who was able to hand AIDS Care her gift of DKK 461*.)

Thanks to Maja for her will to 'make a difference'.

*) Enough to cover all expenses for one child for almost two months

New Cards and New Designs



Jolinda teaches one of the mothers the new card designs

AIDS Care's card project, which among other things supports higher education for three girls at universities in Chiang Mai, is now introducing a series of cards with new designs.

Jolinda Van Dorp, AIDS Care's Dutch co-worker, has designed the new cards, and production of them is well under its way.

We hope to be able to have the new cards ready before Christmas – so if you need some simple and meaningful poignant presents for Christmas, this might be an idea.



Mothers and grandmothers busy with the production – and the result is a useful day's wages.

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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

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Some of the New Designs



- By buying some of these cards you will be
- helping AIDS-inflicted mothers/grandmothers make some money
 - helping some AIDS-inflicted children get a higher education.



Price:
US\$ 3.50 a piece

All cards are handmade, made of handmade Thai Sa-paper and come with an envelope.

Nong Pi – a Great Talent

Nong Pi, 18, has been supported by AIDS Care for about two years.

When Nong Pi's father died of AIDS 14 years ago, life became unbearable for Nong Pi's mother. Shortly afterwards the mother killed herself by drinking poison.

At an age of four, Nong Pi became an orphan. Luckily she had a grandmother who took her in. The grandmother is now 82 and can no longer help Nong Pi financially.

But Nong Pi is a strong girl. She suffers a lot from being allergic to pollen and she often has to go to the hospital for treatment.

On her days off Nong Pi often takes extra classes in school and she tries to find different jobs in order to help her grandmother financially.

Nong Pi has a very special gift: She is very clever at painting and drawing. She is so talented that she has won several drawing competitions – both locally and nationally.

She has even received an award from one of the Thai princesses. This talent she uses to earn some extra money by drawing people.

On Mother's Day Nong Pi gave AIDS Care a framed picture that now hangs on the AIDS Care office in Chiang Mai.

Nong Pi thanks AIDS Care for the support AIDS Care has given her, and she is determined to continue her studies.



Above: Nong Pi with the painting she has given to AIDS Care. Next to her is Naung On, the AIDS Care project leader in Doi Law



Small picture: An example on Nong Pi's artistic talent

Every Sunday Nong Pi attends the service in the local church with pastor Johan.

We thank you for your prayer and support for Nong Pi.

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



A Collage from Doi Law



Blessing of the birthday child



Teaching



Games and competitions



Singing

Often one picture says more than a thousand words – so here are *‘several thousand words’*.

We hope that you will join us in rejoicing over these wonderful children and youngsters whom we together are allowed to help. ■



Happy faces

Prayers

- Praise God for a good start in Mae Sai.
- Praise God for all helpers and co-workers in Thailand.
- Pray for Daeng Moo in Mae Hong Son.
- Pray for all the activities in AIDS Care during the coming months.
- Pray for AIDS Care's workers, volunteers and ministry leaders and the economy

New Teachers in Doi Law

For the last two years Pastor Bunsin from Chiang Mai has been helping out with the teaching in AIDS Care Doi Law.

Due to a growing work load in his own church Pastor Bunsin has been forced to stop teaching in Doi Law.

A small church from one of Doi Law's neighbouring villages has now become an active part of AIDS Care's work. Every Saturday a team of three youths comes and helps out with teaching, singing and music.

We are very grateful to Pastor Bunsin for all the help he has given us and look forward to a good and fruitful cooperation with the new team.

Some of the members of the team are also joining project leader Naung On on her house visits in order to get to know the children's families.

Plans are being made to start study groups for both teenagers and adults in Doi Law at a later time.



Teamet som hjælper i Doi Law

It is our hope and joy that AIDS Care's work in the future might be the foundation for the establishment of a church in Doi Law.

Please pray for the team. ■

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Will you help us help?

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