



## AIDS Seminar for Children and Adults

*Gods word, education and information - important steps in the fight against AIDS.*

In October we had a seminar for AIDS victims. The seminar was arranged by CCT's (Church of Christ) Thailand's AIDS ministry. AIDS Care and CCT co-operates about seminars and training.

In total 80 adults and children participated in the seminar which ran over 2 days in the San Kham Paeng area in Chiang Mai.

Widowed mothers/fathers, grandmothers and children participated - all victims to AIDS one or another way.

AIDS Care had invited 13 children and 8 adults from the Doi Law area to the seminar. AIDS Care took care of all expenses and arranged the transportation from Doi Law to Chiang Mai (appr. 45 km).



### **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
- Reach out with Gods Love and Care

The ministry is based on individual donations

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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 goal.

At the start of the seminar all participants were presented and then some told their story. Stories about AIDS, family, death, health, problems and the challenges they now face.

They had bible lessons, education about health, about taking care of people dying of AIDS and information about how you can get AIDS.

There were discussions in small groups and each one could share their story, problems and challenges.

As always there were much music and

singing, games for the children etc. All grandparents and parents received a beautiful red rose as a reminder about giving love and care and supporting each other.

The children got the question: "What do you want to pray to God about?"

Some of the children answered: "I want to get my mother back (she had passed away already).

Another said: "I will pray that my dad must continue to be strong and healthy (the father already have signs of AIDS).

*Thankyou for your support - it makes it possible for us to help this way too!*

## We wish you all a Merry Christmas

AIDS Care celebrated Christmas in Doi Law start of December. You will hear more about the Christmas celebration in the next newsletter.

We (Inger Lise and Mogens) has now been back in Denmark for 6 months now and we have slowly settled down. We Praise the Lord for His provision and blessings since our return.

We rejoice that the AIDS Care ministry

continues and expands. We are in a very close contact with Ang through e-mail so our thai language are still very active.

Thank you for your prayers and support in the year that has gone - and thank you that we may count on you in the coming year. There are still many children in Doi Law that needs help.

Thank you for a good Christmas- and New Years gift.

# AIDS Care supports more children

In the last couple of months AIDS Care has increased the number of children and families we support. End of 2003 every month we support 26 childrens schooling and their families and more is on the 'waiting list'. Here is stories for some of the new children.



**Name:** Nathawuth Thamachai - boy  
**Born:** 07.10. 1992

**HIV-status:** HIV-negative

The parents died for 7 and 5 years ago. Nathawuth lives now with his 70 year old grandmother and 76 year old grandfather. Nathawut has an 14 year old sister, but no one knows where she is.

Nathawuth helps his grandmother with the daily work at home. The grandfather tries to support the family by making baskets for rice. AIDS Care supports Nathawuths schooling and support the family now and then with food etc.

**Name:** Thofan Gunja - girl  
**Born:** 20.09.1992  
**HIV-status:** unknown

Thofan is the only child. Her father died 6 years ago and her mother has AIDS. Now and then, when her health permits and the possibility is there, the mother earns some money by making paper flowers at a factory close to.

The mother does not want Thofan tested for AIDS. AIDS Care supports Thofan's

schooling and supports with food etc. now and then.

**Name:** Wilaywan Chaijasuk - boy  
**Born:** ?  
**HIV-status:** unknown

Wilaywan is appr. 6 years old and lives with his 37 year old father. The father is HIV-positive and his health is not good at present. He loses a lot in weight and has sig problems with his eyesight.

To support the family financially he is peeling garlic. Now and then the family is supported by Wilaywans aunt. AIDS Care supports Wilaywans schooling and supports with food etc.

**Name:** Benchamat Duangkhamdeeng - girl  
**Born:** 17.03.1992  
**HIV-status:** HIV-negative

Benchamat's father died 3 years ago. Her mother is HIV-positive and earns appr. 4 US\$ a day by peeling garlic and helps in the local health clinic twice a month.

Benchamat and her mother lives close to their family. AIDS Care supports Benchamat's schooling

*Your support helps us to help these children.*

## Prayer Points

- Pray for all the new children and their families
- Pray for the AIDS Care workers
- Pray for Ang and her ministry
- Pray for a new AIDS Care worker
- Pray for all the people with AIDS we are in contact with



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**One cannot help all  
- but all can help  
one!**



*Aids-Care children together in play, sunday school and fellowship*

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