

AIDS Care Children Won “The X Factor”

On 10 September 2011 the local hospital had arranged a competition like 'X Factor' in Doi Law. It was called 'To Be Number 1'

AIDS Care had several children participating. Competitions were being held for both soloists and groups.

Some of AIDS Care's adult volunteers were involved in both the planning and the organisation of the event.

It was a big day for some of the children. Two of AIDS Care's children each had a team on the stage. They did so well in their categories that both teams won first prize.



AIDS Care children at the local X-Faktor



Wishing all a Merry Christmas

Thank you for your prayers and support throughout the year 2011

Thank you for your Christmas present to the AIDS Care ministry.

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

The ministry is based on individual donations

Send your donation to your local OMF Office. Mark the donation P84040

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a Light for Thailand Foundation Ministry.

Flooding in Chiang Mai

It has probably not gone unnoticed that Thailand this year has been suffering from the worst flooding in many, many years.

In September the situation was very critical in the Chiang Mai area where many people suffered from the flooding. Several of the families AIDS Care supports in Chiang Mai were affected.

AIDS Care's own house was also threatened, but fortunately the water stopped rising just in time – just a few more centimetres and we would have had water in the house.

We would like to thank all of you who receive our prayer-mail, and who prayed that the water would not rise and flood the office.

Unfortunately OMF's Mekong Centre did not have the same luck. The underground garage was completely filled with water.

Please pray for all those families that have been affected by the flooding.

If you would like to support some of those who have been affected, then mark your gift 'Flooding'.



Entrance to the AIDS Care office.



Underground garage

Mekong Center

Photo from the flooding in Chiang Mai

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

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Naung Pat Needs Your Prayer

Nong Pat is thirteen years old. Her mother and father both died from AIDS several years ago.

Unfortunately, her mother transmitted the HIV virus to Nong Pat so she gets life prolonging medicine.

Nong Pat lives with her aunt together with other family members. To save money they all share a studio apartment.

The aunt tries to earn a living as masseur (traditional Thai massage), but money is often scarce.

Nong Pat will finish 6th grade next year and continue with 7th grade, but on a school that lies further away from her home.

This will increase the expenses for transport to Nong Pat's school and the school money will also rise.



Nong Pat's aunt cannot see how she is going to manage the increased expenses.

Please pray for Nong Pat and her family's financial situation. ■

AIDS Care's Leadership Team in Thailand

On 1 October 2011 the new leader team for AIDS Care Thailand took over the responsibility for the work in Thailand.

Inger Lise and Mogens K. Pedersen have since its start in 2001 performed this task, but now the time had come to pass the torch on and secure the future for AIDS Care.

Andrew Goodman is an OMF missionary from England with 17 years of experience in North Thailand.

Andrew has worked together with AIDS Care for many years and was the promoter for AIDS Care, Mae Hong Son in 2007.

Andrew has been released from some of his other responsibilities in OMF in order to use a great deal of his time on AIDS Care.

Monika Wunderli is an OMF missionary from Switzerland with more than 20 years of experience in North Thailand.

Monika has been involved in AIDS Care since 2003 when Inger Lise and Mogens returned to Denmark, and she has been their 'right-hand' woman in Thailand.

Monika's responsibility will mostly be human resource management and she will have the spiritual care for all of AIDS Care's workers and volunteers.

Jolinda van Dorp is an OMF missionary from Holland, also with more than 20 years of experience in Thailand.

Jolinda's responsibility is the AIDS Care handicraft project (the card production) and she



Andrew Goodman



Monika Wunderli



Jolinda van Dorp

is responsible for the weekly prayer meetings at the AIDS Care office, translation task etc.

Together, Andrew, Monika and Jolinda will form the leadership team that is to lead AIDS care into a new and exciting future in cooperation with Mekong/OMF international.

Back in Denmark, Inger Lise and Mogens will still be involved as advisors and take care of various jobs in connection with economy, handicraft, card designs and information.

Please pray for this new and exciting development and for the new leadership team. ■

Further education



Thanks to the profits from the sale of handcraft, AIDS Care is now able to help 11 children 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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A Strengthening of the AIDS Care Organisation

With AIDS Care's increased activities and the opening of new work fields it has been necessary to strengthen the organisation.

Especially within the whole area involving AIDS medicine and education and information about AIDS we have found it necessary to be continually updated.

As a result AIDS Care has from November 1 employed Rodjana part-time. Since 2003, Rodjana has been a volunteer in AIDS Care Doi Law.

For many years Rodjana has also been an AIDS volunteer at the local hospital and been part of the team that the hospital sends out to HIV infected people in order to advise and counsel them about medicine and the disease.

Rodjana is also a highly respected AIDS volunteer in the Chiang Mai province, and through the local government she attends courses and seminars about AIDS which the Thai government arranges.

Rodjana uses a great deal of her time to go around and visit different groups of HIV infected people in order to teach, counsel etc.

It has been AIDS Care's wish to attach Rodjana more strongly to AIDS Care's work. That is why she has been employed on a part-



time basis to make sure that all of AIDS Care's workers and volunteers have the latest information about AIDS, and to be in charge of teaching and AIDS-education.

Through Rodjana and her visiting team AIDS Care will be able to get in touch with a lot of adults and children whom we otherwise never would have been in contact with.

Rodjana continues as a volunteer in AIDS Care Doi Law as well as a volunteer for the local hospital and thereby the provincial government.

Please pray for Rodjana and her new ministry in AIDS Care. ■

(This new ministry has been named 'AIDS Care Outreach'.)

Music School in Doi Law

In the autumn of 2011 AIDS Care has started a music school in Doi Law.

Some of the young men there wanted to learn to play the guitar, so AIDS Care invested in some guitars.

Pastor Num took up the challenge and is now teaching these young men to play.

Some of them have already had their 'baptism of fire' by playing to the worship songs at AIDS Care's Saturday gatherings.

We believe that this new initiative will extend to other instruments as well in the years to come.

Please pray for this new initiative. Thank you for your support. ■



Pastor Num with some of the music school students



Gwang and two up-coming 'music stars'

AIDS Care brings the number of children and families up to 130 in 2011



Prayer Changes Things
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Are you on Facebook?

Enter www.facebook.com/aids-care (non-profit) and press 'Like'. Then you will automatically get AIDS Care news on your Facebook page. (will be in english too later) ■

Have you signed up for the AIDS Care's monthly prayer e-mail?

Send your e-mail to: prayer@aids-care.net and you will kept up-to-date with current prayer requests. ■



Naung Gift

Naung Gift is 17 year old girl. She has been a part of the AIDS Care program for seven years.

Her mother and father have both died from AIDS, so she is living with her grandparents.. Naung Gift was born with a birthmark that covers almost half of her face.

At the moment AIDS Care is investigating with doc-tors and clinics if there is anything to be done to remove the birthmark.

Please pray for AIDS Care's workers that they will have the wisdom to know how best to help Naung Gift.

Please also pray that there will be some who will be willing to help with the costs for a potential treatment. ■

Prayers

- Praise God for the new music school in Doi Law.
- Pray for AIDS Care Outreach, Rodjana, Naung Gift and Naung Pat .
- Pray for the new AIDS Care Thailand leadership team
- Pray for the upcoming Christmas celebrations.
- Pray for AIDS Care workers, volunteers and ministry leaders and the economy

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Vestermarkschurch joins AIDS Care



In October 2011 the Vestermarkschurch in Grindsted, Denmark decided to actively join the work of AIDS Care.

Through many years there has been a well-established working relationship between AIDS Care and the Vestermarkschurch.

As a result, AIDS Care will now be on the church budget for 2012. This cooperation also results in Vestermarkschurch being represented on the danish AIDS Care's board.

The chairman of the Vestermarkschurch, Marien van Beest, writes:

We are very happy and thankful that we from the Vestermarkschurch now actively can be a part of AIDS Care. We wish for God's blessings upon all who are part of the AIDS Care ministry.

AIDS Care's affiliation with the Bethania Church in Aalborg remains unchanged with the Bethania Church having the primary responsibility for AIDS Care's work.

Please pray for this strengthening of AIDS Care in Denmark. ■

A Dutch Volunteer

Monique is 21 years old and comes from Holland. She is a trained teacher, and for two months during the autumn she has helped with the English classes in Doi Law.

We thank Monique for her work. ■



Monique (at the back in a red blouse) with some of her students.