

AIDS Care



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A Ministry to AIDS Victims in Northern Thailand

South/South-East Asia

Up to 50% of all new HIV-infected are between 15 and 24 years.

Therefore education about AIDS protection and biblical principles for sexual life are important elements in changing the development of AIDS.

Help us 'to turn the tide'

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

A Vicious Circle of Vulnerability

In 2010 is it projected that the number of AIDS orphans, who have lost one or both parents, will reach 25 million.

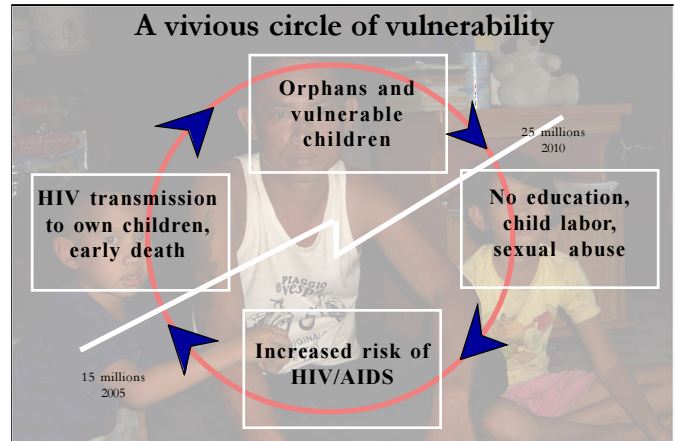
In 2005 the same figure was 15 million orphans. It is a tragedy of enormous dimensions and it puts a tremendous strain of the traditional family safety net and community structures.

Children and youth are proportionally the most affected by the AIDS epidemic. More than 50% of all new infections occur among youth and children.

Many children and young people are effected by the epidemic by being orphaned or by having to care for sick parents. They do not only lose parents and family. They lose their childhood.

Every minute of every day, a child under the age of 15 becomes infected with HIV. Children under 15 accounts for one in six AIDS related deaths worldwide.

The crises is a vicious circle of vulnerability. Orphans and vulnerable children have a much higher risk of being infected.



Source: Danish Church Aid

One of the most chilling pieces of statistical evidence is that only 3 to 5 per cent of orphans receive any intervention or assistance from the state.

There is therefore a need for much more private initiative in order to help these orphaned and vulnerable children.

In spite of a better treatment of HIV and increased possibilities for medicine, the number of AIDS orphaned children is projected to increase to 25 million at the end of year 2010.

We all have a responsibility for changing the epidemic and protect the million of orphaned children victimized by AIDS. ■

AIDS Care increases the number of children

On the last AIDS Care board meeting in March it was decided to increase the number of children that AIDS Care supports.

In Doi Law we increase with 5 children and in Mae Hong Son we increase with 10 children. This means, that AIDS Care at the end of 2008 will support 70 children and their families.

Support for higher education

AIDS Care's card-project have been a big success.

By help of the card-project we now are able to support 3 girls further education.

The 3 girls, all from Doi Law, have throughout several years been unpaid volunteers for AIDS Care, and we have decided to acknowledge their help and assistance in Sunday school and English teaching.



The 3 girls together with 2 volunteers

For a higher education cost for books, transportation, clothes, camps etc. are a cost that many families with AIDS cannot afford.

One of the girls had originally decided to stop her education due to these costs, but because of the high sale of the gift-cards we are now able to help her and the two other girls to get their education. ■

Thankyou for helping us in 2008 in the battle against AIDS



Baptism in Mae Hong Son



Tham is baptised in the river

In December Tham, one of the AIDS Care children, was baptised. Tham has gone through the church's baptism classes and is now an active member of the youth work in the Napajat Church in the Mae Hong Son area.

In Huay Salop (a small mountain village in the Mae Hong Son area) we are in contact with a family, who needs help.

Kung (3 year) and Sai (10 year) lost their youngest sister to AIDS last year. Their parents have already died of AIDS.

Kung and Sai's old grandmother is now the only one left to take care of the children. Pray for Kung, Sai and their grandmother.

Pray also for AIDS Care that we must find a worker who can help our project leader Toi in the increased ministry in the Mae Hong Son area.

Thankyou for your prayers and support. ■



From the Mae Hong Son area

Prayers

- Praise God for Tham and the Church in Napajat
- Praise God for faithful friends and supporters
- Pray for the many children victimized by AIDS
- Pray that many more will get involved in helping these children
- Pray for AIDS Care workers, volunteers and ministry leaders

2 more children news



In the January newsletter we asked for prayer for a girl who had lost her mother due to AIDS. The girl was not welcome in her stepfathers family.

We have now found a solution. The girl has moved into the schools boarding-house. The family to her real father has also been found. They are now helping our financially.

Thankyou for your prayers for this girl. ■

From the work in Doi Law



Every Saturday 40-50 children are joining our Sunday school and English classes.



Thankyou for your prayers and support to these children. ■

Remember to buy cards and angels.

...and through this supporting childrens education



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One cannot help all - but all can help one!

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