

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 medicine, hospital etc.
- Visitation in homes, hospitals etc.
- Advice and encouragement

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Chiang Mai



*AIDS Care workers, volunteers and helpers*

10 years ago this autumn AIDS Care was established. Naturally, this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary ought to be celebrated while Inger Lise and Mogens Koch Pedersen were in Thailand.

On Monday, 19 August, all AIDS Care's workers, volunteers and helpers were invited to a big gathering and an anniversary party in Chiang Mai.

All in all 23 workers, volunteers and helpers from Doi Law, Chiang Mai, Mae Hong Song and Mae Sai were gathered. Unfortunately, four volunteers were unable to attend.

### Anniversary Celebration in Denmark

On Tuesday, 4 October 2011, at 7 p.m. Bethania Church in Aalborg celebrates AIDS Care's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It is to be a café-like evening where a small Thai speciality will be served with the coffee. Among other things there will be an exiting presentation of the 10 years that have passed, and new information about the ministry

Everyone is welcome to attend—admission is free



*Mogens and Andrew Goodman tells the AIDS Care's story*

It was a fantastic day. We were able to share the joy over all the years that have passed, share the challenges we face and our great expectations for the future.

And together we could praise and thank the Lord for His faithfulness.

This was the first time when all who are involved in AIDS Care were gathered together, and it was a huge success. Contacts were made; experiences were shared across the different work fields of AIDS Care.

So it has been decided that we want to hold an AIDS Care Reunion every year.

*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*

# AIDS Awareness in Schools

Again this year, the locals in Doi Law have asked AIDS Care to visit 16 schools in order to teach the future teenagers about AIDS.

Again this year it has been a big challenge and so far it has been a success. Only a few schools remain and then the tour will be over.

At the end we will have reached approximately 500 students with important knowledge about AIDS.

In one of the schools we talked with the principal and the teacher in charge of the class.

Both emphasized the importance of the teaching that AIDS Care gives and urged us to repeat it as often as possible.

Among other things they told us that our teaching was important not just in relation to knowledge of AIDS, but also in its impact on reducing or removing the fear for people with AIDS.

The lecture takes three hours and end with a short introduction to Christianity.



*Lectures at schools in Doi Law*

AIDS Care arranges the tour together with the local hospital, doctors and schools.

# AIDS Care Chiang Dao

In October 2011, AIDS Care is starting up in Chiang Dao, approximately 90 km north of Chiang Mai.

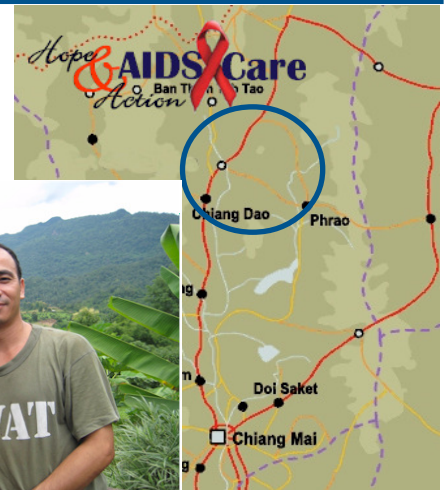
The district of Chiang Dao has many villages and a population of about 16,000 people and is part of the Chiang Mai province.

Many mountain tribes live in villages in the mountains of Chiang Dao. In many ways the area is less developed than many other parts of Northern Thailand.

Dom and Puu have had a call from God to start AIDS Care in this area.

During these past years Do has worked as a volunteer in AIDS Care Chiang Mai and has graduated from the University of Chiang Mai as a kindergarten teacher.

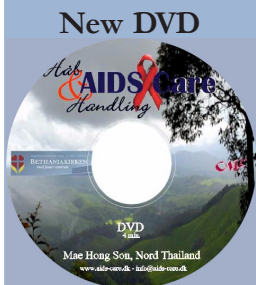
Puu was born in Chiang Dao and has grown up there. He is a journalist and a writer and has received a lot of recognition for his writings. Puu is also a talented photographer.



*Dom (left) and Puu - leaders of AIDS Care Chiang Dao*

Dom and Puu will start AIDS Care Chiang Dao in October.

We thank you for your support and prayers for the work in Chiang Dao and for Dom and Puu.



a 4 min. DVD from the ministry in Mae Hong Son (in english)  
See it on [www.aids-care.net](http://www.aids-care.net) or ask for a free copy.



## Further education



Thanks to the profits from the sale of cards, angels etc. AIDS Care will in 2011 support 11 children in their further education.

*"The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread."*

*Mother Theresa*

*Hope & Action*

## Somchai's legacy

Previously, we have told of Somchai from Mae Hong Son. He was a little five-year-old boy who went home to Jesus in the spring

Tung Magok is a small village in the mountains of Mae Hong Son. A village with few guests and no tourists. A collection of primitive houses made of tree or bamboo 46 km south of Mae Hong Son is home for Shan and Karen families.

There is one family with some interest in Jesus, but apparently with a greater interest in alcohol. Not a typical place to start if you have plans for a church.

Somchai's life was short. His mother died from AIDS and had transmitted it to Somchai. In spite of the ARV medicine (life-prolonging medicine), he had full blown AIDS when AIDS Care started to help him.

Unpleasant wounds and lot of pain told of the advance of the AIDS disease. What could we do?

Somchai lived with his grandparents who were the only ones to care for him. To take care of a child who is sick with AIDS is very demanding, and we offered that Somchai could come to a Christian orphanage for children with AIDS and then return to his grandmother when he was better. But she would not allow it.

AIDS Care's workers taught Somchai to pray to Jesus when the pains became too much.

Somchai was often at the hospital in Mae Hong Son and when his life drew to an end you could hear Somchai calling: "Jesus, come and help me, Jesus!"



Somchai died ... for what?

Somchai's faith lived on. Three months later Lu, Somchai's father became a Christian.

Now he has moved to another Shan village, Huay Nam Pong, where there are no other Christians.

Because of Somchai's faith in Jesus, people in these to villages have seen a very practical testimony of the love of Jesus.

This has become fertile soil for friendship, relations and possibilities for sharing the gospel in the villages of Tung Magok and Huay Nam Pong in the province of Mae Hong Son in Northern Thailand.

Please pray that the workers of AIDS Care in the different work fields may be able to bring forth God's love to people with AIDS and bring *hope for today, tomorrow and for eternity.*



*Vilai's daughter by her mother's coffin*

*One of the last photos we have of Vilai.*

## Funeral in Chiang Mai

In our last newsletter we told about Vilai who had started producing cards for AIDS Care.

Unfortunately Vilai's time was shorter than we had expected. On Saturday, 13 August, Vilai died at the hospital after a few days' illness. AIDS Care attended the funeral the following Tuesday.

Vilai's fifteen-year-old daughter, Cake, whom AIDS Care is helping, now lives with her grandmother and aunt. Her father is in prison right now.

Please pray for Vilai's daughter, Cake, and her family. Please pray also for AIDS Care's workers who now have to help her in this difficult time of her life.

**AIDS Care**  
brings the number  
of children and  
families up to 126



*Prayer Changes Things*

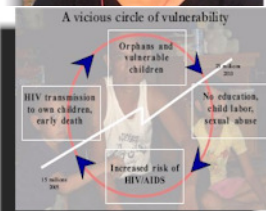
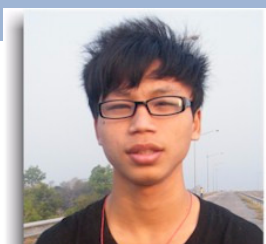
[prayer@aims-care.net](mailto:prayer@aims-care.net)

AIDS Care is now introducing a monthly prayer e-mail. We know that prayers can change lives and situations.

We want to give as many people as possible the opportunity to participate in the prayer ministry by praying for specific

topics. The prayer topics will be sent out by e-mail to all who are interested.

If you send your e-mail address to [prayer@aims-care.net](mailto:prayer@aims-care.net), you will receive these topics on a regular basis. ■



*The vicious circle has been broken for Sam*

## Prayer

*Sam is 18 years old. He and his younger sister live with their mother who is HIV-positive. Sam has been part of the AIDS Care program for ten years and faithfully attends our gatherings.*

*AIDS Care is supporting Sam in his further education – right now he is studying agronomy. As a part of that education Sam has passed a test that gives him the opportunity to travel to Israel in September for further studies.*

*Sam will travel with 39 other students from all parts of Thailand. They are going to stay in Israel for 12 months. The stay there will increase his chances for getting a good job when he finishes his education.*

*Sam knows very well that soon he will be the one who has to support the family and take care of his younger sister's education.*

*Please pray for Sam that he may do well during the stay and that he may maintain his faith in Jesus Christ. ■*

## Prayers

- Thank God for 10 fantastic years with AIDS Care
- Thank God for good relations to schools and local authorities.
- Pray for Vilai's daughter and her family
- Pray for AIDS Care's new ministry in Chiang Dao
- Pray for AIDS Care workers, volunteers and ministry leaders and the economy

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## Rebekka Helps Children



My name is Rebekka Johansen and I am 15 years old.

I like to paint all kinds of pictures and I use a great part of my spare time doing that.

During the summer we went to the summer conference for The Evangelical Covenant Churches in Denmark and of course I brought my painting things with me.

I made two pictures that I sold on an auction. The money I got from the pictures I donated to AIDS Care. I got 94 Euro for one picture and 115 Euro for the other.

Personally, I have been in Thailand and met some of the children who will benefit from this money, and I hope that by donating the money I will be able to make a difference.

I think that if we all can give a little and thereby help a lot of people then we ought to do it.

Don't they need help more than we need expensive televisions and wild computers? ■



*"When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you; when you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown...."*  
Isaiah 43:2

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