



# HOPE FOR THE NATIONS FOUNDATION THAILAND

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## HOUSE OF NEW HOPE



Well this year has started out as busy as ever. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:08 A.M., Amu had a baby girl!!! Rob took Amu and Du (our House Mother) to the hospital around 11:45 P.M. on Friday night and less than 2 hours later Mother & baby were in their room. Mong Guut is a beautiful little girl, weighing in at 3kg, and both she and Amu are doing really well. Amu is determined to be the best Mother that she can and takes very good care of her little girl.



Amu & Mong Guut

In January we also had a new staff member join HFTN Foundation Thailand. We would like to introduce you to Sumalee (nickname Lee). Lee graduated from Payap University in Chiang Mai and holds a degree in Theology. She is our new Program Administrator and is helping to mentor the girls in Biblical truths and leads the daily devotions & weekly Bible Study. She also works with Rob, helping to sort out all the ID registrations, health cards for the babies and all other important Government documents. Rob & Lee also work together enrolling the girls in continued education, Vocational Training and job placement. Lee lives at the House of New Hope and helps Du look after the girls and the babies.



Sumalee

We continue to be blessed by Du and her ability to love these girls as she patiently teaches them in parenting and relational issues. Some days are very hard, as all of the girls are broken and hurting, but she is so committed to the process. She also helps to take care of the babies during the day as well as translates all of our documents and manuals from Thai to English or vice versa. She oversees the health care for all the girls and babies, makes all appointments and accompanies them to all hospital and Dr. visits. Please pray for Du and Lee that they will not grow weary in well doing. We are truly blessed to have such awesome staff!!

In the last week we have had 2 phone calls asking us if we have space for 2 new girls. Son is 17 years old and is 3 months pregnant. Aae is 21 years old and is 5 months pregnant. Both these young ladies are in domestically violent homes and need your prayers for strength to leave these situations.

## PROGRAMS

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Buey & Dee Dee also started to work part time at a local restaurant in January. They are both working at Bake & Bite, which is a breakfast and lunch restaurant. Rob had approached the owner last year to discuss our plans for the House of New Hope and asked if she would be willing to partner with us in our work experience program. We received a call from her at the beginning of January to say that she was opening a new location and wanted to interview some of the girls from our program. They were both hired and are doing really well, and are enjoying the opportunity to improve their English as Bake & Bite caters mostly to a foreign crowd!



**Dee Dee working at Bake & Bite**

### SEWING PROGRAM

We will be starting a sewing program in March. Maryann will be joining us from Kelowna and will be here for 3 months. Maryann has been a friend of Evie's for many years and is an amazing seamstress. She will head up the sewing department and some of the girls will learn to make some baby clothes. As part of the program, they will also learn how to make some items for export to North America such as purses, bedding sets, cushion covers, table runners and more. It won't be long and we will have these items up for sale.

## VOLUNTEERS

We recently had a YWAM team here volunteering in February. The men from the group helped to paint the outside of the House of New Hope, giving the house a fresher, cleaner look. The women came to our home and helped teach the girls baking as well as watch the babies so the girls could have some fun. I think they really enjoyed just having the fellowship the most! The women from the team returned this past week to help with the babies in the morning and visit with the girls. All the girls were treated to a manicure and pedicure before the team left. I know the girls were all blessed by the YWAM Seattle Team.

If you've thought about missions and wondered if there was something you could do we have an opportunity for you. We need a full time ESL Teacher. We would like to be able to offer classes in English to the girls in our program as well as make it available to other residential programs in Chiang Mai. If this is something you feel led to do than please contact us directly to begin the volunteer process.

## VISITORS



**Bill & MaryLee visiting with Amu & Mong Guut**

We've always been very fortunate to have many visitors since moving to Thailand and 2007 is no exception. Evie's Mom & Dad came last November and stayed through Christmas. They then headed to Cambodia for the month of January to visit Ev's brother Danny and his wife Jessica. February saw them return to Chiang Mai for 3 weeks before heading back to Canada. Dan & Jessica also visited over the Christmas holidays.

We also had visitors in from Colorado Springs USA, Winnipeg & Victoria Canada and London England to learn more about HFTN Foundation Thailand and how they might be able to partner with us. We are very excited as we continue to move forward.

Our Country Director for HFTN International and good friend Stephanie Mallen has also been visiting with us. She is always such a blessing and encouragement to be around. We'll miss her when she returns to Canada at the beginning of March!

## THE PAYNES

Evie continues to be busy at the House of New Hope as she helps to teach the girls how to care for their babies, and instructs them on basic health and nutrition. She is also preparing manuals in English and Thai that will help to readily provide information on Nutrition, Baby Care, Emergency and Health Care, Pre-natal Care and Parenting. Much of the material is available in English but we want to make sure that what they are reading is correct so Evie is summarizing everything for Du to translate. Evie also spends time with the girls on an individual basis as they learn to properly breastfeed and care for their infants

Rob also has a full plate coordinating volunteers and meeting with individuals who are interested in partnering with us and sharing our vision. He continues to handle all the legal procedures, and has learned many of the ways of Thailand so that we can do much of the work ourselves now. He is working on micro-enterprise ventures and is also investigating purchasing land so that we can eventually build a facility adapted to the ministry we have here in Chiang Mai. Plans to open a bakery in June are under way.

Solomon, Trinity and Jonah really enjoyed having their grandparents staying with us. Solomon is quite an avid sports fan, and enjoys soccer, basketball and swimming. He often says he wants to eat healthy so he can be big and strong like his Dad. He equates healthy food with food that doesn't taste good, and sometimes turns down treats because they are full of sugar.

Trinity is a typical little girl and likes to "help" Mom in the kitchen. She is catching on quickly at school, and can even spell her last name, even though it is backwards. She has decided she likes to do hair now, and experiments on Mom's hair, which is just a little bit painful.



Trinity, Jonah, Solomon, Rob & Evie

Jonah had his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday in February, and we had a birthday party for him with 3 families that have children close to his age. He is still working on having actual "friends" as he likes to just putz about on his own. For his party we all went to the pool and then came back for cake and presents, but the birthday boy fell asleep before we could light the candles. He woke just up in time to open his presents. He has his priorities! He likes planes A LOT and helicopters and is showing some interest in dinosaurs.

## PRAISE REPORT

- We have had someone commit to sending the funds for Solomon to attend Chiang Mai International School in August
- All the costs involved with Amu's pregnancy, birth and aftercare were covered
- We have had someone commit to covering the costs involved with the delivery of Ming's baby
- We have been blessed with many one time donations that have helped to sustain the monthly running costs of the home

## PRAYER REQUEST

- Pray for strength, unity and a balanced schedule in our marriage
- Pray for protection over our family both spiritually and physically
- We need committed monthly support of \$2500 to cover the operating cost of House of New Hope. Please pray about partnering with us. [10 people @ \\$100/month](#), [20 people @ \\$50/month](#) and [20 people @ \\$25/month](#)
- We need to put a cap on the truck with bench seats to provide safe transportation for the girls ([\\$600](#))
- We are starting a Vehicle Fund to purchase a vehicle for the home ([\\$25,000](#))
- We are starting a Building Fund to purchase land to build on
- Pray for the provision of all personal finances and foundation finances

We want to thank all of you who continue to pray for us and support the work here financially. We could not be here without you. You can now visit us online at <http://www.hftnthailand.com> and stay up to date on the House of New Hope and the projects we are working on in Chiang Mai. Please be patient as the site is "Under Construction" and new information will continue to be added. **Take special note of the changes in email addresses below.**

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If you would like to partner financially there are several ways. For monthly support you can contact one of the offices listed below to set up pre-authorized debit, or send post dated cheques.

**Please specify that your donation is for HFTN Foundation Thailand.**

Thank you

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